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WHO RUNS THE USCF?

The directors of the United States Chess Federation recently received a curious report from the Secretary of the Federation, together with a ballot. The report states that at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at Tampa on July 16 the general principles of a promotional plan were approved and a committee consisting of A. Wyatt Jones of Shreveport, Wm. M. Byland of Pittsburgh, Edgar T. McCormick of East Orange, Herman Steiner of Los Angeles and Frank R. Graves of Fort Worth was appointed to negotiate with Kenneth Harkness, author of the plan, with a view of putting the plan into operation.

The committee gave Mr. Harkness a five-year contract (with a one-year escape clause) as General Manager and Membership Secretary of the Federation. The committee also recommended that the contract of Montgomery Major as editor of Chess Life be renewed when it expires on December 31, 1952 (expanding Chess Life is a key point in the Harkness program).

Now, the committee tells us, USCF President Harold M. Phillips of New York refuses to accept either Mr. Harkness or Mr. Major, and has applied a kind of pocket veto by refusing to sign papers necessary to open bank accounts and otherwise proceed with the promotional plan.

The Secretary, therefore, has polled the directors by mail in order (1) to confirm the contract with Mr. Harkness and (2) to authorize the re-employment of editor Major.

The current situation is a ridiculous one for the governing body of chess in a great nation. The issue is not whether the Harkness plan is the best plan or whether Mr. Major is the best editor, but whether one man can veto the plans of the rest of the country. The issue is also whether the dominance of New York is a good thing for U.S. chess. New York is the principal chess center in the U.S. Leadership should come from New York. But there does not appear to be enough responsibility or regard for the rest of the country.

In international chess the United States Chess Federation has cut a sorry figure. The U.S. contributes practically nothing in dues and is seldom represented at FIDE meetings. The wrangles over and the internal dissension amongst U.S. teams at the Chess Olympics are notorious.

In domestic affairs, the U.S. Championship still fails to consider players outside of New York. A system of regional representation was set up in 1946 but has been allowed to die out. The Pacific Coast - to mention only one area, one with which we are most familiar - has some very strong chess players, including the ex-champion, but it is almost impossible to be invited from the Pacific Coast for the championship. And when that occasionally happens, it is found that the tournament is not being run by the Federation at all, but rather by the same group which has been in the driver's seat in New York all the time. A couple of years ago each country was asked by FIDE to nominate its masters. The U.S. nominated one International Master from the Pacific Coast - Herman Steiner, then U.S. Champion.

Had Arthur W. Dake and George Koltanowski suddenly lost their powers? No, for they were promptly named by the FIDE rating committee itself. They were merely too far from New York to be seen. (Correction: Dake STILL hasn't been named!)

Many Californians are keenly interested in the USCF and would like to help out. Unfortunately, distances are so great that any such participation would have to be worked out through the Board of Directors. If that Board is continually overruled by the officers, Californians will continue to feel that their hands are tied.

Note: Since the above was written, the results of the voting have been announced: Proposition 1. Yes 72, No 3; Proposition 2. Yes 69, No 6. So the directors have overruled Mr. Phillips by an overwhelming majority.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION

It is some months now since the CSCF was organized at San Luis Obispo, and a progress report is due. Summer vacations and the Labor Day tournaments kept the directors from their organizational work, but a certain amount of activity was always going on. The most difficult task was the writing of a constitution, a thankless job which all founding fathers find necessary but irksome. Here, Chairman W.G. McClain found a man who actually likes to write constitutions! He is Director-at-large A.E. Hoerchner of Salinas, who took over this important job in the middle of September and about 30 days later had completed the first draft. Hoerchner did a splendid job on the constitution and deserves the warmest thanks of the CSCF. The next procedure will be to send the proposed constitution to each of the ten directors for approval and to elect officers and committees for the year 1953.

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE, by Neil T. Austin.

The Executive Committee of the Central California Chess League met at Oakdale, September 21. The following officers were elected: President, M.E. Mattingly, Stockton; Vice-President, L.H. Daugherty, San Jose; Secretary-Treasurer, N.T. Austin, Sacramento. The Visalia Chess Club has joined the League, bringing the membership to eight. All clubs were to meet at Oakdale, October 12, for the first-round matches.

The Central California Chess League initiated its 1952-53 season at Oakdale, October 12. The strong San Jose team, last year's champions, scored a clean sweep over Visalia, the League's newest member. In the meantime, Fresno and Sacramento engaged in a bitter struggle that found five of the six games unfinished at adjournment time. After considerable discussion, the score was 3-2 in favor of Sacramento, with Fresno slightly favored in a game still to be adjudicated. (The match ended in a draw.) Pittsburg defeated Oakdale, and Stockton upset Modesto. Second-round matches will be held November 2.

