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ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR C.F.N.C.

With the completion of a most successful tournament at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco over the weekend of September 21-22, another milestone is attained in the promotion of chess activities by your organization. There are those who seriously doubted that such an event as this would ever be possible, but the "proof is in the pudding" -- and Chess Friends came through.

At no time before in the history of our organization -- or, for that matter, in general competitive chess circles -- have chess players, with all their spirit and dogged determination for active competition, taken time out as a group to socialize together and come to know each other in a respect other than "my opponent". This is actually what some sixty entrants - over half of the participants - did in this latest tournament on the occasion of having Sunday brunch at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel -- a treat to be remembered! I feel sure that all who shared in this affair will agree with me that this socializing function is something to be integrated into our chess activities.

Why such type activities are even possible within our program I believe can be directly attributed to the basic concept on which C.F.N.C. is founded -- FRIENDS!--. Now this really shouldn't seem to be a strange foundation, but the fact remains that chess has too often been viewed in the light of "out for blood" and a game for the expert only! Chess should be promoted on a theme of "Friends", a game for anyone interested to learn and find enjoyment in its pursuit. This is precisely the philosophy behind our organization and the fundamental reason for our continued rapid growth, our numbered ranks having now reached a new high of nearly 500. Now let our members individually undertake the challenge to interest at least one friend and secure his participation, thus doubling our ranks!

It is most fitting that we here again recognize the valuable contributions of the past officers of C.F.N.C. for our organization could never have so successfully developed were it not for the effective leadership and contributions of such capable people as Tom Tripodes, your past President, Bill Stevens, League Director, Chuck McGinley, Rating Administrator, George Koltanowski, Field Director, their wives and staff assistants. Their work, much of it "behind the scenes", is most appreciated.

What next? The winter leagues get under way in October, with the kick-off meeting of the team captains scheduled for October 11, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Bill Stevens, 2005 - 35th Avenue, San Francisco. (L). 4-7234). We hope to see all you team captains there. And don't forget the East-West match scheduled for Sunday, October 20th, 1:30 p.m., at the San Francisco Y.M.C.A. Let's see a good turnout.

Then there is already in the wind talk of a big Winter Tournament -- maybe also a dinner-dance affair for chess players and their guest -- Ridiculous? What do you think? Let us hear from you!

Your President and Chess Friend,

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NOTE: Up-to-date ratings, including the Sheraton-Palace Tournament, will appear shortly and will be mailed to each member.
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ATTENTION WIVES OF CHESS FRIENDS
LADIES: Are you bored? Is your night life at a standstill? Are you playing second-fiddle to a chess board? Then it's time you put your foot down - both of them, in fact - on a dance floor. We are seriously considering holding a dinner-dance this winter but we need YOUR support. Wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy someone else's cooking for a change? And you won't have to do dishes, either. If you think you could beg, heckle, tease or threaten your husband into letting you out for an evening of complete relaxation, please drop me a post card. We would like to get an idea of how many are YEA and a post card from you would help to break the monotony of bills in my mailbox.

Your waltzing editor,
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One of the most pleasing and successful tournaments ended last week in a victory for Robert Breiger of San Diego, who tied with Henk Mondria, of Oakland, $4\frac{1}{2}$ points each, but gained first place on S-B points. The Sheraton-Palace trophy went to San Diego. Mondria is a native of Holland and is a student of Dr. Max Euwe. Here are the full details in all divisions, given in alphabetical order were the players tied with equal points.

