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GREETINGS!

California chess has gone a step forward in the right direction. Over the Labor Day week-end at Atascadero, a new State Association was formed. Five men with keen insight and a lust for work in the interest of all chess players in our state are now working on the Constitution of this association, which will be published after completion and sent, at no cost, to any chess player who desires a copy. Here are the five men who are on the committee preparing the Constitution: Le Roy Johnson, Los Angeles; C. Wesley Bird, Fresno; Guthrie McClain, Berkeley; William Steckel, Los Angeles; George Koltanowski, Santa Rosa. At the North-South match in May, 1949, the official yearly meeting will be held; officers elected, plans submitted and rules adopted. The first California State Championship proves that this young organization means well. It was "open" to all players and attracted thirty-six (36) participants. A wonderful start! The next "open" should have twice as many players and will, if those who are really interested in the development of our game, put their "shoulder to the wheel" and help to build -- something for the benefit of California chess, which, in turn, means local and national chess.. and last but not least.. international chess!

We extend our congratulations to Herman Steiner, who won the United States Chess Championship tournament, completed on August 31st, 1948 at South Fallsburg, N.Y. The West Coast is proud of his achievement. This definitely places Herman Steiner in the Grand Master class! Mr. Steiner was present in Atascadero on Monday, Sept. 6, to present the prizes to the winners of the California State Championship Tournament.

See the rules of our first Postal Chess Games tourney. We have been fortunate enough to secure the capable services of Mr. R. D. Taylor as Postal Chess Editor. Enter a group now -- you will enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. The Problem Section, which does not appear in this issue, will be found in its regular place next month, as well as an article by Yanofsky.

News from clubs, stories, games, etc. should be sent in by September 20th to insure publication. This is your periodical. Let's hear from you.

With the next issue, guest editorials will appear. We invite you to express your opinion.

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George Koltanowski

Final Standing U.S. Championship

	W	L
Steiner	15	4
Kashdan	11½	14½
Kremer	13	6
Ulvestad	13	6
Hesse	12	7
Rabinow	12	7
Shainswit	12	7
Adams	11½	7½
Evans	11½	7½
Shipman	11½	7½
Saxirin	10½	8½
Santasiero	10½	8½
Toschel	8	11
Platz	7½	11½
Heitner	7	12
Whitaker	6	13
Howard	5½	13½
Almgren	4	15
Suraci	3	16
Janes	2	17

NEW STATE ASSOCIATION FORMED!

POSTAL CHESS GAMES

Editor: Mr. R. D. Taylor 129 Bay Street San Francisco 4, Calif.

How do you do, Postal Chess Players!!
Glad to meet each of you.

Correspondence chess, lacking as it does in some respects, nevertheless, has its points. One of which is illustrated by what happened recently to me.

Having entered a section, it developed that two opponents lived a short bus ride away. Both called and resulted in some enjoyable over the board play. A third, living in San Diego, passed through San Francisco on his vacation and made it convenient to pay a visit. Result — three new friends. Surely something worthwhile.

Let us have your entries promptly in order that you, too, may find new friends. When you do, grapple them to your heart with knights and rooks instead of hoops of steel.

Rules for play are given below. It is our desire to make them as few and simple as possible. It is also our wish to have them entirely acceptable to the players. Any comments or suggestions will be welcomed.

RULES FOR PLAY

1. Each player, upon receipt of his entry, will be given one of the following classifications, rating themselves. Those declaring themselves as follows:

- Strong players 1200 points
- Average players 1000 points
- Fair players 800 points

These ratings will be published as received. Groups will be made up from players of the same strength as near as possible. Wins and Losses will be adjusted accordingly.

2. There will be seven (7) players in each group or match. Players may compete in as many groups as they wish. Fee — one dollar (\$1.00) per group.

3. Official code of the International Federation of Chess will govern all games, except as modified by these rules or manifestly inapplicable.

4. Time limit for answering moves will be three (3) days from date of receipt of moves, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. In cases of repeated complaints, the offending player may have his game forfeited, if the evidence warrants such action.

5. In the case of forfeited games, neither player's rating will be affected

unless the one awarded the forfeit requests adjudication. Forfeited games are scored as wins in the group.

6. Abandoned games or withdrawals will be scored as wins for the opponent. Credit in rating will be granted only if the remaining player requests adjudication.

7. At the end of games, the winner will report results to the POSTAL EDITOR giving group identification and name and address of opponent. In the case of ties, white will report.

8. Standard descriptive notations will be used in dispatching moves and reporting games.

9. Ambiguous moves, capable of more than one legal interpretation must be clarified by the recipient's returning said move and requesting its resubmission.

10. Players who have mailed moves must abide by such moves.

11. "If" moves are binding only if accepted by the opponent.

12. In the case of illegal or "impossible" moves, the opponent must request a legal move be made with the unit designated.

13. Please refer all misunderstandings to the POSTAL EDITOR and accept his decision as final.

14. Each player must keep a record of his games and be prepared to submit same to the POSTAL EDITOR, if requested.

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Report submitted by C. W. Bird, Temporary Secretary.

REPORT ON BUSINESS MEETINGS HELD AT
ATASCADERO, Amerivet Building, Sat. Sept. 4, 1948, 10 A.M.

Mr. R. C. Teal, of the Atascadero Chess Club, welcomed the participants in the California Chess Championship Tournament and presented Mr. LeRoy Johnson who subsequently presided. Johnson named C. W. Bird as temporary secretary.

A phone call was made to Herman Steiner. Steiner's family replied that Steiner would not be present. C. T. McKinney, president of the California Chess Association, did not come, either, and it was decided to proceed with business in the absence of these members of the C.C.A.

T. S. Hazard proposed that the organization of a new California chess group be undertaken. Croy and Martin supported his proposal, the latter adding that it be run by a board of directors chosen by active players. George Koltanowski suggested a business corporation structure for the new association based upon club and league membership only. W. H. Steckel objected on the basis of past experience. He pointed out the dissatisfaction that has resulted when directors have run the tournaments and seeded players. Hazard suggested that members be admitted both as clubs and as individuals. J. P. Quillen called attention to the fact that each club should have only one vote, regardless of its size or strength.

Bird moved that a congratulatory telegram be sent Herman Steiner, United States Champion, and that a collection be taken up for the purpose. The motion was carried unanimously and those present contributed \$4.85.