Central California Chess League - 1st Round
Oakdale - October 12, 1952

<u>PITTSBURG</u>		<u>OAKDALE</u>	
1. R. Burger	1	H. Mortensen	0
2. F. Olvera	1	V. Smith (Mrs.)	0
3. F. Weinberg	0	W. Maxey	1
4. G. Garcia	1	C.J. Smith	0
5. H. Lansing	1	A. Buerer	0
6. J. Garcia	<u>0</u>	S. Sampson	<u>1</u>
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 <u>MODESTO</u>		 <u>STOCKTON</u>	
1. M.C. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	L.C. Woolfe	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. E. L. Jeffers	0	B. Leigh	1
3. L.E. Davis	1	J.M. David-Malig	0
4. L.H. Kerfoot	1	M.A. Sanders	0
5. H.P. Betker	0	P. Hubbard	1
6. H.E. Paul	0	M. Ellenberg	1
7. L. Krogness	1	W. LeDeux	0
8. E. Haworth	0	A. Stubbs	1
9. H. Wente	0	J. Saxon	1
10. B. Axelrod	<u>0</u>	A.C. Saxon	<u>1</u>
	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$6\frac{1}{2}$

<u>SACRAMENTO</u>		<u>FRESNO</u>	
1. M.O. Meyer	0	M. Hailparn	1
2. R.L. Richards	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Fries	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. J.B. Gee	0	P.D. Smith	1
4. O.A. Celle	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Kallman	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. R.E. Russell	1	E.J. Cook	0
6. N.T. Austin	$\frac{1}{3}$	R. Womack	$\frac{0}{3}$
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 <u>SAN JOSE</u>		 <u>VISALIA</u>	
1. Geo. Kirby	1	E. Achtenberg	0
2. W.T. Adams	1	W. Marcus	0
3. F. Crofut	1	C. Fotias	0
4. E.H. Mueller	1	B. Mitchell	0
5. M. Gasze	1	Dr. Greensides	0
6. J. Kalnins	1	J. Davies	0
7. L. Daugherty	$\frac{1}{7}$	E. Thompson	$\frac{0}{7}$
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INTERSCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT The first annual Interscholastic Chess Tournament of 1952 was won by Jerome Wolfe of the University of California at Los Angeles, with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. This fine event, sponsored by the Wilshire Chess Club, had one of the strongest group of participants in junior chess history.

Wolfe, the recipient of a handsome trophy donated by the club, won first place by defeating Carl Marko in the last round with a brilliantly played game.

The tournament was directed by Samuel Salkin, who deserves much credit for his encouragement of interscholastic chess in southern California.

	JW	CM	LZ	SS	AR	HS	BP	RZ	SK	NN	Score
1. J. Wolfe, UCLA	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
2. C. Marko, LA State	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
3. L. Zeitlin, LACC	0	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6-3
4. S. Salkin, UCLA	0	0	0	X	1	1	0	1	1	1	5-4
5. A. Russo, LACO	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5-4
6-7. H. Sagorsky, Fx. High	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
6-7. B. Peralta, USC	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
8. R. Zeller, ELAJC	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3-6
9. S. Klein, Fx. High	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$
10. N. Negley, UCLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}-8\frac{1}{2}$

SANTA MONICA - LONG BEACH TEAM MATCH, by John Keckhut

The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club defeated the Lincoln Park Lincolns in a 20-board match played September 24 in Santa Monica. Santa Monica won by the very narrow margin of $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$.

The winners took an early lead, but Long Beach tied it up and went ahead when only two games were still unfinished, at first and second boards. Ray Martin scored a win over Serge Giritsky on top board, and Arthur Spiller's draw with Charles Wallace on second board gave Santa Monica the victory.

<u>LONG BEACH</u>		<u>SANTA MONICA</u>	
1. S. Giritsky	0	R. Martin	1
2. C. Wallace	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Spiller	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. P. Petersen	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Keckhut	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. O. Rolo	0	G. Steven	1
5. B. Madrid	1	P. Wrangell	0
6. L. Remlinger	0	C. Budd	1
7. R. Gross	0	R. Cone	1
8. E. Fromess	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$
9. T. Golden	1	E. Edwards	0
10. D. Zes	1	B. Mintz	0
11. L. Gross	1	H. Belling	0
12. M. Bauer	0	G. Sizurdsson	1
13. J. Read	0	W. Holmes	1
14. S. Gross	0	J. Ickes	1
15. L. Burn	0	W. Shanks	1
16. A. Laymen	1	L. Rudin	0
17. C. Miller	1	K. Forest	0
18. M. Price	0	E. Lemert	1
19. G. Gurtz	1	E. Godsey	0
20. W. Fig	<u>1</u>	H. Gold	<u>0</u>
	$9\frac{1}{2}$		$10\frac{1}{2}$

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 of THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER
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GAME OF THE MONTH The following well-played game has been sent to us by Peter Prokoodin of the Russian Chess Club in San Francisco. The game was played in 1944 in the championship tournament of the Russian Chess Club in Shanghai, China. Serge Giritsky, the winner of the game and championship, is now living near Los Angeles, and no doubt will be much heard from during the coming months.

