

● Pan-American Tournament preparations are proceeding at a good pace. Definite U. S. acceptances, as we go to press: Horowitz, Seidman, Lasker. Among the South Americans mentioned as likely entrants are Rossetto (Argentine Champion), Guimard, Flores (Champion of Chile), Cruz and Mendes of Brazil, Oliveira of Uruguay. Cuba's representative is being determined by a qualifying tourney, and Mexican Champion Araiza has already announced his participation. West Coast chess interest is being stimulated enormously by this tournament to be held at Pasadena from July 29th to August 12th.

● The U. S. Chess Federation announces the appointment of Herman Steiner as second Vice-President. This new honor is a recognition of Steiner's live-wire services on behalf of chess, his herculean efforts in connection with the forthcoming Pan-American Tournament, and the increasing importance of the West Coast in the chess world.