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NATIONAL OPEN AT STARDUST HOTEL

The Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas will be the scene of a new chess tournament which should prove one of the most popular ever held in this country.

The event is the National Open Chess Championship. It will be held in the Stardust Auditorium during the week of Feb. 7 to 13.

The guaranteed cash prizes will total \$4500, the largest ever offered for an amount. open competition of this nature. Players of every category will have a chance to share in the distribution.

Already entered are five grandmasters, including three former U.S. chess champions, Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans and Samuel Reshevsky. The others are Pal Benko and Robert Byrne.

Many of the strongest masters and experts are expected to come from all parts of the country, with an eye for the top mo-

The less experienced players will have their own set of prizes, besides the major incentive of competing against the masters and getting a close look at their strategy and technique.

The winner will receive \$750 and the Stardust Trophy. Other championship prizes will be \$650, \$500, \$300, \$150, and \$100 each for the next five.

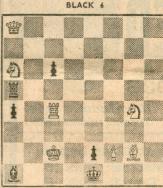
Prizes of \$200, \$150 and \$100 will be awarded for the highest scoring players rated as experts by the U.S. Chess Federation, with current ratings under 2200. The same amounts will be given to the leading Class A players, with ratings under

For those rated under 1800, the awards will be \$150, \$100 and \$50. The best under 1600 will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50. The winner in each class will be awarded a trophy as well. Jan. 17, 1965 TIMES PROBLEM 3659 By T. Tikkanen

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WHITE TIMES PROBLEM 3660 By J. Mostert



Note how the keynote in 3659 changes the mates after RxN and P-B7. The long range mates are a striking feature of the three-mover.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3653: N-K5 SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3654: N-K4 If KxN, 2 N-B6ch; if R-B4, 2 Q-N7ch. SOLVERS' LIST

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to the highest woman player.

The entrance fee for those enrolling in advance is \$20. This should be sent before Jan. 31 to U.S. Chess Federation, 80 E. 11th St., New York, N.Y., 10003. Reservations for rooms should be made directly with the Starders of the American representative. William J. Bult. 9662 Manor 1965 is \$6. Orders can be sent to representative, t, 9662 Manor William J. Bult, 9662 Mand Ave., Allenpark, Mich., 48101. dust Hotel. For those registering at the tournament site, the fee will be ARMED FORCES TOURNEY \$25. Additional members of the same family will pay only \$15, whether in advance or not. Eight rounds will be played, using Swiss system pairings. The annual tournament for the Thomas Emery Trophy, emblematic of the chess championship of the armed forces, was won by Air Force Lt. Donato Rivera Jr. of Chanute AFB, Ill. The opening round will start at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8. Another round will be at 4 p.m. the same day. Games will be scheduled mornings and afternoons on Tuesday and Wednesday as Rivera scored 7½-1½ in the tournament in Washington, D.C. The same total was reached by Army Private Bruce Albertson of Ft. Lewis, Wash., but Rivera

master chess. Each page

Third place went to Johan A. Hansen of Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., and fourth was Capt. Harold M. Weiner of

Capt. Harold M. Weiner of Brooks AFB, Tex.

The final team scores were Air Force, 18½; Army, 17½, and the Sea Services, 15. The tournament was co-sponsored by the USO, the American

Chess Foundation and the U.S.

CHESS OLYMPICS, TEL AVIV

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

1db. ack (N3 23 24 A B-N2 25-R-0-0 26-B-B-N5 28-R-N7 29-R-86 Q2 30-R×RP 232-R-R-23 32-R-R-23 33-R-R-23 33-

SICILIAN DEFENSE Gheorgiu Unzicker Romania W. Germ'y

Chess Federation.

Reshevsky U.S.A. White 1-P-Q4 2-P-Q84 3-N-QB3 4-N-B3

One round Thursday after-noon and the final on Friday morning will complete the schedule. Any adjourned games will

best performers over age 50 and

the played off during the even-ing. With that exception, even-ings will be free for the many shows and other forms of enjoyment of Las Vegas.

A Fun Chess Tournament

will take up the evening of Sun-day, Feb. 7, for those who want all the chess they can get in. There will be lots of prizes, and no charge to play for entrants into the National Open. The prize distribution will be at the Awards Breakfast, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13. Thus anyone with just one week off can make the tournament and be back home with time to spare. Lt. Col. Edmund B. Edmondson, president of the U.S. Chess Federation, had the idea and carried on most of the negotia-

tions required to make the tour-nament a reality. The Stardust has agreed to stage the event for the next two years as well. SO. CAL. SPEED TOURNEY The annual Southern Califor-

nia Speed Championship Tour-nament will start at 12:30 p.m. next Sunday at Joslyn Hall, Lincoln and Wilshire Blvds. in

Santa Monica. Play will be with clocks, with each player allowed five minutes for a game. Anyone can enter, with a fee of \$3. The director will be Herbert T. Abel, 4 Marine Terrace, Santa Monica. Write to him for further the santa monical forms of the

er information. CHESS ARCHIVES The English edition of Chess Archives is starting its third

year under the direction of for-mer world champion Dr. Max Euwe of Amsterdam, Holland.

It is issued monthly as a series of loose leaf pages, each devoted to a particular variation of an opening,
For 1965 a total of 150 pages
will be published, of which 100 will cover the latest develop-

opening theory. rest will be recent games and

Chess Archives is a constantly updated reference to the locker
openings currently in use in la-R-N

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Argentina White 1-P-Q4

Unzicker W. Germ'y White 1-P-K4 2-N-KB3 3-P-Q4 4-NxP 5-N-QB3 6-B-KN5 7-Q-Q2

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