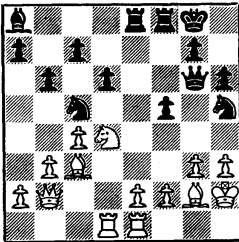
Game No. 138 - Queen's Indian

White Black
D. Stasinevich S. Giritsky

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|-----|--------|---------|-----|--------|-----------|
| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 | 22. | B-Q5ch | BxB |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-K3 | 23. | PxB | Kt-K5 |
| 3. | Kt-KB3 | P-QKt3 | 24. | P-K3 | Kt/4xKtP! |
| 4. | P-KKt3 | B-Kt2 | 25. | R-KKt1 | P-B5! |
| 5. | B-Kt2 | B-Kt5ch | 26. | PxP | RxP |
| 6. | B-Q2 | Q-K2 | 27. | RxKt | Q-R4 |
| 7. | Kt-B3 | O-O | 28. | R-Q2 | KtxR/3 |
| 8. | O-O | P-Q3 | 29. | PxKt | R-K6 |
| 9. | Q-B2 | BxQKt | 30. | R-Kt2 | R/5-K5 |
| 10. | BxB | B-K5 | 31. | Q-Q2 | QxQP |
| 11. | Q-Q2 | QKt-Q2 | 32. | B-Kt2 | P-B4 |
| 12. | P-Kt3 | QR-K1 | 33. | Kt-B3 | Q-R4 |
| 13. | B-Kt2 | P-K4 | 34. | Kt-Kt1 | P-Q4 |
| 14. | KR-K1 | P-KR3 | 35. | P-KKt4 | Q-B2 |
| 15. | QR-Q1 | PxP | 36. | R-B2 | Q-B2ch |
| 16. | BxP | B-R1 | 37. | K-R1 | P-Q5 |
| 17. | Q-Kt2 | Q-K3 | 38. | Q-B2 | Q-B3 |
| 18. | B-B3 | Kt-R4 | 39. | K-R2 | P-QKt4 |
| 19. | P-KR3 | P-KB4 | 40. | Kt-B3 | Q-B2ch |
| 20. | K-R2 | Kt-B4 | 41. | K-Kt2 | P-Q6 |
| 21. | Kt-Q4 | Q-Kt3 | 42. | Q-B3 | P-B5 |
| | | | 43. | P-QR4 | P-R3 |
| | | | 44. | K-B1 | R-K7 |
| | | | 45. | RxR | RxR |
| | | | 46. | RPxP | RPxP |
| | | | 47. | Q-Q4 | Q-B2 |
| | | | 48. | K-Kt1 | RxB |
| | | | 49. | QxR | QxKt |
| | | | 50. | PxP | Q-Q8ch |
| | | | 51. | K-B2 | Q-B7ch |

Resigns.

A sharp game by Black.



CORRESPONDENCE Imre Konig, well-known chess master and author of Chess from Morphy to Botvinnik is now in California, and writes:

"I have your address from Mr. Reilly (British Chess Magazine - Ed.) and I know of your activities from THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER. I am at present in Los Angeles. I thought that there might be interest in arranging a few simultaneous displays, or lectures if they are preferred, or both. I am fully aware that expenses are high and perhaps it can only be arranged with some of the neighboring towns. If you have any suggestions it will be highly appreciated by me.

"In case players are interested in lectures I could leave them the topic, and perhaps the way done in my book will appeal to them."

Emil Bersbach writes from Sedalia, Indiana:

"...I should like to take this opportunity through your magazine to say 'hello' to all my chess friends in California, particularly in Southern California, where I played for a good many years. I miss California and my associations there very much; and even though I am at present a resident of Indiana, to copy a phrase from MacArthur, 'I will return.'

"Although I am out here strictly on business, I did find time to win the Indiana State Tournament. It was a five-round Swiss and I wound up with a perfect score."

SALTSJOBADEN Alexander Kotov of the Soviet Union ran away from the rest of the field in the Interzonal tournament. Kotov finished with a score of $16\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$, followed by four more Russian players: Petrosian and Taimanov $13\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$, Geller 13-7, and Auerbach $12\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$ (tied with Stahlberg, Gligoric and Szabo but fifth on S-B points).

This means that of the 12 players in the Candidates' tournament next summer, nine will be Russians! They are Bronstein, Boleslavsky, Smyslov, Keres, and the five named above. The non-Russians will be Dr. Euwe of Holland, Najdorf of Argentina, and Sammy Reshevsky of the United States. The odds are heavily in favor of a Russian being the next challenger for the world title. Regardless of the merits of the whole thing, we do not think that this is a healthy situation for chess. The international flavor which has characterized chess in the past is definitely becoming lost.

Herman Steiner, the lone American player at Saltsjobaden, did very well, finishing with an even score, 10-10.

It appears that two very interesting events will occur during the coming year, according to reports from the FIDE congress in Saltsjobaden. A match is to be arranged between Reshevsky and a top Soviet player, to be played in March in Paris or The Hague. Then, in June, a team match between eight Soviet players and eight American players is to be played in New York. This match is to be of four rounds, or 32 games in all.

DEATH OF WILLIAM E. NAPIER This well-known Anglo-American chess master and writer died early in September 1952. He was a former British champion, but had retired from active play many years ago. His game with Dr. Emanuel Lasker in the Cambridge Springs International Tournament of 1904 is known around the world.

BERNARDO SMITH Mr. Smith died in San Francisco early in October 1952. Many years ago he had acted as an unofficial director of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, and had participated in the first California State Chess Championship Tournament in 1921.

RUSSIAN CHESS CLUB (San Francisco) Sixteen players are participating in the 1952 round-robin championship tournament. At last word, A. Palmin was leading with a score of 7-0, followed by Northern California Champion D. Poliakoff with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Then followed P. Prokoodin $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, B. Popoff $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and A. Beck $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The winner of the tournament will receive a prize of \$20, the runner-up \$15, and the third man \$10. There will also be a special prize of \$5 for the best game. Peter Prokoodin is directing the tournament.