Bird then presented facts regarding the move toward reorganization started at Santa Monica on Paul Morphy Day and carried forward at a meeting with Steiner, McKinney and Johnson at Steiner's home the following day. Hazard moved that a committee, consisting of Bird, Johnson, Koltanowski, McClain and Steckel, be authorized to proceed with the formation of a new chess association for California. The motion was passed unanimously. Hazard moved that each player present pay \$1.00 to provide funds for reorganization. The motion carried and the following paid \$1.00 each: Adams, Bird, Chambers, Crofut, Cross, Croy, Daugherty, Falconer, Gee, Hazard, Jenkins, Johnson, Koltanowski, Malig, Martin, McClain, Newport, Oakes, Petersen, Plank, Poulsen, Quillen, Rusk, Steckel, Teal, Upham. Total \$36.00.

Hazard moved that Koltanowski be made Tournament Director for the week-end. The motion was carried unanimously. McClain spoke for full cooperation with Koltanowski in his difficult and exacting role. Koltanowski replied, promising fair decisions and outlining essentials in the competitive matches. The majority voted, after the director's explanations, for seven rounds under the Swiss system. Each participant then paid the \$5.00 entry fee. Koltanowski collected the money and announced the prizes, as follows:

1st prize	\$50.	4th prize	\$10.
2nd prize	25.	5th-8th pr.	5 ea.
3rd prize	15.	4 surprises	5 ea.

The following telegram was sent Herman Steiner: "Heartiest congratulations on your outstanding achievement in winning the championship of the United States Chess Federation Tournament at South Fallsburg, N.Y., concluded August 31, 1948. You are cordially invited to present the prizes in the California State Tournament, Monday, September 6, at 6 p.m., traveling expenses paid." "C.W. Bird, Secy, for the California Chess Tournament."

Sunday, September 5, 1948, 2 p.m.

At a brief meeting before the matches LeRoy Johnson called the players to order in the Amerivet building and presented the first draft of the constitution which the committee had prepared. There were no objections raised and the committee was encouraged to continue its work. Bird gave a preliminary treasurer's report which was accepted, it being understood that certain sums left after the distribution of prize money and deduction of authorized expenses would revert to the treasury. Bird then expressed the hope that Koltanowski, who had deprived himself of an opportunity to win a prize by accepting the position of Tournament Director, would be reimbursed for his expenses in a fitting manner by the players before the group disbanded. Hazard moved that Koltanowski be paid \$50. but withdrew his motion when Steckel informed the players that arrangements were on foot to reward Koltanowski. CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS will be the official organ of the new state association.

1948 CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT
 ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1948.
 By George Koltanowski - Tournament Director

The first Open championship is an event of the past! Thirty-six (36) players participated. This is a good indication for the future of the newly formed state chess association. Here is the final result of the championship:

1. Jim Cross	Glendale	6½
2. A. J. Fink	S. Francisco	5½
3. H. Falconer	Berkeley	5½
4. Ray Martin	Los Angeles	5
5. Wade Hendricks	Santa Cruz	5
6. Adolph Weiss	Hollywood	4½
7. William Adams	San Jose	4½
8. Hap Hazard	Culver City	4½
9. F. Crofut	San Jose	4½
10. P. Quillen	Glendale	4½
11. J. Nedham	Hayward	4½
12. Geo. Croy	Los Angeles	4
13. P. Allinger	Oakland	4
14. Dan Neilson	Hayward	4
15. George Oakes	Salinas	4
16. Geo. Steven	Santa Monica	4
17. R. Potter	Dallas, Texas	3½
18. R. Upham	San Rafael	3½
19. Paul Lynch	Hayward	3½
20. C. Svalberg	S. Francisco	3½
21. LeRoy Johnson	Los Angeles	3
22. C. Henderson	Los Angeles	3
23. L. Daugherty	San Jose	3
24. W. Steckel	Los Angeles	3
25. H. Schaller	Oakland	3
26. S. Poulson	Fresno	3
27. P. Peterson	Lomita	3
28. V. Radaiken, Jr.	S. Francisco	2½
29. J. M. Halig	San Jose	2½
30. B. C. Jenkins	Santa Rosa	2½
31. K. Chambers	Paso Robles	2
32. H. Radaiken, Sb.	S. Francisco	2
33. Mrs. L. Henderson	L. Angeles	1
* C. W. Bird	Fresno	1½
* A. Spiller	Los Angeles	1½
* W. McGowan	S. Francisco	1

* Retired before end of tournament.

Jim Cross's victory comes as no surprise to me. He experienced no difficulties in any of his games in this tournament. He has the qualities of a chess master. His calmness and fine precision play "under fire" make him an outstanding player. He is a pleasing young man, well liked by everyone. He should go far. Fink started slowly and in such a short tournament, this is too much handicap to catch up with. Neil Falconer plays

the openings in a most original way; gets into difficult positions, but somehow emerges victorious. Watch this young man in the future. Ray Martin knows a lot about the books; with more tournament experience and less nervousness, his style will be more forceful. Wade Hendricks needs more practice. Adolph Weiss is a very strong player, but like all artists (violinist) extremely nervous and somehow always manages to get into time difficulties. William Adams can do better, as I know from personal experience, he possesses a lot of brilliant ideas. Hap Hazard likes the "gambits" - what about black? Francis Crofut's play showed marked improvement. Paul Quillen is another case of nerves. His aggressiveness and originality is quite pleasing. Joe Nedham is as solid as a rock. For a youngster, quite surprising. George Croy was the unlucky one in this tournament. Paul Allinger is a very strong correspondence player and proved his worth in this tournament. Dan Neilson is dangerous and plays good chess. George Oakes was unprepared but won some good games. George Steven can do better. He missed a couple of wins. Bob Upham lacks experience. Paul Lynch, with better knowledge of end game play will get more wins. Charles Svalberg was not in form. LeRoy Johnson started well, but finished below par. Charles Henderson is writing new lyrics on Atascadero. It shows that he enjoyed playing there. Lyman Daugherty lost some won games. Bill Steckel was out of form. Neil Schaller was a newcomer. S. Poulson gained tournament experience. Peter Peterson can do better. Radaiken, Jr. should learn not to talk while playing. Dr. Halig should have come higher. Judge B. Jenkins was not feeling well. Kenton Chambers has possibilities. His draw with A. J. Fink is proof. Radaiken, Sb. enjoyed the tournament, as did Mrs. Lyn Henderson and we, too, enjoyed the feminine touch to the tournament!