A Division	Points	B Division (Cont'd.)	Points
F. Cummings, Palo Alto	)	E. Bartholomew, Hayward)
H. Edelstein, S.F.	)	D. Bogdanoff, Redwood City)
Robert Leigh, Stockton	) $3\frac{1}{2}$	Eric Brent, S.F.	) $3\frac{1}{2}$
Robert Seaman, Monterey	)	Bennie Chung, S.F.)
James B. Stichka, Walnut Cr.)	)	A. Parvu, Monterey)
Peter Cleghorn, Ft. Ord	)	Miss E. Daniloff, S.F.)
E. T. Dana, Los Altos	)	W. A. Delaney, S.F.	) 3
S. Gartenhaus, Stanford	)	J. P. White, San Rafael)
Roy Hoppe, S.F.	)	W. A. Joplin, Oakland)
H. Rosenbaum, S.F.	) 3	W. Pattullo, S.F.	) $2\frac{1}{2}$
W. S. Stevens, S.F.	)	Carl Spitz, S.F.)
R. S. Thacker, Richmond	)	W. E. Wolff, S.F.)
Dr. H. Tower, Yuba City	)	B. L. Berry, Oakland)
Arthur Wang, Berkeley	)	E. N. Dodge, Millits)
Dr. T. Bullockus, Palo Alto	)	George LeBrash, S.F.	) 2
R. Dickinson, Redwood City	)	I. Pailey, San Carlos)
Erik Osbun, Santa Rosa	) $2\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Van Tielen, Yuba City)
R. J. Plock, Livermore	)	Charles Veith, Alameda	) $1\frac{1}{2}$
B. E. Thurston, Albuquerque	)	J. M. Pitz, Berkeley)
New Mexico	)	S. Kilker, Walnut Creek	) 1
C. Huneke, S.F.	)	R. Lund, San Lorenzo)
D. H. Krause, Palo Alto	)	L. Osternig, Berkeley)
Dave Nieder, S.F.	) 2	Del Tycer, S.F.	) 0
J. Schmerl, Piedmont	)	C Division	
L. Tomori, San Bruno	)	R. H. Turner, Berkeley, Champ-)	
Earl Yaggie, S.F.	)	ion and trophy winner)	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Ben Zeiler, S.F.	)	L. Gowen, S.F., prize winner)	4
L. Hill, Mountain View	)	W. Crabtree, S.F.	) 4
Ralph Lamon, Berkeley	)	G. H. Cleaveland, S.F.)
M. E. Mattingly, Lodi	) $1\frac{1}{2}$	Fred Dong, S.F.)
W. Rebold, Berkeley	)	R. J. Oberg, Richmond	) $3\frac{1}{2}$
D. Hardy, Orinda	)	J. H. Wiester, S.F.)
T. G. Hullett, S.F.	) 1	Ben Wong, S.F.)
H. King, S.F.	)	Mrs. M. Bartholomew, Hayward)	
Nancy McLeod, San Bruno	)	W. J. Gowen, Mill Valley)
B Division		N. Newcomer, San Jose	) 3
Kurt Blumberg, S.F., Champion)	5	Ted Snavely, Concord)
and trophy winner)		D. Sutherland, S.F.)
J. R. Kalisch, S.F., Second	) 4	E. Tullis, S.F.)
prize winner)			
John Hampton, Berkeley	) 4		

C Division (Cont'd.)		Points	SATURDAY SPECIAL (Cont'd.)		
J. T. Hurley, S.F.	)	2 1/2	Lovell Scott, Lafayette	
L. B. Ingram, S.F.	)		Wm. F. Birka, Jr., Pleasant Hill	
A. A. Bushby, Willits	)	2	Marcus Ogden, S.F.	
A. S. Haley, Nevada City	)		Jack Westwood, Oakland	
C. W. Hathway, San Jose	)		Nela Campbell, Oakland	
R. Holmes, Oakland	)		SUNDAY SPECIAL	
John R. Larue, Nevada City	)		Ernst Anders, S.F., Special Award	
V. M. Lombardi, S.F.	)	1 1/2	L. H. Clack, Woodacre, Spec. Award	
W. G. Rawley, S.F.	)		R. Hulbert, Walnut Cre, Spec. Award	
Christine Randall, S.F.	)		L. Sarafian, Richmond, Spec. Award	
Elvina Blied, S.F.)		1	Craig Cordes, S.F.	
G. B. Fouke, S.F.)			Frank Goodrich, Redwood City	
E. Shapiro, Turlock)			Dr. John Alder, S.F.	
Adria B. Adrian, S.F.)		1/2	Milo Ayers, Berkeley	
R. J. Caiocca, San Mateo)			Jill Brower, S.F.	
SATURDAY SPECIAL			John Fischer, San Pablo		
Tom Tripodes, S.F., Special Award			E. J. Hawksworth, Turlock		
Hugo Romander, Redwood City			Dr. L. Kiroff, S.F.		
Robert Blinkenberg, Lafayette			A. M. Tingley, Napa		
			P. E. Vayssie, S.F.		
			C. G. Larsson, Walnut Creek		
			H. Lockridge, S.F.		
			L. Salin, San Rafael		
			R. P. Teissier, San Jose		
			Joe Craig, S.F.		