Regular meetings of the Russian Chess Club are on Friday evenings from 8:00 to 1:00, at Russian Center Building, 2450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Visitors are always welcome. The Russian Club is willing to play a friendly match with any club. Those interested should communicate with the President, Peter Prokoodin, 3324 Washington Street, San Francisco 18. Telephone WALnut 1-0204 in the afternoon.

L. A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP This annual event is now being played on Friday nights at the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 N. Formosa, Hollywood. Imre Konig, well-known chess master and author who has taken up residence in Los Angeles, is directing the field of 26

players in a 10-round Swiss. Early leaders are Ray Martin 4-0, Irving Rivise $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, Paul Quitlen 3-1, and C. Wallace 3-1.

GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB An open house on the occasion of opening new quarters at the Hotel Cecil, 545 Post Street, San Francisco, saw a turnout of more than 100 persons. George Koltanowski, returned from his trip to Helsinki with the U.S. team, held the stage. Kolty played six blindfold simultaneous games, winning two and drawing four (Peter Dahl, Neilen Hultgren, Godfrey Lutz, Melvin Gladstone) and played tape recordings of Helsinki interviews with Golembek, Pilnick, Bisno, Stahlberg, Bisguier, Reshevsky, Byrne, and Evans. He stated that in his opinion V. Smyslov of the U.S.S.R. played the best chess at Helsinki and gave an illustrative game. Club President Henry Gross announced that the new meeting night of the Golden Gate club would be Saturday, and visitors would be welcome.

CASTLE CHESS CLUB (Berkeley) A novel time-handicap rapid tournament was held recently. State Co-Champion Henry Gross was first with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Guthrie McClain 6-1 and Fred Byron 4-3. The time handicap was based on standings in the current club championship tournament. Twenty minutes were allowed for both players to make each 30 moves; for example, if White had a handicap of 60%, he was allowed 12 minutes and Black was allowed 8 minutes.

S. F. BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE Schedules for the annual team tournaments were adopted at a meeting of club representatives, November 16. Play will commence January 10 in Division A and January 17 in Division B. Division A will have teams from Mechanics' Institute, Castle, Golden Gate, Russians, Oakland, and the University of California. Division B will have teams from Golden Gate, Palo Alto, Russians, Hakoah, Tower, and perhaps the Mechanics' Institute. Defending titleholders are Mechanics' Institute in Division A and Golden Gate in Division B. Officers elected for 1953 were: Guthrie McClain, President; Herbert Rosenbaum, Vice-President; Dr. Ralph Hultgren, Secretary-Treasurer. Henry Gross was appointed Tournament Director. The representatives also voted to request team captains to exert every effort to sign up their players as members of the California State Chess Federation.

LATE NEWS: Elizabeth Bykova won the Women's Challenger Tournament recently concluded in Moscow by a score of $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Fanny Heemskerk of Holland was second on S-B points. Heemskerk had excellent chances of winning the tournament but was handicapped by illness.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SAN FRANCISCO - 1952

Game No. 139 - Sicilian
 White Black
 H. Gross A. Spiller

(Notes by Henry Gross)

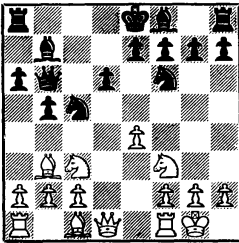
- 1. P-K4 P-QB4
- 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
- 3. B-Kt5ch

The Nimzowitsch attack. Probably not the strongest line against the Sicilian, but I knew that my opponent habitually played the Sicilian and would be more at home than I in the more familiar lines.

... Kt-Q2

As played by Kotov against Lilienthal in the U.S.S.R. Championship, 1940.

- 4. P-Q4 PxP
- 5. QxP P-QR3
- 6. B-R4 Kt-B3
- 7. O-O P-QKt4
- 8. B-Kt3 Q-Kt3
- 9. Q-Q1 B-Kt2
- 10. Kt-B3 Kt-B4

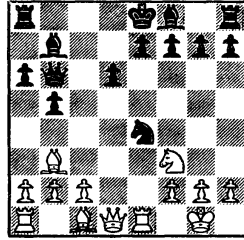


- 11. R-K1

I was hoping that Black would take the proffered Pawn. It

could have been defended by P-K5 or B-K3 or even Kt-Q5.

... QKtxP
 12. KtxKt KtxKt
 If 12...BxKt; 13, BxPch!



- 13. RxKt! BxR
- 14. Kt-Kt5 B-Kt3
- 15. KtxBP BxKt
- 16. BxBch KxB

16...K-Q1 or K-Q2 is no better.

In either case White prevents Black from developing his King-side by posting the Bishop at K6.