The swiss system was adopted; 7 rounds were played and final placings were decided through the Sonnen-Berger system. The members of the Atascadero Chess Club were very cooperative and helpful. Let me extend my thanks to Guthrie Mc Clain for his kind help.

CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT (Continued)

Recapitulation

Entry Fees \$180.00

Paid Out:

1st prize	J. Cross	\$50.00
2nd prize	A. Fink	25.00
3rd prize	N. Falconer	15.00
4th prize) Ray Martin	7.50
5th prize) W. Hendricks	7.50
6-11 prize	divided	20.00
Surprise	LeRoy Johnson	5.00
Surprise	K. Chambers	5.00
Surprise	Mrs. Henderson	5.00
		<u>\$110.00</u>

Herman Steiner expenses:
\$ 10.00

Office work, paper,
stencils, etc. \$ 10.00

Total expense 160.00

Balance (sent to C. W.) \$ 20.00

Bird, temporary secretary)

Here are some games from the tournament:

Round Three	29. RdI	IxR
White: Sciller	30. IxR	IxR
Black: J. Cross	31. QxI	R-Q1
<u>Queen's Gambit Accepted</u>	32. Q-N4	Q-Q3
	33. K-B1	Q-Q6ch
	34. K-K1	Q-N3ch
		<u>Resigns</u>

	Round 1	
	White: Hazard	
	Black: Hellig	
	<u>Vienna Opening</u>	
	1. P-K4	N-KB3
	2. N-QB3	P-K4
	3. P-KB4	P-Q3
	4. N-B3	PxP
	5. P-Q4	N-R4
	6. B-QB4	B-K2
	7. O-O	O-O
	8. N-Q5	P-QB3
	9. IxP	IxN
	10. IxI	B-N5
	11. P-B3	P-QR3
	12. Q-K1	P-QN4
	13. B-Q3	P-DA(K)
	14. P-K5	PxP
	15. IxP	B-Q3
	16. IxB	PxI
	17. Q-K6ch	K-R1
	18. BxB	R-K1
	19. Q-B5	P-N3
	20. B-K5ch	Resigns

Round 2

White: Croy

Black: Upham

Sic. Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. IxP	N-B3
5. N-QB3	P-KN3
6. B-QB4	B-N2
7. B-KN5	P-Q3
8. IxI	PxI
9. P-K5	N-N1
10. Q-B3	P-Q4
11. O-O-O	Q-B2
12. IxP	QxP
13. N-B7ch	Resigns

Round 2

White: O. Henderson

Black: P. Quillen

Hung. Defense

1. P-K4	N-QB3
2. N-KB3	P-K4
3. B-B4	B-K2
4. P-Q4	P-Q3
5. P-KR3	B-B3
6. P-B3	Q-K2
7. O-O	P-KN4
8. B-K3	P-KR4
9. PxP	PxP
10. P-QN4	B-Q2
11. B-B5	Q-Q1
12. Q-N3	N-R3
13. R-Q1	P-N3
14. B-K3	Q-K2
15. P-QR4	N-Q1
16. P-R5	P-N5
17. PxQNP	BxP
18. BxI	N-K3
19. N-K1	PxP
20. B-Q5	N-B5
21. B-B5	N-K7ch
22. K-R1	N-N5
23. Q-B4	N-B5
24. IxR	PxPeh
25. IxP	B-R5
26. BxI	IxBeh
27. K-B2	N-N5ch
28. K-N1	N-N5ch
29. K-Q1	N-N7ch
30. K-K2	B-N5ch
31. K-Q2	BxB
32. Q-N5ch	K-B1
33. Q-N8ch	K-N2
34. QxPeh	B-B3
35. QxI	IxB
36. R-N1	Resigns

Round 7

White: Hendricks

Black: Neilson

Q. G. Declined

1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. B-N5	Q1-Q2
5. P-K3	B-K2
6. N-KB3	P-N3
7. B-B1	O-O
8. B-Q3	PxP
9. BxP	N-Q4
10. BxB	QxB
11. O-O	IxI
12. IxN	P-K4
13. PxP	IxB
14. IxI	QxI
15. P-B4	Q-K2
16. P-B5	Q-KN4
17. P-K4	R-K1
18. P-Q3	Q-K2
19. B-N3	QxP
20. Q-R5	R-K1
21. QxBch	Resigns

Round 7

White: Martin

Black: Oakes

Two Knight's Def.

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	N-B3
4. N-N5	P-Q4
5. PxP	N-QR4
6. B-N5ch	P-B3
7. PxP	PxP
8. B-K2	P-KR3
9. N-IB3	P-K5
10. N-K5	Q-Q5
11. P-NB4	B-Q3
12. P-B5	Q-Q4
13. P-QN4	IxB
14. PxB	Q-Q5
15. N-QB3	QxI
16. Q-R4	Q-IB
17. R-QN1	Q-B2
18. B-R3	B-K3
19. O-O	N-Q4
20. IxBP	IxBP
21. N-Q6ch	K-Q1
22. IxI	P-B3
23. N-N6	R-KN1
24. QxI	QxI
25. N-N7ch	Resigns

"OUT OF THE PAST IN CALIFORNIA CHESS"

By Harry Borochoff - Los Angeles

Samuel Reshevsky is noted for his ability to pull out of very difficult positions, even when under terrific time pressure, and almost invariably in his difficult games, he must make some ten or twenty moves in but a very few minutes; his uncanny ability to keep from blundering in spite of the speed of his play on such occasions has kept him in the winning position of the tournaments in which he has played in recent years.

That this talent existed with him at the age of nine is well demonstrated in the following game, played under most unusual conditions in Los Angeles in July 1921. His opponent, the late Dr. H. B. Griffith, also played superbly, the draw being a just result of this remarkable encounter.

The game was started with clocks, as a match between the two players, with a time-limit of twenty moves per hour, adjournment having been made after the start of the second hour. At the 33rd move, Reshevsky's clock registered 1 hour and 37 minutes and Dr. Griffith's, 1 hour and 5 minutes.

The game was continued with clocks while Reshevsky played 7 additional games simultaneously and Reshevsky not only finished his next 17 moves within the 23 minutes left at his disposal, but finished the entire game, that went to 69 moves, within the 23 minutes. Thus he made 46 moves in 23 minutes, while he was playing simultaneously on the other 7 boards, of which, incidentally, he won six and drew one. The intricate variations that are disclosed in my notes to this game will show what a remarkable perception the youthful Reshevsky had at that early date.

