

CHESS

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U.S. REPRESENTED IN TEL AVIV CONGRESS

TEL AVIV—The Chess Olympics here established a record for chess activity, with teams representing 50 countries battling for the world team championship.

A less publicized facet was that the 35th annual Congress of the International Chess Federation was held at the same time, with a number of important proposals on its agenda.

Your editor was assigned the dual role of captain of the U.S. team and delegate of the U.S. Chess Federation to the Congress. In the latter designation we were taking the place of Fred Cramer of Minneapolis, who is vice president of FIDE (the initials are from the French name, Federation Internationale des Echecs.)

FIDE was organized just 40 years ago in Paris, as a forum for the exchange of views on world championship play, on the rules of chess, on the establishment of titles of international significance, and other matters that would naturally come to a central organization.

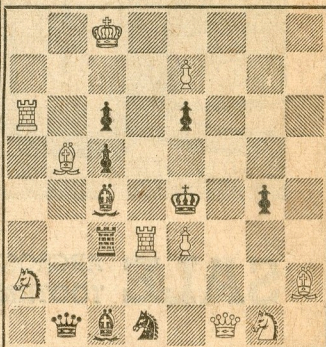
The nations that first joined FIDE had no intention of giving up any of their own authority, but it soon became clear that considerable advantage would be derived if all could agree at least on the rules of chess, which were not completely uniform.

In the matter of the world championship, the titleholders in those days, Jose R. Capablanca of Cuba and Dr. Alexander Alekhine of Paris, who won a gruelling match in 1927, could set any terms they pleased for challengers to meet.

As a result there was no guarantee that a worthy contender would ever get an opportunity

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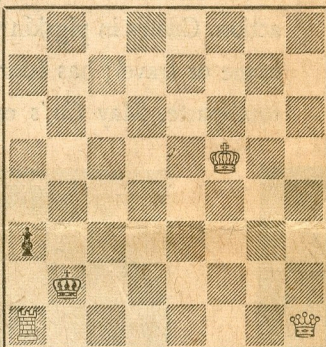
TIMES PROBLEM 3645
By Z. and S. Maslar
BLACK 10



WHITE 10

White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3646
By R. Cheney
BLACK 2



WHITE 3

White mates in three.

Problem 3645 is a remarkable achievement, with multiple captures on two squares, and distinctive mates in every case. The three-mover is another pretty miniature by Cheney, which uses the full resources of the two white pieces.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3639: N-B5.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3640: B-N6.

Threat, 2 R-B2; if BxN, 2 P-N8(N); if P-B4, 2 R-B4ch; if P-N7, 2 QxP.

NOTE TO SOLVERS

The solvers' list and tally of points earned will be resumed when the chess editor returns from Israel. Continue to send solutions to Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times.

to play for the world championship. It was only after the death of Dr. Alekhine in 1945 that FIDE organized a tournament to determine his successor. Since then the determination of a challenger and the organization of championship matches has been an indisputable prerogative of FIDE.

In the 1930s FIDE began to set up regulations for the titles of international master and grandmaster, which had been rather loosely used. Tournaments such as the Chess Olympics were organized and helped tremendously in fostering better relations among chess players everywhere.

Today FIDE is taken for granted as the indispensable chess body. Over 70 national organizations are members of FIDE and accept its rulings on international chess affairs.

Following are summaries on some matters that were taken up at the Congress here.

Chess Titles

Every year applications are made for players to receive the titles of international grandmaster or master. These require specific achievements of a high order in one or more important tournaments.

Of most interest to us was Robert Byrne, who was awarded the grandmastership by virtue of his success in Buenos Aires last summer, when he took the third prize in a very strong tournament, just behind world champion Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres.

Byrne had been recommended for the title on previous occasions, but had not quite qualified in accordance with the FIDE regulations.

Others who became grandmasters at the same time were Klaus Darga of West Germany, Nikola Padevski of Bulgaria, Levente Lengyel of Hungary, Vladimir Antochin and Nikolai Krogius of the USSR, and Mato Damjanovic of Yugoslavia.

To be continued

WESTERN IDAHO OPEN

Next Saturday, Dec. 5, a four-round, one day only tournament, the Western Idaho Open, will be held in Boise, Idaho. Winners will receive trophies. Dick Vandenburg will be director.