- 17. Q-B3ch K-K1
- 18. QxRch K-Q2
- 19. B-K3 Q-B3
- 20. Q-R7ch K-B1
- 21. P-QR4 P-Kt5
- 22. P-QB3 PxP
- 23. R-QB1 P-B7
- 24. QxPch K-Q2
- 25. QxPch K-Q2
- 26. Q-R7ch K-K3
- 27. B-Q4 B-R3
- 28. R-K1ch K-Q4

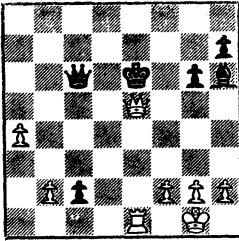
If 28...K-B4; 29. QxP, P-B8(Q); 30. Q-B6ch, K-Kt5; 31. P-R3ch followed by 32. P-Kt4 mate.

29. BxR! P-K4
 Not 29...P-B8(Q); 30. Q-K5 mate.

30. Q-R4ch K-K3
 Better is 30...Q-B4, 31. Q-R8ch, Q-B3; 32. QxQch, KxQ; 33. P-QKt4,

P-B8(Q); 34. RxQ, BxR; 35. B-B6 and should win.

- 31. BxP PxB
- 32. QxPch



- ... K-B2
- If 32...K-Q2; 33. Q-K8ch, K-B2;
- 34. R-Q7ch, K-Kt3; 35. P-R5ch, K-Kt4 or B4; 36. R-K5ch wins.
- 33. Q-K7ch K-Kt1
- 34. Q-Q8ch B-B1
- 35. R-QB1 Resigns.

Game No. 140 - Petroff

White Black
R. Burger E. Levin

(Notes by N. E. Falconer)

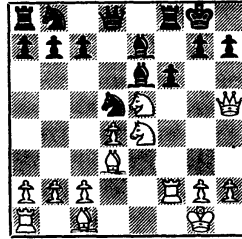
- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 3. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 4. KPxP P-K5?

As a result of his unusual 3rd and 4th moves, Black's position becomes desperate in a few more moves.

- 5. Kt-K5 KtxP
- 6. B-QB4 B-K3
- 7. O-O B-K2
- 8. Kt-Q2 P-K6
- 9. Kt-K4 PxPch
- 10. RxP O-O
- 11. Q-R5 P-KB3

11...Kt-QB3 seems best (if Kt-Q2, 12. KtxP!).

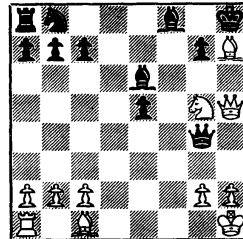
12. B-Q3?



... PxKt?

Black should draw back from the edge of the precipice with 12... P-KB4 (13. Kt-Kt5, BxKt; 14. BxB, Q-K1 and Black still lives).
13. Kt-Kt5 Kt-KB3
14. BxPch
Perhaps Black had counted on 14. RxKt, RxR; 15. QxPch, K-B1; 16. Q-R8ch, B-Kt1.

- ... K-R1
- 15. RxKt QxPch
- 16. K-R1 Q-KKt5
- Not...B-KKt5; 17. Rxxch and 18. Kt-B7 mate.
- 17. Rxxch BxR



- 18. Kt-B7ch BxKt
- 19. QxQ KxB
- 20. Q-B8 Resigns.

A smashing win for Bob Burger, in a style typical of his opponent.

and wins (22...Q-Q2; 23. Q-Kt8ch and 24. B-B4ch; if 22...K-Kt1; 23. R-K1 wins).

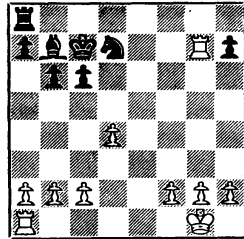
Game No. 141 - French

White	Black
R. Martin	R. Burger

17. BxR	QxB
18. KR-K1	Q-B3
19. R-K7	QxQ
20. RxQ	K-B2

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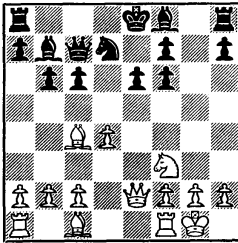
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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. Kt-Q2 | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. KtxKtch | PxKt |
| 6. Kt-B3 | P-Kt3 |
| 7. B-Kt5ch | P-B3 |
| 8. B-QB4 | B-QKt2 |
| 9. Q-K2 | Q-B2 |
| 10. O-O | Kt-Q2 |



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| 21. R-K1 | R-R1 |
| 22. R/l-K7 | B-B1 |
| 23. RxP | RxR |
| 24. RxR | |

The rest is hopeless. White's three passed pawns make it easy.

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| ... | K-Q3 |
| 25. P-KB3 | K-Q4 |
| 26. P-B3 | K-B5 |
| 27. P-KKt4 | K-Q6 |
| 28. P-Kt5 | P-R4 |
| 29. P-KR4 | K-B7 |
| 30. P-R5 | KxP |
| 31. P-R6 | Kt-B1 |
| 32. R-R8 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 33. RxB | KxRP |
| 34. RxP | Resigns. |



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| 11. BxP! | PxB |
| 12. QxPch | K-Q1 |
| 13. Kt-Kt5! | PxKt |
| 14. BxPch | B-K2 |

Not...B-K2; 13. R-K1, Kt-B1; 14. QxKBP, R-Kt1; 15. Kt-Kt5 and wins.

Forced.