A special word of thanks to the wonderful help I received from Mrs. Florence Stevens, Mrs. Anna and Lloyd Lund, Mrs. Virginia and Chuck McGinley, Mrs. S. Beck, E. Beghe of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel and all the players and spectators. It was a wonderful event!

George Koltanowski

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GAMES FROM THE SHERATON-PALACE TOURNAMENT

White: Roy Hoppe			Black: Robert Seaman		
1.P-QB4	P-K4	99.P-K3	KN-N5	16.QxP	Q-K2
2.N-QB3	N-KB3	10.NxP	NxN	17.Q-R5ch	K-Q2
3.N-KB3	N-QB3	11.BxP	R-QN1	18.P-Q4	R-KR1
4.P-Q3	P-Q4	12.Q-R4ch	P-B3	19.Q-K2	B-B5
5.PxP	NxP	13.QxRP	B-Q3	20.Q-Q1	Q-R2
6.P-KN3	B-K3	14.BxPch	N(N5)xB	21.P-KR4	QxP
7.B-N2	P-KR3	15.QxP	R-N1	22.PxQ	QR-N1ch
8.O-O	P-B4			23.Resigns	

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White: B. L. Berry			Black: I. Railey		
1.P-K4	P-K3	8.B-B1	N-N3	15.N-K4	N-B3
2.P-QB4	P-Q4	9.Q-K2	B-N2	16.NxBch	QxN
3.P-K5	P-QB4	10.Q-K4	N-R4	17.Q-K4	P-B4
4.N-KB3	N-QB3	11.Q-K2	NxP	18.QxQBP	PxN
5.N-B3	KN-K2	12.NxN	BxR	19.QxNP	O-O
6.P-KN3	P-QN3	13.P-B3	B-Q3	20.K-B2	BxP
7.B-R3	PxP	14.N-N4	Q-B2	21.Resigns	

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GAMES - Continued

White: E. W. Bartholomew

Black: J. Hampton

1. P-K4	P-K4	9. P-KR3	N-R3	16. P-B3	N-K2
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	10. O-O	B-N2	17. B-B6	N-B3
3. P-Q4	PxP	11. R-K1	O-O	18. P-QN3	Q-Q2
4. NxP	N-KB3	12. N-Q2	N-B4	19. Q-N5	R-K1
5. NxN	NPxN	13. N-B3	R-N1	20. R-K2	BxB
6. B-Q3	P-Q4	14. Q-B1	P-B4	21. PxP	N-Q1
7. P-K5	N-N5	15. B-KN5	Q-K1	22. Q-R6	N-K3
8. B-KB4	P-N3			23. N-N5	Resigns

White: H. Rosenbaum

Black: R. Brieger

1. P-K4	P-K3	14. BPxP	Q-K1	28. R-N1	N-B5
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	15. Q-B2	R-B1	29. RXP	R-R1
3. N-Q2	N-KB3	16. Q-Q3	PxP	30. B-K7	K-B2
4. P-K5	KN-Q2	17. PxP	Q-N3	31. B-B5	N-Q7
5. B-Q3	P-QN3	18. QxQ	PxQ	32. R-N2	N-K5
6. N-K2	B-R3	19. B-K3	P-QN4	33. R-N3	R-R5
7. BxB	NxB	20. N-K2	N-N3	34. N-Q3	R-B5
8. P-QR3	P-QB4	21. P-QN3	P-R4	35. P-R3	K-K1
9. P-QB3	N-B2	22. B-N5	RxN	36. B-N6	K-Q2
10. O-O	B-K2	23. BxB	RxP	37. B-B5	K-B3
11. P-KB4	O-O	24. N-B4	P-N4	38. N-N4ch	K-Q2
12. N-B3	P-B3	25. BxP	R-K1	39. N-Q3	K-B3
13. N-N3	PxKP	26. KR-QN1	P-R5	40. Drawn	
		27. RxR	PxR		