RUSSIANS WIN OLYMPICS

Russia, as expected, easily won the Olympics Tournament last week. The Americans made a creditable showing but wound up in sixth place. Details will be given next week. Here are more games from the tournament.

TARRASCH DEFENSE

| Reshevsky U.S.A. | Ghifescu Rumania | Reshevsky U.S.A. | Ghifescu Rumania |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| White | Black | White | Black |
| 1-P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 15-QxQ | BxQ |
| 2-P-QB4 | P-K3 | 16-KR-Q | B-R2 |
| 3-N-QB3 | P-QB4 | 17-P-KR3 | B-KB4 |
| 4-P-K3 | N-QB3 | 18-B-B3 | QR-N |
| 5-N-B3 | N-B3 | 19-P-KN4 | B-KN3 |
| 6-BPxP | KPxP | 20-P-N5 | N-R4 |
| 7-B-K2 | B-K2 | 21-N-Q5 | KR-K |
| 8-PxP | BxP | 22-R-B7 | K-R |
| 9-O-O | O-O | 23-N-K7 | N-B5 |
| 10-P-QN3 | P-QR3 | 24-NxBch | RPxN |
| 11-B-N2 | B-R2 | 25-RxBP | NxBch |
| 12-R-B | P-Q5 | 26-K-N2 | NxBP |
| 13-PxP | NxP | 27-R(1)-Q7 | Resigns |
| 14-NxN | QxN | | |

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

| Bisguier U.S.A. | Kavalek Bisguier Czech'vakia U.S.A. | Kavalek Bisguier Czech'vakia U.S.A. |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| White | Black | White |
| 1-P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 18-QR-K |
| 2-N-KB3 | P-B4 | 19-R-B3 |
| 3-P-K3 | P-KN3 | 20-BxP |
| 4-P-B4 | B-N2 | 21-N-B4 |
| 5-N-B3 | O-O | 22-R-R3 |
| 6-B-K2 | P-Q3 | 23-N-K6 |
| 7-O-O | P-N3 | 24-R-N3 |
| 8-P-K4 | B-N2 | 25-BxR |
| 9-P-Q5 | P-K4 | 26-P-KR3 |
| 10-N-K | N-K | 27-PxN |
| 11-N-Q3 | P-B4 | 28-KR-K3 |
| 12-PxP | PxP | 29-R-K5 |
| 13-P-B4 | Q-K2 | 30-RxP |
| 14-B-K3 | B-QR3 | 31-R-N5ch |
| 15-Q-N3 | PxP | 32-R-N7ch |
| 16-BxBBP | BxN | 33-N-B7ch |
| 17-QxB | QxB | |

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY 30-30 CHAMPIONSHIP

An eight rounds tournament is scheduled to start Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at the San Fernando Valley Chess Club, 16953 Ventura Blvd., Encino.

Three different divisions will be contested. There will be an open division for players with a rating of 1800 and over, A division for players below 1800 and B division for players below 1600 and unrated.

All chess players, members and non members alike, are welcomed. Two rounds will be played every Friday at the rate of 30 moves in 30 minutes.

There will be cash prizes or trophy for winners. The entry fee is \$4 per person.

SANTA MONICA OPEN

One of the major tournaments of the Los Angeles County area is scheduled for next month when the 18th annual Santa Monica Open is held Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

This tournament as a rule draws all the top players of the area but because there are generous guaranteed prizes for all classes many other wood pushers also participate. The place is Joslyn Hall, Wilshire and Lincoln Blvds., Santa Monica, and play will start at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, with registration closing at 7:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$10.50 and the tournament is U.S. Chess Federation rated. The guaranteed minimum first prize is \$150. The highest Santa Monica Club member will be the 1964 club champion and will receive a trophy.

For further information call Herbert T. Abel at EX. 6-5363 evenings.

RIVERSIDE OPEN

Robert Jacobs topped the field in the recent Riverside Open tournament with a score of 5½-½. He won \$125 first prize and a trophy. His most crucial struggle occurred in the last round when, a half point behind leader Leslie Simon, Jacobs tumbled him off his perch.

Jacobs' only draw was against Dr. Fernando Gamboa, one of three guests from Tijuana who are making a name for themselves lately in California tournaments.

Tied for second and third were Simon T. Delaney and E. Wicher. Simon, Delaney and Wicher qualify into the 1965 Tournament of Champions, Jacobs having previously qualified.