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| 15. QxBch | K-B1 |
| 16. Q-K7 | R-Q1 |

Probably the best. If...R-K1; 17. QR-K1, RxR; 18. Q-Kt8ch! Kt-B1; 19. QxKtch, K-Q2; 20. Q-B5ch! R-K3; 21. Q-B7ch, K-B1; 22. QxRch

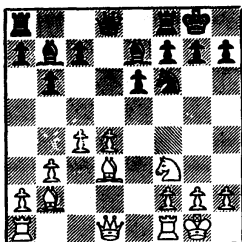
Game No. 142 - French

White	Black
A. Spiller	D. Poliakoff

(Notes by N.E. Falconer)

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-K4 | P-Q4 |

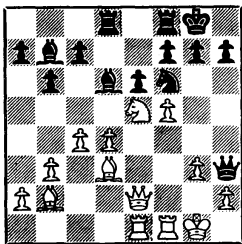
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| 3. | Kt-QB3 | PxP |
| 4. | KtxP | Kt-Q2 |
| 5. | Kt-KB3 | KKt-B3 |
| 6. | B-Q3 | B-K2 |
| 7. | O-O | KtxKt |
| 8. | BxKt | Kt-B3 |
| 9. | B-Q3 | O-O |
| 10. | P-B4 | P-QKt3 |
| 11. | P-QKt3 | B-Kt2 |
| 12. | B-Kt2 | |



... Q-Q3

The strategy initiated by this move works so successfully that it seems almost like a planned trap.

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| 13. | Q-K2 | Q-B5 |
| 14. | Kt-K5 | B-Q3 |
| 15. | P-Kt3 | Q-R3 |
| 16. | P-B4 | Q-R6 |
| 17. | QR-K1 | QR-Q1 |
| 18. | P-KB5? | |



... BxKt!

The trap springs shut! If 19.PxB,

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| RxB!; | 20.PxKt,RxPch | and mate in 2. |
| 19. | PxP | PxP |
| 20. | BxPch | KtxB |
| 21. | PxB | Kt-Kt4 |
- Resigns.

Some comments and statistics of interest on the 1952 State Championship Tournament:

1. 25 of the 28 games began 1.P-K4.
2. Of these 25, in 18 Black replied 1...P-K4.
3. Six of the eight players began every game with 1. P-K4 when they had the white pieces.
4. Five of the eight always answered 1. P-K4 with 1...P-K4.

It seems almost fantastic that only three games out of 28 in a modern tournament should begin with 1. P-Q4.

I believe that this remarkable tendency toward King-side openings and open games is not a result of prepared variations and the reading of latest analogies, such as the well-known Russian scouring of old openings for improvements. I think it is due to the fact that the players in the 1952 tournament were looking for a fight!

It was the most aggressive group of players I have ever played against. Gross, Rivise, Levin, Martin, Poliakoff, Burger and Spiller gave me a lot of hard chess and valuable experience.

-Neil E. Falconer

CALIF. OPEN - SANTA BARBARA 1952

In the following game the background is important. It was the last round. Sven Almgren had clinched first place and whoever won this game would win the \$35 second prize. If a draw, Smith still would be close, but Pete Velliotes had a slight edge on S-B points as the game began.

Game No. 143 - Dutch

White P. D. Smith Black M. Eucher

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| 1. | P-Q4 | P-KB4 |
| 2. | P-KKt3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt2 | P-K3 |
| 4. | P-QB4 | P-Q4 |
| 5. | Kt-KR3 | P-B3 |
| 6. | Q-Kt3 | B-Q3 |
| 7. | B-B4 | Q-K2 |
| 8. | O-O | QKt-Q2 |
| 9. | Kt-B3 | P-KR3 |
| 10. | BxB | QxB |
| 11. | Kt-B4 | Kt-B1 |
| 12. | KR-Q1 | P-KKt4 |
| 13. | Kt-Q3 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 14. | PxP | KPxP |
| 15. | Q-Kt4 | QxQ |
| 16. | KtxQ | K-B2 |

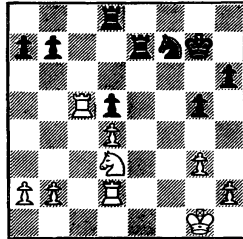
At this stage White began to consult the score of the other players periodically to see if a draw would be good for second place.

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| 17. | QR-B1 | R-K1 |
| 18. | P-K3 | R-K2 |
| 19. | Kt-Q3 | Kt-K5 |
| 20. | P-B3 | KtxKt |
| 21. | RxKt | K-B3 |

The KP was taboo because of Kt-K5ch.

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| 22. | Kt-B2 | Kt-R1 |
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| 23. | P-K4 | BFxP |
| 24. | PxP | PxP |
| 25. | KtxPch | K-Kt2 |
| 26. | R-Q2 | B-K3 |
| 27. | Kt-B5 | B-Q4 |
| 28. | BxB | PxB |
| 29. | Kt-Q3 | Kt-B2 |
| 30. | R-B5 | R-Q1 |



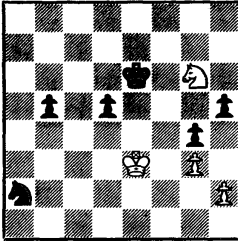
A draw would be a satisfactory result now, except that White has found out that his S-B points would probably place him third.