White: R. J. Plock

Black: J. E. Stichka

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	10. QN-B3	P-KB4	18. B-N5	B-QN2
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	11. P-KR3	PxKP	19. N-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-KN3	B-N2	12. NxP	N-KB3	20. PxP	PxP
4. B-N2	O-O	13. P-KN4	P-B3	21. B-B2	B-R3ch
5. P-K4	P-Q3	14. PxRP	NxN	22. K-N2	Q-Q3
6. N-K2	P-K4	15. BxN	PxPB3	23. BxN	QxB
7. O-O	N-B3	16. PxP	RxRch	24. N-B6	Q-Q3
8. P-Q5	N-K2	17. KxR	BxKP	25. QxPch?	QxQch
9. P-B4	N-K1			26. Resigns	

White: L. Tomori

Black: R. Brieger

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	10. PxP	QxB	19. N-Q2	N-N2
2. N-KB3	B-B4	11. P-KR4	P-N5	20. P-QN4	N(N2)-B4
3. B-B4	P-K3	12. N-KN1	N-Q2	21. NxN	NxN
4. P-K3	P-QB3	13. N-K2	P-K4	22. BxP	PxB
5. QN-Q2	B-Q3	14. N-KN3	B-N3	23. QxP	NxP
6. B-KN5	P-KB3	15. P-B5	Q-B2	24. P-N3	B-B4
7. B-R4	N-K2	16. B-K2	N-KB1	25. Q-K2	N-B6ch
8. P-QB4	P-KN4	17. O-O	N-K3	26. NxN	PxN
9. B-N3	P-KR4	18. N-QN3	P-K5	27. Resigns	

White: E. Daniloff

Black: B. Berry

1. P-K4	P-K4	11. B-N5	B-Q2	20. Q-R4	P-KN3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	12. B-N2	N-R2	21. P-KB5	K-R2
3. P-QR3	N-KB3	13. B-B4	P-QB4	22. P-B6	R-QB2
4. N-QB3	B-B4	14. N-N5	R-K2	23. P-KN4	PxQNP
5. B-B4	O-O	15. Q-B3	P-KR3	24. B-QN3	PxRP
6. O-O	P-Q3	16. P-KR4	B-N5	25. RxP	N-N4
7. P-QN4	B-N3	17. Q-KN3	B-R4	26. PxP	RxR
8. R-K1	B-K3	18. P-KB4	PxN	27. PxPch	K-N1
9. N-Q5	R-K1	19. RPxP	N-K1	28. Q-R7ch	K-B1
10. NxP	RPxN			29. Q-R8mate	

GAMES - Continued

White: Nancy McLeod

1. P-QB4 N-KB3
 2. N-QB3 P-KN3
 3. P-Q4 B-N2
 4. P-K4 P-Q3
 5. P-KB3 O-O
 6. B-K3 P-K4
 7. P-Q5 QN-Q2
 8. Q-Q2 N-K1
 9. P-KN4 N-N3
 10. P-KR4
 11. P-KR5
 12. NPxBP
 13. Q-N2
 14. B-N5
 15. BxBch
 16. N-R3
 17. Q-Q2
 18. B-K2
 19. N-KN1

Black: J. Schmerl

P-QB3
 P-KB4
 NPxBP
 K-R1
 B-B3
 NxN
 R-N1
 R-N6
 BPxKP
 KPxBP
 20. BxP
 21. Q-KB2
 22. O-O-O
 23. K-N1
 24. K-R1
 25. R-B1
 26. NxN
 27. BxN
 28. Resigns
 NxBP
 Q-N1
 Q-N4ch
 B-B4ch
 N-K6
 N3xQP
 NxN
 QxRch