White: Reshevsky

Black: Dr. R. Griffith

Two Knight's Defense

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|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 8. P-KR3 | O-O |
| 2. B-B4 | N-KB3 | 9. P-B4 | P-QN3 (b) |
| 3. N-KB3 | N-B3 | 10. B-K3 | B-K1 |
| 4. P-Q4 | PxP | 11. P-K5 (c) | PxP |
| 5. O-O | P-Q3 (a) | 12. BxN | BxN |
| 6. BxP | B-K2 | 13. PxP | B-Q3 |
| 7. N-QB3 | B-Q2 | 14. Pxn(d) | RxB |

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|---------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 15. Q-N4 (e) | P-N3 (f) | 10. P-Q3 | K-K2 |
| 16. Q-R4 | B-B4 | 11. R-Q5 | P-KB3 |
| 17. K-K1 | Q-Q2 | 12. K-B3 | P-KR4 |
| 18. K-R2 | Q-Q3ch | 13. P-R5 | B-B6 |
| 19. K-K1 | Q-Q2 | 14. PxP | RfxP |
| 20. K-R2 | Q-Q3ch (g) | 15. P-N5 | B-K4 |
| 21. K-K1 | Q-Q2 | 16. K-K4 | K-K3 |
| 22. N-Q5 (h) | QR-K1 (i) | 17. R-Q8 | P-B4ch |
| 23. QR-Q1 (j) | QR-K5 (k) | 18. K-K3 | P-N5 |
| 24. Q-R6 | BxPch | 19. PxP | RfxP |
| 25. QxR | QxQch | 20. P-KBch | K-B3 |
| 26. PxQ | BxB | 21. R-KK8 | B-Q3 |
| 27. P-B3 | R-K5 | 22. R-KK8 | B-B4ch |
| 28. R-Q2 | R-K4 | 23. K-B4 | B-Q3ch |
| 29. Kr-Q1 | R-B4 | 24. K-K3 | K-N4 |
| 30. P-N4 | B-Q3 | 25. R-K7 | P-B5ch |
| 31. K-N1 | BxN | 26. K-K4 | P-B6 |
| 32. BxB | RxP | 27. R-R1 | B-B4 |
| 33. P-R3 | R-B6 | 28. R-K7 | P-B7 |
| 34. KR-Q3 | RxR | 29. R-N1 | B-Q3 |
| 35. RxB | K-N2 | 30. R-KB1 | B-N6 |
| 36. P-B4 | K-B3 | 31. K-K3 | K-B4 |
| 37. K-B2 | K-K3 | 32. B-R1 | K-N4 |
| 38. R-K3ch | B-K4 | 33. B-KB1 | K-B4 |
| 39. P-QR4 | P-KN4 | ... | Draw 6 moves aft. |

- (a) More usual is 5...BxP; 6. R-K1, P-Q4; 7. BxP, QxB; 8. N-B3, leading to an even game.
- (b) Threatening 10...BxN; 11. QxN, P-Q4; with the threat of 12...B-QB4.
- (c) First white should play Q-B3.
- (d) BxN looks tempting, but it is unsound.
- (e) If 15. PxP, Q-N4; 16. BxPch, KxP 17. Q-N4, QxQ; 18. PxQ, R-N6, with advantage.
- (f) Not 15...R-N6; 16. BxPch, KxP; 17. Q-QB4ch.
- (g) To save time. Both players had 5 minutes for the last 4 moves.
- (h) Reshevsky avoids the draw that would be had by repeating K-R2.
- (i) Very pretty. If 22...P-N; 23. BxB, QxB; 24. Q-R6 wins the exchange.
- (j) 23. BxR loses. This is the sealed move. See next note in regards to BxR.
- (k) Black here misses a win, which he had by playing 23...K-K5; 24. R-B4, RxB; 25. RxB, BxN; 26. BxB, BxPch; 27. K-R2, QxR, etc. or if 27. BxB, R-K7ch, etc. wins. Or if 23...Kr-K5; 24. R-B4 RxB; 25. N-K7ch, BxN; 26. R-Q (Q-R6 is met by QxRch, etc.) RxB; 27. RxB, R-QBch 28. K-R2, B-Q3ch; 29. R-B4, R-QB8 winning.

RUDOLPH CHAROUSEK

By Milton Finkelstein-N. York

W. E. NAPIER

By E. J. Clarke-Dean of Pacific Coast Chess

Few of us seem to remember the name of Rudolph Charousek. Like such great masters as Breyer and Notoboom, he died at an early age and was never able to develop the reputation of a Keres or a Fine. Nevertheless, this Hungarian youth, who learned chess at 18 and died at 27, has produced some of the most beautiful chess creations ever conceived. His only important tournament victories were: 1st at Budapest, 1896, with Tchigorin; 1st at Berlin, 1897; and 2nd at Cologne, 1896. However, these were the only important events in which he participated! No other master can equal such a record!

Charousek's games are remarkable for their simplicity, and for the ease with which he could bring his attack home. He was truly the Paul Morphy of European chess, and is so known in his native land to this day. The comparison is an apt one as you will be able to observe in the game we give below, a brilliant Danish gambit marked by merciless aggressive tactics on the part of White.

White: Charousek Black: Wollner
Kassa, 1893 Danish Gambit

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|-------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 12. PxRch | K-B1 |
| 2. P-Q4 | PxP | 13. B-B4 | |
| 3. P-QB3 | PxP | Stopping the mate | |
| 4. B-QB4 | N-KB3 | 13. ... | NcBP |
| Black refused the | | 14. Q-K2! | N-N5 |
| 3rd P, when W's | | Dis. ch. | |
| advantage in de- | | 15. K-N1 | B-Q2 |
| velopment would | | To stop the mate at | |
| be considerable. | | K1 | |
| 5. N-KB3 | B-B4 | 16. Q-K1 | N-QB3 |
| 6. NcP | P-Q3 | 17. Q-KSch!! | |
| 7. O-O | O-O | Can you see the mate | |
| 8. N-KN5! | | to come? | |
| The attack begins | | 17. ... | RcQ |
| 8. ... | P-KR3 | 18. PXR(Q)ch | RcQ |
| 9. NcBP! | Rd1 | 19. BcCP mate!! | |
| 10. P-K5! | N-N5 | One of the most | |
| Black cannot take | | powerful double | |
| the KP because of | | checks over to end | |
| OxQch. | | a game! | |
| 11. P-K6! | Q-R5 | | |

ARE YOU A CHESS MAN! Pardon our inquisitiveness, but we are trying to find out how many of our readers indulge in the hobby of amateur radio stations, or know of any chess player who does. Efforts will

Napier won the following brilliancy prizes:

- 1st Monte Carlo 1902 for Evans Gambit against Tschigorin
- 1st Hanover International 1902 for game against Von Bardeleben awarded by Dr. Tarraach
- 2nd Cambridge Springs 1904 for game against Barry

The title of his forthcoming book is EVERGREEN CHESS.

