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Kings and queens, knights, bishops, rooks and pawns went forth in silent fray as these thoughtful contestants opened play in the ninth annual chess festival last August at Sonoma, California. Staged on a summer Sunday, the Sonoma festival last year attracted 265 entries and about 1000 nonplaying kibitzers. The players range in age from eight to eighty, from beginners to Experts to Masters. Juniors under fourteen have a class of their own. Most players are grouped in teams of four and play a three-game round-robin with a time limit of two hours for each game. Masters and Experts play individually, often against several challengers at once. International Chess Master George Koltanowski, who runs a chess column in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, founded the event ten years ago. Residents of Sonoma are happy to play host to the quietest municipal festival anywhere. This year the chess players will gather this Sunday, July thirty-first. Venturesome Black won the game in the foreground. His victory, of course, was received without cheers. ● Photograph by Don W. Jones