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White: P. Cleghorn

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
 2. P-QB4 P-KN3
 3. N-QB3 B-N2
 4. P-K4 P-Q3
 5. P-KN3 O-O
 6. B-N2 QN-Q2
 7. KN-K2 P-K4
 8. P-Q5 N-N3
 9. P-N3 N-R4
 10. O-O P-KB4
 11. B-K3 P-B5
 12. BxN
 13. N-P
 14. P-KN4
 15. PxN
 16. KxP
 17. K-R
 18. P-B3
 19. N-Q3
 20. N-K
 21. Q-Q3
 22. R-Q

Black: H. Edelstein

RPxB
 Q-B3
 F-B6
 PxP
 Q-N4
 B-N5
 BxRP
 R-B2
 QR-KB
 B-R3
 Q-R5
 23. N-K2
 24. N-N
 25. N-N2
 26. R-B2
 27. QR-KB
 28. Q-B3
 29. N-K2
 30. N-N3
 31. K-N
 32. N-K4
 33. Resigns
 Q-R6
 Q-R4
 Q-Q
 K-R
 P-KN4
 B-N3
 BxP
 B-N3
 B-N2
 P-N5

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White: H. Rosenbaum

1. P-K4 P-QB4
 2. N-KB3 P-Q3
 3. P-Q4 PxP
 4. NxP N-KB3
 5. N-QB3 P-QR3
 6. P-KB3 P-K4
 7. N-N3 B-K3
 8. N-Q5 NxN
 9. PxN B-B4
 10. B-K3 P-QN4
 11. P-QR4 P-N5
 12. P-R5 QN-Q2
 13. B-Q3 BxB
 14. QxB Q-B2
 15. B-Q2
 16. R-Q1
 17. Q-K4
 18. B-K3
 19. O-O
 20. Q-Q3
 21. R-KB2
 22. B-B1
 23. R2-Q2
 24. QxQ
 25. R-Q3
 26. NxN
 27. R-N3
 28. P-B3

Black: F. Cummings

Q-N2
 B-K2
 R-N1
 O-O
 P-B4
 Q-N4
 P-B5
 B-R5
 B-Q1
 RxQ
 BxP
 RxN
 R-N4
 P-QR4
 29. PxP
 30. R3-Q3
 31. R-K1
 32. R3-Q1
 33. B-Q2
 34. R-K4
 35. RxR
 36. K-B2
 37. K-K2
 38. B-K1
 39. KxR
 40. B-Q2
 41. K-B2
 42. Resigns
 PxP
 R-QR1
 R1-QR4
 RxP
 R-Q5
 R4-Q4
 RxR
 N-B4
 K-B2
 RxR
 N-Q6
 P-Q4
 P-K5

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White: M. E. Mattingly

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
 2. N-KB3 P-QN3
 3. P-K3 B-N2
 4. B-Q3 P-K3
 5. QN-Q2 P-Q4
 6. O-O QN-Q2
 7. Q-K2 N-K5
 8. N-K5 B-Q3
 9. NxN QxN
 10. P-B3 NxN
 11. BxN O-O
 12. P-K4
 13. P-K5
 14. P-B3
 15. PxPe.p.
 16. PxP
 17. KR-Q1
 18. Q-B2
 19. Q-N3
 20. B-B2
 21. K-R1
 22. BxPch

Black: F. W. Cummings

P-B4
 B-K2
 P-B4
 BxP
 PxP
 Q-Q3
 P-K4
 P-B5
 Q-N3ch
 QxNP
 KxB
 23. QR-N1
 24. B-N5
 25. QxB
 26. QxP
 27. Q-Q6
 28. Q-B5
 29. P-N3
 30. Q-R5ch
 31. Q-B5
 32. P-R4
 33. Resigns
 Q-B7
 BxB
 B-B3
 QxRP
 R-B3
 R-N3
 P-Q5
 R-R3
 K-R1
 Q-KB7

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GAMES - Continued

White: E. Yaggie

1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-QB3
3.B-B4 B-B4
4.O-O P-Q3

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White: D. Bogdanoff

1.P-N4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-KB3
3.B-B4 NxP
4.N-B3 NxN
5.QPxN P-KB3