Here is the game which Napier won from Steinitz at the N. Y. State Chess Assoc. Meeting at Thousand Island-1897.

White: W. E. Napier Black: W. Steinitz

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|--------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 33. K-K2 | B-N3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 34. N-B4 | B-B2 |
| 3. B-N5 | B-B4 | 35. K-Q3 | Bdich |
| 4. O-O | Q-B3 | 36. KcB | B-N3 |
| 5. P-B3 | KN-K2 | 37. P-N4ch | K-K2 |
| 6. P-Q4 | PxP | 38. K-Q5 | P-N3 |
| 7. B-N5 | Q-N3 | 39. RcP | P-B4 |
| 8. Qbdl | BcB | 40. B-B3 | BcP |
| 9. PxF | O-O | 41. P-K6ch | K-B2 |
| 10. N-B3 | P-Q3 | 42. R-Q6 | P-KR4 |
| 11. N-O5 | B-Q1 | 43. B-Q7ch | K-B3 |
| 12. R-K1 | N-N1 | 44. K-Q6 | R-K1 |
| 13. B-Q3 | Q-R3 | 45. P-R5 | R-K6 |
| 14. R-QB1 | P-QB3 | 46. P-N6 | PxP |
| 15. Q-Q2 | OxQ | 47. P-R6 | R-K3ch |
| 16. BcQ | N-Q2 | 48. K-B7 | P-QN4 |
| 17. N-K3 | N-N3 | 49. B-B6 | P-N5 |
| 18. P-Q5 | B-Q2 | 50. P-Q2 | B-K6 |
| 19. N(Q2)-B4 | B-B2 | 51. B-N2 | B-B4 |
| 20. N-R5 | BcP | 52. BcP | BxR |
| 21. NcBP | PxN | 53. P-R7 | B-R4ch |
| 22. Pcl | B-R4 | 54. K-N8 | BcP |
| 23. R-R2 | PxP | 55. P-R8(Q) | R-B4 |
| 24. BcP | KR-K1 | 56. Q-R6ch | K-B2 |
| 25. P-QN4 | RcR | 57. Q-K7ch | B-B2ch |
| 26. BcR | B-Q1 | 58. K-B8 | R-B6 |
| 27. K-B1 | R-N1 | 59. P-R3 | P-R5 |
| 28. P-N5 | K-B1 | 60. K-Q7 | K-B3 |
| 29. P-QR4 | B-R4 | 61. Q-Q4ch | B-K4 |
| 30. N-N3 | K-K2 | 62. OxPch | K-B2 |
| 31. B-B3 | B-K3 | 63. Q-K7ch | Resigns |
| 32. R-B6 | K-Q2 | | |

be made to organize matches between cities, states and counties. Write Ye Editor!

GAMES BY CALIFORNIANS

Game from the Santa Barbara-Los Feliz match.

July 4, 1948; Board 1.

White: P. Quillen Black: P. Velliotos
French Defense. Notes by P. Velliotos
 especially for Cal. Chess News!

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|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 | 19. N-Q6 | N2xP |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 20. Q-N8ch | K-K2 |
| 3. N-Q2 (a) | N-NB3 (b) | 21. QxRch | KdN (p) |
| 4. P-K5 | KfN-Q2 | 22. Q-B8ch | K-Q2 |
| 5. KfN-B3 (c) | P-QB4 | 23. B-N3 (q) | P-KfB |
| 6. PxF (d) | BxF (e) | 24. R-R7 (r) | Q-R2 |
| 7. B-Q3 | N-QB3 | 25. O-O-O | P-N4 |
| 8. Q-K2 | Q-B2 (f) | 26. R-N1 | B-R3 (s) |
| 9. N-NB1 (h) | B-K2 | 27. Rxfch? (t) | NxR |
| 10. B-NB4 | O-O (i) | 28. Qdch | K-B1 (u) |
| 11. P-N3 | P-QR4 (j) | 29. Qxfch | Q-Q2 |
| 12. P-KR4 | P-R5? (k) | 30. QdP | K-N2 |
| 13. QfN-Q4 (l) | B-N1 (m) | 31. R-R1 (v) | R-K1 |
| 14. Bxfch? (n) | KxB | 32. R-R7 | R-K2 |
| 15. N-N5ch | Bd1 | 33. R-R3 (w) | P-Q5; |
| 16. Pxfch | K-N1 | 34. P-R3 | P-N5 |
| 17. Q-R5 | K-B1 | 35. Q-N3? (x) | QxP (y) |
| 18. N-N5 | Q-N1? (o) | 36. PxF | PxF |
| | | 37. Resigns (z) | |

- (a) The move initiated by White constitutes the Tarrasch variation which has a purpose of holding the tension in the center. It also leaves the CBP free to support the Q. However, the move avoids the pin, which was so strong in many 3. N-QB3 variations, and it also has the general drawback of a momentary OB obstruction. Its really great drawback lies in its easy refutation.
- (b) Not the best move. As it is, White can proceed with 4. P-K5, KfN-Q2; 5. B-Q3, P-QB4; 6. P-QB3, N-QB3; 7. KfN-K21, Q-N3; 8. N-B3, PxF; 9. PxF, B-N5ch; 10. K-B1 and Black remains cramped. 3... P-QB4 is the playable move in this variation.
- (c) This rather weak move is not within the spirit of the opening variation selected by White. If N-B3 is to be played, then P-QB4 should precede it. The Knight at its present position hinders the advance of the KBP, which is absolutely essential to fortify the Pawn on K-5.
- (d) The natural 6. P-QB3, was indicated in order to maintain the Pawn phalanx Q4, K5. From the text Black can now play the interesting but rather dubious 6... N-CB3 in order to exert some slight pressure on the KP. If then 7. E-N5 (not 7. Q-K2, because of 7... Q-B2 and the KP falls) 7... Q-B2; 8. Q-K2, O-O; and if White wants to hold on to his KP, then he would have to yield the powerful KB to Black, which would then guarantee

him a good game. White could then try to hold on to his CBP by playing 11. P-QN4, but then Black would reply 11... P-QR4 with B-R3 to follow. In that event, Black secures the 2 bishops, prevents White from castling and exerts some slight pressure on the KP, which is almost ample compensation for the pawn minus.