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| 31. | Kt-Kt4 | R/2-Q2 |
| 32. | R-K2 | P-Kt5 |
| 33. | Kt-Q3 | P-Kt3 |
| 34. | R-B3 | Kt-Kt4 |
| 35. | Kt-K5 | R-K2 |
| 36. | R/2-QB2 | R/1-K1 |
| 37. | R-B7 | P-KR4 |
| 38. | R/2-B6 | RxR |
| 39. | RxRch | K-B3 |
| 40. | K-Kt2 | K-B4 |
| 41. | R-B2 | Kt-K3 |
| 42. | Kt-B6 | Kt-Kt4 |
| 43. | KtxP | Kt-B6 |
| 44. | Kt-B8 | R-K3 |
| 45. | K-B2 | KtxP |
| 46. | R-Q2 | K-K5 |
| 47. | P-Kt4 | R-B3ch |
| 48. | K-Kt2 | K-K6 |
| 49. | R-Kt2 | P-Kt4 |
| 50. | Kt-K7 | K-K5 |

As a result of his playing for a

win, White has overextended himself, and is in trouble. The prize awards are now due and everybody is waiting on this one game. White offers a draw but now Black refuses.

- 51. R-Q2 R-K3
- 52. R-Q1 K-K4
- 53. R-K1ch K-Q3
- 54. RxRch KxR
- 55. Kt-Kt6 Kt-B7
- 56. K-B2 KtxP
- 57. K-K3 KtxP



It looks bad for White now!

- 58. K-Q4 K-Q3
- 59. Kt-B4 Kt-Kt5
- 60. KtxRP Kt-B3ch
- 61. K-B3 K-K4
- 62. Kt-B4 P-Q5ch
- 63. K-Q3 Kt-Kt5ch
- 64. K-Q2 K-K5
- 65. P-R3 Pxp
- 66. KtxP Kt-B3
- 67. Kt-Kt5ch K-Q4
- 68. Kt-B3 Kt-K2
- 69. K-Q3 Kt-B4
- 70. P-Kt4

Drawn.

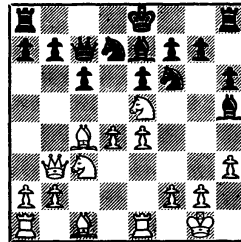
So the game is a draw anyhow! A hard struggle for both players, especially so because of the time control every ten moves after the 40th. It was also the seventh

game in three days.

Game No. 144 - Slav

White Black
W. T. Adams H. Zander

- 1. Kt-KB3 P-QB3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. P-K3 B-B4
- 4. P-B4 Kt-KB3
- 5. Kt-B3 Pxp
- 6. Bxp P-K3
- 7. O-O P-KR3
- 8. Q-Kt3 Q-B2
- 9. R-K1 B-K2
- 10. P-K4 B-Kt3
- 11. Kt-K5 B-R4
- 12. P-KR3 QKt-Q2



- 13. P-KKt4 KtxKt
- 14. PxKt KtxP
- 15. PxKt Bxp
- 16. B-B4 P-KKt4
- 17. B-Kt3 P-KR4

Black is playing as though he had never heard of the fact that his opponent is the Nevada Open Champ!

- 18. B-K2 B-R6
- 19. QR-B1 P-R3
- 20. B-R2 P-Kt5
- 21. B-B1 BxB
- 22. KxB B-Kt4
- 23. QR-Q1 P-R5
- 24. R-Q6 B-K2

- 25. Q-Q1 R-KKt1
- 26. Q-Q3 BxR
- 27. PxB Q-Q1
- 28. P-K5 R-Kt3
- 29. Kt-K4 P-QKt3
- 30. R-Q1 K-Q2
- 31. Kt-B6ch RxKt
- 32. PxR QxP
- 33. Q-Q4 QxQ
- 34. RxQ P-KB4

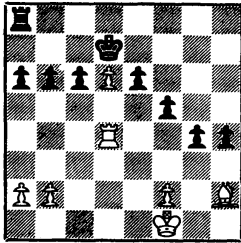
- 47. K-Kt3 P-B6
- 48. BxP KxP
- 49. B-B6 K-Q4
- 50. B-K5

Drawn

Game No. 145 - Catalan

White	Black
F. Crofut	M. Hailparn

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-K3
- 3. P-KKt3 P-Q4
- 4. B-Kt2 PxB
- 5. Q-R4ch B-Q2
- 6. QxBP B-B3
- 7. Kt-KB3 QKT-Q2
- 8. O-O Kt-Kt3
- 9. Q-B2 B-K2
- 10. P-K3 O-O
- 11. Kt-B3 QKt-Q4
- 12. Kt-K5 Kt-QKt5
- 13. Q-K2 BxB
- 14. KxB P-QR3
- 15. R-Q1 P-B3
- 16. P-K4 P-QR4
- 17. B-K3 B-Q3
- 18. B-Kt5 B-K2
- 19. QR-B1 Kt-Q2
- 20. B-K3 B-Q3
- 21. P-QR3 Kt-R3
- 22. Kt-R4 BxKt
- 23. PxB Q-K2