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White: W. Rebold

1.P-QB4 N-KB3
2.N-QB3 P-B3
3.P-Q4 P-Q4
4.PxP PxP
5.N-B3 N-B3
6.P-K3 B-N5

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White: L. Gowen

1.P-K4 N-KB3
2.P-K5 N-Q4
3.N-KB3 P-K3
4.P-Q4 N-QB3

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White: J. R. Kalisch

1.P-Q4 P-Q4
2.N-KB3 P-KN3
3.P-KN3 B-B4

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White: W. Stevens

1.P-Q4 N-KB3
2.N-KB3 P-QN3
3.P-QB4 P-K3
4.N-B3 B-N2

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White: R. Thacker

1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-QB3
3.P-B3 P-Q4
4.Q-R4 N-B3
5.NxP B-Q3
6.NxN PxN
7.PxP O-O
8.P-Q3 R-K1ch

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White: R. Thacker

1.P-K4 P-K3
2.P-KB4 B-B4
3.P-Q4 B-N3
4.N-KB3 P-Q4
5.P-K5 P-QB4
6.P-B3 N-QB3
7.B-K3 PxP
8.PxP KN-K2

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Black: E. Osburn

- B-KN5
P-KR4
PxP
RPxP
9.N-N5 - N-K4
10.PxP Nx3
11.Q-R4ch K-B1
12.QxN Resigns

Black: W. Joplin

6.O-O P-B3
7.NxP PxN
8.Q-R5ch P-N3
9.NxPch Q-K2
10.NR P-Q4
11.B-KR6 Q-KB2
12.ZR-K1ch B-K3
13.BxB Px3
14.B-B5ch K-Q2
15.QR-Q1ch Resigns

Black: S. Gartenhaus

P-K3
R-B1
B-Q3
B-N1
P-QR3
O-O
13.R-B1 N-K5
14.NxN PxN
15.N-K5 BxB
16.NxN? Q-Q3
17.NxB BxQ
18.Resigns

Black: N. Newcomer

B-N5ch
BxNch
O-O
8.BxPch KxB
9.N-N5ch K-N3
10.Q-N4 Q-K2
11.NxKPch Resigns

Black: W. Wolff

Q-Q2
Q-K3
PxP?
N-Q2
8.BxR NxN
9.PxN QxP
10.B-B6ch Resigns

Black: E. Osburn

P-KR3
QxB
P-QB4
PxP
9.P-K5 Q-Q1
10.PxP P-Q3?
11.B-N5ch K-K2
12.Q-K2 Resigns

Black: D. Krause

NxP
Nx3
RxBch
R-K3
Q-N4
B-B4ch
Q-K6
R-K4
17.R-KB1 B-K3
18.Q-R4 P-B4
19.QxBP R-N1
20.P-QN4 RxN
21.PxR QxPch
22.K-Q1 R-Q1ch
23.B-Q3 RxBch
24.Resigns

Black: L. Tomori

B-Q2
R-QB1
N-R4
P-QR3
N2-B3
N-B5
Px3
16.NxP O-O
17.Q-Q2 NxQP
18.Q-Q3 B-N4
19.NxB N-B6ch
20.K-K2 Px3
21.QxQ KRxB
22.NxB PxN
23.KxN Resigns

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LOOKS AHEAD

The Annual Captains' Meeting of Chess Friends of Northern California will be held on Friday evening October 11, 1957. This meeting is of primary importance in that it affords each team captain an opportunity to review and vote on the Rules of Inter-Group Matches, decide on board fees for the coming year and in general brings together leaders of each C.F.N.C. Team. We have planned four leagues for the Winter Schedule, one in Marin County, two in the Eastbay, one for the Peninsula and one for San Francisco. Any chess player who wishes to join a team is urged to write either Jens L. Lund, President of C.F.N.C. at 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette, California or Wm. S. Stevens, Tournament Director of C.F.N.C. at 2005-35th Avenue, San Francisco for the location of a group near your residence. C.F.N.C. has been established for all persons who enjoy chess. If you are a strong player, an average player or a weak player, don't be bashful; there is a group near you and we want you to know about it! We start the Winter Schedule about November 15th.