- (e) See the last note. 6... N-QB3 should have been tried.
- (f) It seems as though Black can win the Pawn on K5.
- (h) A good move, which indirectly protects the QP. If Black plays 9... N3xP, then 10. Bd1, Bd1; and 11. BxB would win a piece because if Black now replies 11... NcBch; then White would simply recapture back with his Knight.
- (i) 10... N-N5 would have been better, in view of getting rid of the powerful Bishop. Black castles into a precarious position.
- (j) A good idea would have been 11... R-N1 followed by N-B1 in order to prepare for the coming attack.
- (k) 12... P-R3 seems to be the more obvious move in order to stop any possible Bxfch.
- (l) The immediate 13. Bxfch deserves further investigation.
- (m) Not an error but 13... P-R3 seems more natural.
- (n) A speculative sacrifice.
- (o) 18... Q-Q11 would have proven to be the exact defense.
- (p) Black has two minor pieces for the Rook which balances the position materially, but not positionally.
- (q) If 23. QxF, N-Q6ch wins the Bishop.
- (r) The beginning of the end.
- (s) If 26... N-Q6ch; 27. K-Q21 wins.
- (t) White's winning moves 27. Q-N7 which would have forced Blacks resignation.
- (u) If instead 28... N-Q2, then White plays 29. Qxfch followed by B-Q6 winning.
- (v) 31. R-K6 was stronger.
- (w) 33. R-N6 or even R-N1 would have been better.
- (x) White thinks he has a mate. This really amounts only to an illusion. His 35th move is a blunder. On the other hand, it is really difficult to suggest a satisfactory defense.
- (y) There is no defense to the threatened mate.
- (z) There is nothing better.
- (To the student: Follow the fine notes by Pete carefully. They are worth-while. Ye Editor.)

MORE GAMES BY CALIFORNIANS!

Game played in San Jose, August 17, 1948.

White: Bill Adams

Black: Bert Mueller

Sicilian Defense

Notes by Harry Shaw; especially for California Chess News

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|------------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. NcP | P-Q3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 6. B-K3 | B-N2 |
| 7. B-K2 | N-B3 |
| 8. O-O | B-Q2 |
| 9. P-B4 | Q-N3? |
| 10. N-KB5! | |

This is a characteristic move in Adams' game, wherein he seems to ignore the opponent's threats and proceeds to make counterthreats of his own

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| 10. ... | QdNf |
| 11. NcBch | K-BL |
| 12. Q-Q2 | KcN |
| 13. P-K5 | N-KL |
| 14. QR-NL | Q-R6 |
| 15. RcdP | B-K3 |
| 16. P-B5! | |

This is the smart move and paves the way for White to start throwing things at Black.

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| 16. ... | B-BL |
| 17. P-B6ch | K-NL |
| 18. R-N3 | Q-R4 |
| 19. PcdP | QcKP |
| 20. B-B3 | B-K3 |
| 21. Bcd | |

Black is hopelessly lost. It is now just a matter of time.

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| 21. ... | Bcd |
| 22. Bcd | B-B5 |
| 23. R-KL | QcKP |
| 24. B-R6 | B-K3 |
| 25. B-Q5 | N-N2 |
| 26. Bcd | PxB |
| 27. N-K4 | P-Q4 |
| 28. Bcd | KxB |
| 29. Q-Q4ch | P-K4 |
| 30. QcP | R-Q1 |
| 31. Q-B5 | QcQ |
| 32. NcQ | R-QB1 |
| 33. RcdP | K-B3 |
| 34. R-Q5 | Resigned |

Game played by correspondence - 1947.

White: Dr. F. C. Ruys

Black: W. L. Colley

Sicilian Defense

Notes by Dr. Ruys; especially for C. C. Mens

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. NcP | N-B3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. B-KN5 | P-K3 |
| 7. Q-Q2 | B-K2 |
| 8. O-O-O | P-QR3 |

If 8...O-O, then 9. N(B3)-N5!, Q-R4; 10. P-B4, P-Q4; 11. P-K5, N-K2; 12. N-KB3, etc.

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| 9. BcN | PxB |
| 10. P-B4 | Q-N3 |
| 11. N-N3 | B-Q2 |
| 12. B-K2 | P-KR4! |
| Very good, for if 12... O-O-O; 13. B-R5 is awkward to meet. | |
| 13. B-B3 | N-R4 |
| 14. Ncd | QdN |
| 15. K-NL | B-B3 |
| 16. KR-KL | P-B4 |
| 17. Q-K3 | |

Better than Q-K2, as the Q commands a strong diagonal and covers the QN.

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| 17. ... | PcP |
| 18. BcP | BxB |
| 19. QdP | Q-B2 |
| If 19...O-O-O; 20. N-Q5 is still good. | |
| 20. P-B5 | P-K4 |

This is not good. The White knight is too strong on K5; better is 20...R-R3.

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| 21. N-Q5 | Q-Q1 |
| 22. P-B6! | BcP |
| 23. Q-B5 | B-N4 |
| If 23...B-K2; 24. R-KEL Kr-B1; 25. QcRP, with the threat of RcdP and R-KL! | |
| 24. RxBch! | Resigns |
| It is all over after 24...PcR, 25. QcKPch, K-Q2; 26. N-B3ch, K-B3, 27. RcdQ, KRcd; 28. QcB. | |

Game played in Modesto 1948.