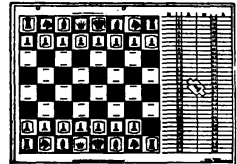
- 35. B-K5 P-QKt4
- 36. K-Kt2 P-B4
- 37. R-Q2 R-KB1
- 38. B-B4 R-KR1
- 39. R-B2 R-QB1
- 40. P-B3 P-B5
- 41. B-K5 R-B4
- 42. P-B4 R-Q4
- 43. P-Kt3 R-B4
- 44. PxB RxP
- 45. RxR PxR
- 46. K-B2 P-R6

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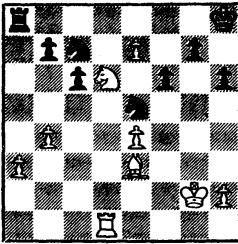
- 24. Kt-Kt6 QR-Q1
- 25. Kt-B4 P-B3
- 26. KtxP KtxP
- 27. P-B4 Q-QB2
- 28. P-QKt4 Kt-Kt3
- 29. Kt-B4 RxB
- 30. RxB P-K4
- 31. Kt-Q6 PxB
- 32. PxB K-R1
- 33. Q-Q2 Q-Q2
- 34. P-B5 Kt-K4
- 35. Q-R2 P-R3
- 36. Q-K6! QxQ
- 37. PxB Kt-QB2
- 38. P-K7 R-R1

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George Koltanowski of San Francisco played three games at Helsinki, scoring 2-1. The following game was in the preliminary rounds; a "consolation" game against Basyoumi, the erratic one man team from Egypt, was won by Koltanowski, and in the finals he drew with Florian of Hungary.

Game No. 146 - King's Indian

White Black
G. Koltanowski A. Kotov(USSR)



39. B-Kt6

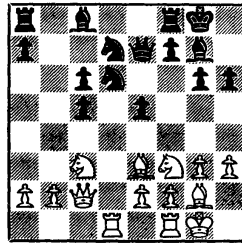
A curious position. White's pieces are well placed and Black's seem to be all on awkward squares.

... Kt-Kt3

Black is lucky to be able to get the PK7 at the cost of only a piece.

- 40. BxKt KtxP
- 41. Kt-B4 K-R2
- 42. R-Q7 Kt-Kt3
- 43. B-Kt6 Kt-K4
- 44. KtxKt PxB
- 45. R-Q3 K-Kt3
- 46. R-KB3 R-K1
- 47. P-QR4 R-K2
- 48. P-R5 R-Q2
- 49. K-Kt3 R-Q8
- 50. R-B5 Resigns.

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. Kt-KB3 P-KKt3
- 3. P-KKt3 B-Kt2
- 4. B-Kt2 O-O
- 5. O-O P-Q3
- 6. P-B4 QKt-Q2
- 7. Kt-B3 P-K4
- 8. P-KR3 P-B3
- 9. B-K3 P-KR3
- 10. Q-B2 Q-K2
- 11. QR-Q1 Kt-K1
- 12. P-B5 QPxP
- 13. P-Q5! Kt-Q3
- 14. PxB PxB



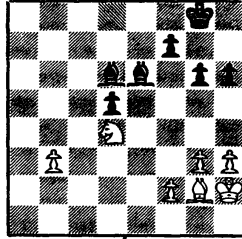
15. Kt-QR4

In the post-mortem discussion both players agreed that 15. Kt-KR4 would give White a definitely

superior game, if not actually a winning advantage.

- ... Kt-B4
- 16. BxBP KtxB
- 17. KtxKt R-Kt1
- 18. P-K4 Kt-Q3
- 19. R-Q2 R-Kt5
- 20. Q-B3 R-B5
- 21. Q-Q3 R-Q1
- 22. Q-K3 Kt-Kt4
- 23. RxRch QxR
- 24. Kt-Q3 Q-Q3
- 25. R-B1 B-K3
- 26. P-Kt3 RxRch
- 27. KtxR Q-Q8ch
- 28. K-R2 Q-B7
- 29. Q-Q2 QxKP
- 30. Q-Q8ch B-B1
- 31. Kt-Q3 Q-Q4
- 32. QxQ PxQ
- 33. KKtxP Kt-B6
- 34. Kt-B6 KtxP

- 35. KtxP B-KB4
- 36. B-B1 Kt-Kt5
- 37. KtxKt BxKt
- 38. Kt-B6 B-Q3
- 39. B-Kt2 B-K3
- 40. Kt-Q4



- ... B-Q2
 - 41. BxP B-QB4
 - 42. Kt-B3 BxP
 - 43. Kt-K5 B-KB4
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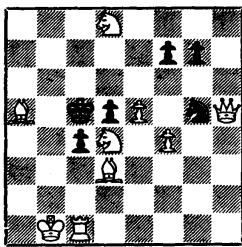
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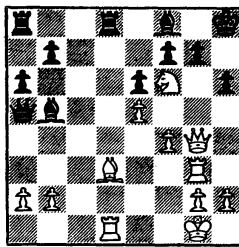
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TASK No. 23
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 24
White to Play



ANSWERS:

TASK No. 21: The key move is 1. R-KKt1, with the main line 1...K-B4; 2. Kt-B2.

TASK No. 22: The game continued 1...QxKt!; 2. PxQ, B-R6ch; 3. K-Kt1, R-K3; 4. Q-B2, RxP!; 5. BxR, KtxB; and White resigned. A number of our solvers found other winning variations.