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(sacramento 1½)

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

And after writing up that "headline" I don't much care about writing a bulletin. Gosh sakes, never thought that Fresno would do that to us, even if I couldn't be there. But guess part of the defeat is mine because I wasn't there, altho we would need half the players of Mechanics to change a score like that! Ouch!

But on to more important things: In case Austin's little problem in the last issue is still bothering you, the answer is: White finishes castling. Set it up and you'll see what I mean. Personally, a setup like that is a dirty trick, methinks.

THE CHESS DIAGRAM

Solution to #14 (in last issue) 1. R×N Pxr 2. P-K5 and Black is helpless. He cannot take either pawn, or the other one queens. And if he tries to bring over his King, White gets two connected passed pawns and an easy win. Neil Austin had a win worked out with P-B5 but, as an example of useful simplification, R×N is probably the easier win. Milt Meyer had the winning solution.

#15 in this issue is an example of a strong playing move. Imagine you're playing White and the clock is ticking away. Give yourself five minutes. What's your move??

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1951? SEND IN FIVE BUCKS TODAY! (we need it)

We have the prospect of a simultaneous exhibition here after the first of the year by Newell Banks, former world checker champion and a strong chessplayer. He gives checker and chess exhibitions, and mixes his games. He is willing to play here at no guarantee, just \$1 a board for the number of players we can get. With this bulletin going to one hundred chessplayers, surely half of them would be interested in playing in a simultaneous. As soon as further word from Mr. Banks is received, you will be advised thru this bulletin, or by direct mail. Just keep it in mind for now, please.

An editorial by Chas. H. Hardinge, The Gambit Fiend, in the PAWNSHOP:

"In the early days of our great game all the masters used Pawn to King 4 as the first move in all games of chess. This has been proved to be the strongest opening move ever made in a game of chess. Finally along about the year of the dark ages (namely 1894½) some poor fellow who couldn't win against that strong first move, conceived the great idea of using Pawn to Queen 4 as an opening move. It has since been somewhat popular for the simple reason that it is such a SLOW game that a poor player in a week's play would only lose at the most ONE Game. Then, again, in the QP opening you always have time to go out between moves and get a drink or see a ball game. Next issue J. Throckmorton Mateinfive, that great exponent of the QP opening, will talk in rebuttal. We have allotted him one line. We think he should be able to say overeverything about it in that space."

What about this, Queen Pawners? Will you take it lying down? Who will destroy the King Pawners in one line? And what about Kid Flynn and his pot English opening? Is he slapped in the puss, too?

SEASONS' GREETINGS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1950
Los Angeles, California

After abstaining from serious chess activities since 1940, "Bill" Steckel former Pennsylvania State Champion, found his old stride again when he annexed top honors in the tournament for the championship of the Los Angeles (Calif.) County Chess League.

Many enthusiasts and experts stated this was the strongest tournament ever conducted for this coveted title. The final results substantiated this opinion, especially when Ray Martin and George Croy, 1950 and 1949 California State Champions could only gain 7th and 14th positions respectively. The standings:

SWISS SYSTEM

<u>Name of Player</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>S.B. POINTS</u>
Bill Stockol	7½	2½	46-3-4
Arthur Spiller	7	3	47
Lou Jacobs	7	3	46-1-2
Irving Riviso	6½	3½	38
Sven Alngren	6½	3½	37-3-4
Robt Standers	6½	3½	37-1-2
Ray Martin	6	4	33
Emil Borstach	5½	4½	32
George Chaso	5½	4½	27-1-4
Bob Burke	5	5	29-1-2
Morris Gordon	5	5	28-1-2
Adolph Weiss	5	5	23-3-4
Robt Banning	5	5	23-1-2
George Croy	5	5	23
Howard Gollor	4½	5½	14-3-4
John Eckhart	4	6	29-1-1
George Stevon	4	6	18
Edg Eisgrau	4	6	15
LaRoy Johnson	2	8	7
John Zanger	2	8	7
Allan Woronzoff	1½	8½	9

(Above table mailed to us by George Stevens, Publicity)