White: Lawrence Davis

Black: J. M. Einfalt

Irregular Opening

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. P-K4 | N-Qe |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. P-K5 | P-KB3 |
| 4. P-KB4 | N-R3 |
| 5. P-B3 | N-B4 |
| 6. B-Q3 | B-K3 |
| 7. N-B3 | Q-Q2 |
| 8. O-O | O-O-O |
| 9. P-KN4 | N-R3 |
| 10. P-B5 | B-N1 |
| 11. P-K6 | Q-Q3 |
| 12. N-R4 | N-R4 |
| 13. N-R3 | P-KN4 |
| 14. N-N2 | P-R3 |
| 15. P-N4 | N-B5 |
| 16. NcN | PcN |
| 17. BcBP | P-N4 |
| 18. B-K2 | Q-B3 |
| 19. Q-N3 | Q-K5 |
| 20. N-K3 | Q-N2 |
| 21. P-QR4 | Q-B3 |
| 22. P-R3 | Q-N3 |
| 23. N-Q5 | Q-N1 |
| 24. PcP | QcP |
| 25. P-B4 | Q-N1 |
| 26. RcdP | R-Q3 |
| 27. Q-R4 | K-Q1 |
| 28. RcdR | BcPd |
| 29. Q-Q7 mate | |

Played in Trona exhib.

White: H. Steiner

Black: G. M. DeYarmon

French Defense

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. Q-N4 | Q-B3 |
| 5. PcdP | N-N3 |
| 6. Bcd | QcB |
| 7. B-Q3, Bcdch; 8. PxB, O-O; 9. PcdP, BcP; 10. Q-B3, P-QB3; 11. N-K2, N-Q2; 12. O-O, N-B3; 13. Q-N4, Q-R4; 14. N-N3, Q-Q4; 15. P-QB4, Q-Q2; 16. Kr-K1, KR-K1; 17. R-K5, QR-Q1; 18. P-QB3, Q-B2; 19. Q-R4, P-KR3; 20. QR-K1, R-K2?! | |
| 21. N-B5, K-B1; 22. NcR, QdN; 23. P-KB4, Q-R6; 24. P-B5, B-Q2; 25. P-N4, QcP; 26. P-N5, QcB; 26. Pcd, and White won. | |

MORE GAMES BY CALIFORNIANS!

Corres. Game 1948

White: G. A. Stone
Black: Dr. F. C. Ruys

Q. P. Gambit Declined

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. N-QB3 P-Q4
4. B-N5 B-K2
5. N-B3 O-O
6. P-K3 P-KR3
7. BdN BxP
8. PxP PxP
9. Q-N3 P-B3
10. B-Q3 Q-K2
11. O-O B-K3
12. QR-B1 P-KN4
13. B-N1 K-N2
14. Q-B2 R-R1
15. N-K5 P-KR4
16. P-B4 R-R3
17. N-K2 N-R3
18. NxQP PdN
19. QxP R-QN1
20. QdN B-KN5
21. Q-Q3 BdN
22. QxB BxQP
23. K-R1 PxP
24. RxB B-K4
25. R-KB5 RxB
26. Q-B3 Q-B2
27. R-KB1 P-B3
28. R-N5ch K-B1
29. QxQP R-R1
30. RxB RxB
31. RxB PdR
32. Q-B3ch K-N1
33. R-KB1 Q-K2
34. Q-B5 K-N2
35. R-B3 Resigns

Played Laguna Beach

White: R. W. Banner
Black: Tillerson

Irregular Opening

1. P-K4 P-KN3
2. P-Q4 B-N2
3. N-QB3 P-K4
4. PxP BxP
5. N-B3 B-N2
6. B-KN5 N-K2
7. N-Q5 QN-B3
8. B-N5 BxP?
9. R-QN1 B-R6
10. N-B6ch K-B1
11. B-R6ch. mate

Short but sweet!

Played Oakland
White: C. Capps
Black: E. Pruner
Board 2-Oakland
C. O. - Russian C. C.
Reti Opening

1. N-KB3 P-Q4
2. P-K3 N-KB3
3. P-QN3 P-B4
4. B-N2 P-K3
5. N-K5 QN-Q2
6. P-KB4 B-K2
7. B-K2 O-O
8. O-O Q-B2
9. B-KB3 P-QN3
10. N-R3 P-QR3
11. P-B4 B-N2
12. R-QB1 QR-B1
13. Q-K2 KR-QL
14. P-KN4 N-K1
15. Q-N2 BxN
16. PxdN P-B3
17. PxB(B) BxP
18. BxB NxB
19. P-N5 N-K1
20. Q-R3 Q-K4
21. Q-N2 Q-N7
22. PxB QdN
23. PxB BxB
24. QxB N-Q3
25. P-K7 R-K1
26. Q-Q5ch K-R1
27. QdN R-KN1
28. R-QB4 QxP
29. R-KR4 QdNP
30. Q-KN6 Resigns

White: O. Ulvestad
Black: H. J. Halston
Informal game, 40
moves per hour
played S. Francisco
April 1948.

QP Opening

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. N-KB3 P-Q4
3. QN-Q2 P-KN3
4. P-B4 B-N2
5. P-K3 O-O
6. Q-N3 P-B4
7. QPxP N-R3
8. PxB NxBP
9. Q-R3 QxP
10. B-B4 Q-R4
11. N-Q4 N3-K5
12. NxdN BdN
13. QdCP Q-R4ch

14. P-N4 Q-N3
15. O-O N-Q3
16. B-N3 N-B4
17. BdN BxN
18. B-R3 B-B3
19. Q-B5 QxQ
20. PxB BxR
21. RxB KR-Q1
22. B-N2 R-Q7
23. B-B3 R-Q2
24. B-R5 B-K5
25. P-B3 B-B3
26. K-B2 R-K1
27. P-K4 R-Q6
28. B-B4 R-R6
29. B-K1 R-Q1
30. R-B1 R-R5
31. K-K3 B-K1
32. B-N3(Q) R5-Q5
33. B-R5 R-Q6ch
34. K-B4 R1-Q5
35. B-B3 R-Q1
36. B-B4 R-Q8
37. R-B2 B-R5
38. R-N2 B-B3
39. B-R5 R1-Q2
40. B-N3 R-QB8
41. B-N4 K-N2
42. P-N4 P-B3
43. P-N5 PxBch
44. KxP R-Q6
45. R-KB2 R-N8ch
46. K-B4 K-B3
47. P-K5ch K-K2
48. B-R3 P-N4ch
49. K-B5 R-Q5
50. B-B1 RxB
51. KxP R-N8ch

Resigns

Corres. Game 1948
White: F. S. Reynolds
Black: M. A. Sanders

English Opening

- Notes by M. A. Sanders
Manteca, Calif. for
Cal. Chess News
1. P-QB4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 P-K5
3. N-Q4 N-QB3
4. N-B2 N-R5
5. P-KN3 B-B4
6. B-N2 BxPch
Thought I saw an
early win with Q &
N. so I have hyper
strabismus.

7. KxB N-N5ch
8. K-N1 Q-KB3
9. Q-QB1 P-Q3
10. BxP B-K3
The B must stop here
for a while to see
which way the battle
goes.
11. QxQ BxQ
12. Bxdch PxB
13. N-K3
More simple is P-Q3
with an easy win.
13. ... O-O
14. N-B3 B-R6
15. P-Q3 KR-K1
16. K-B2 QR-Q1
17. R-K1 P-Q4
18. PxB PxB
19. N-N5

Better is P-Q4
19. ... P-Q5

20. N-B4 N-N5ch
21. K-N1 R-Q4
22. BxBP
Capturing a P and
forking the 2 rooks
Looks good for White.
22. ... R-KB4
23. B-KB4
(Why not BxR? Editor)
23. ... R-K2
24. P-K4 RxB
25. PxB BdN
26. N-K5
QR-B1 would save a
lot of trouble.
27. ... R-B7

27. QR-B1

Why not Nxd? It looks
prophylactic. (It

looks like mate-Ed.)
27. ... R-KN7ch

mate

NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS

(SAN RAFAEL CHESS CLUB)
(By Robert Upham)

Currently, the big news is the coming Koltanowski exhibition to be held at 7:30 on the evening of Saturday, September 11. We have obtained the Scout Hall at A Street and 2nd in San Rafael for the affair. The customary \$1.00 is being charged to play one board in the 30-board simultaneous exhibition, while only 25¢ is the fee for spectator admission. In addition to the regular exhibition, there will be an instructive lecture and something that is brand new for Koltzy: an amazing 3-board simultaneous blindfold rapid transit display! This last feature should be worth the 25¢ in itself. The San Rafael Chess Club wishes to invite every club in the San Francisco Bay Area to send at least two or three of its members to participate in this exhibition. We area small club and there will be boards to spare. In the Local Genius department, two of our members have recently come through in fine style. Alan Atkins and Louis Yates are the proud papas of a couple of nifty electric timers. These will be used for rapid-transit and other novelty-type play. Who says chess players aren't practical! May the other Redwood Empire Chess League clubs beware! We have a new member--Jim Myers of Kentfield, who is a regular Capablanca at the game; he is firmly established on our perpetual ladder as No. 1 man, with no signs of weakening. Our own Mrs. "Sausalito" Ford has come out with another one: the other evening, as she was drubbing Bob Upham, the waitress came around for refreshment orders. (Weare now meeting at the Travelers Inn, across from the Greyhound Depot in San Rafael.) Dazed and shaken from the horrible beating he was taking, Bob ordered coffee and ice cream. Mrs. Ford, in a joyous and elated mood to begin with, slyly chuckled, "Now Bob, that'll be hard on the teeth!" While everyone roared in merriment, Lou Yates leaned over to Mrs. Ford and was heard to say, "why I do believe you have concocted a witticism!" Just a bunch of jokers, all of them -- and Mrs. Ford better watch out who she starts pishing around, too. I may get good enough to start beating her one of these days!

(SAN JOSE CHESS CLUB)
(by Harry Shaw)

There has been many fine piano players who could not read one note of written music. It is said that they play "by ear" and most trained musicians regard these "ear" players with some disdain. There is a similar situation in chess. It is the player who knows little or nothing about the "book" openings and written variations but by sheer instinct and chess sense, plays a good game. There are many who believe that these chess players are most likely to become the better players because they develop and rely on their own ability rather than something some other player has worked out and bestowed with his name. There is the other school of thought, who claim that the player who will not read and study books and learn the openings and their main variations, will never amount to anything as a chess player. And all this difference of opinions, is one of the things that makes the game of chess, such an interesting one. In the San Jose Club, we have a player who is one of these "natural" players, who disclaims knowledge (the writer has always been a bit skeptical of his claims or disclaims) of the names and moves of the openings and defenses, but nevertheless, is a very strong player, having hold his own and in some cases, won games from visiting masters in exhibition play. This player is Bert Mueller, a resident of Campbell and an electrical engineer with a business in San Jose. He usually plays up in the first five boards for the San Jose Club in interclub matches. The San Jose Club has been holding a local county tournament and many of us looked forward to the games between Mueller and Bill Adams, because their respective methods and style of play are quite dissimilar.

(ATASCADERO CHESS CLUB)
(by Charles Gee)

Our Club went to San Luis Obispo as the guests of their chess club recently. Members from here were Walter B. Smith, Roy C. Teal, A. T. Stephenson, Mr. & Mrs. Willard C. Hungerford and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gee. Mr. Chambers, from Paso Robles, who went along, took most of the honors for the evening. During his game, Mr. Teal tried to fill his pipe from a cup of hot coffee! However, no serious result!

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TOUR OF GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

As announced in our last issue, George Koltanowski is embarking on his 10th tour, with a special "accent" on the West Coast. Koltanowski will be playing at the following clubs:

Sept. 11	San Rafael, Calif.
Sept. 12	Palo Alto, Calif.
Sept. 14	Los Gatos, Calif.
Sept. 17	Petaluma, Calif.
Sept. 21	San Jose, Calif.
Sept. 24	Santa Rosa, Calif.
Sept. 29	Letterman Gen. Hosp.
Oct. 2	Mechanics - S.F.
Oct. 6	Los Feliz, L.A.
Oct. 8	Santa Monica, Cal.
Oct. 11	Orange, Calif.
Oct. 15	San Diego, Cal.
Oct. 16	San Bernardino, Cal.
Oct. 18	Modesto, Cal.
Oct. 19	Stockton, Cal.

Dates to be confirmed: Fresno, Pomona, Tower C. C., Berkeley, Castle and Hayward.

Get a date with Koltanowski! Write for details. Publicity material at your disposal. Program can be arranged to suit your club.

MORE FLASHES! Jim Schmitt won the championship of Portland, Oregon. State of Washington interclub championship will start September 26, 1948. Ten clubs will compete.

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NEWS FLASHES!

Seattle Chess Club, Seattle, Wash. is now located at the Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison. Everyone welcome!

British Columbia-Washington tie
The match this year was played in Vancouver on 49 boards. The first 30 boards were called Class "A". This ended in a tie 15-15. British Columbia retains the trophy. In Class "B", British Columbia 12, Washington 7. On Board 1 Helman (B.C.) drew with Joachim. Games of this match later.