The Third Annual East-West Match will be played on Sunday afternoon October 20, 1957, Y.M.C.A., 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco at 1:30 p.m. Every C.F.N.C. Member in good standing is eligible to play FREE. Players will be matched according to strength. Bring BOARD, MEN AND CLOCKS and see which side of the bay takes home the Chronicle Plaque for 1957. Our aim this year is 50 boards. Can we count on you??

The Winners of the Summer Schedule will be announced and trophies awarded at the East-West Match.

William S. Stevens
Tournament Director, C.F.N.C.

WOODPUSHER'S DREAM TOURNAMENT

By

Fred M. Wren

Is there anyone in the audience old enough to remember Fibber McGee's closet which he was always going to get around to clean out - someday? I don't know whether he ever got around to it, but I was reminded of it the other day when I started going over some old files which have accumulated over the past thirty years, to determine what, if anything, could be salvaged, and what could safely be consigned to the incinerator. What treasures of chess lore were uncovered! Correspondence with the late George Sturges regarding the possibility of holding a tournament in Boston in 1930, to determine the chess champion of the American Legion, which was holding its annual convention in Boston that year. An invitation to accompany the Canadian team to Buenos Aires in 1939 - at my own expense - by virtue of my high position as a Director of the Canadian Chess Federation. Courtesy cards for the Boston City Club and the Washington Chess Divan, through the kindness of W.M.P. Mitchell and Brother Wigginton, respectively. Letters from S.S. Cohen and Herman Helms, respective editors of Chess Review and the American Chess Bulletin, each suggesting that certain material which I had submitted for publication might better suit the needs and clientele of the other magazine.

In the same file I found what appeared to be a rough draft of an article which I know I wrote, but which I am sure was never published. There was no title, and no date. I read it over once, and threw it in the wastebasket. The next day - I am my own wastebasket-empty-outer now - I looked at it again. I decided that I would copy it and send it to CHESS IN ACTION. If you read this you will know that the keepers of the keys to chess literature agree with me that this priceless piece of fantasy should be placed in its proper niche. If it is not published, I will know that they have agreed among themselves that I should have left it in the basket. Here it is:

How many of the Monday-morning-quarterbacks(1) ever give a thought to the really vital issues confronting the American people at this time? How many of them even know that there is a great issue which is soon to be fought out, the results of which may be epic, or even colossal? The chess fans of the nation need no reminder that I am referring to the coming East-West chess tournament soon to be held at ?. You noticed that the place is not named. And for a good reason - nobody knows yet. The promoters have wisely decided to out-smart the ticket speculators and scalpers. Special trains bearing the all-star teams will leave New York and San Francisco at the same time, headed in the general direction of the Mississippi. Wherever the trains meet - that's where the tournament will be held. (And shame on those who have publicly voiced the hope that they meet on a single track at night!)(2)

Regardless of when or where they meet, the tournament is bound to be a titanic event. Think of the issues involved. Think of the decade-old (3) feud between Quincey of Boston and Lake of the western team, which will be settled by their game on Board 5. The theoretical value of this game cannot be estimated. Pages of newspaper chess columns and even books have been written covering both sides of this controversy - and now it is to be decided by personal combat. Quincey claims that

his 1.P-K4 must win, while Lake contends that his 17.---;0-0. will decide in his favor.

Another game which will have the spectators panting with anticipation will be played between Ashburn of New York and the beautiful Nostalgia, Hollywood's most cherished contribution to the western team. Manhattan's pride loves his bishops, and has been known to sacrifice the exchange in order to come into the end game with his two bishops intact. The shapely Nostalgia, on the other hand, has a preference for knights, and, like Euwe, she knows how to use them to best advantage. Will Ashburn forsake his favorite strategy in order to get a Four Knights Game with the beautiful screen star? Will he decide that a knight against Nostalgia is better than a bishop against Flohr? The cause of Chess is bound to be enriched by this game, regardless of its outcome.

Investigate the possibilities (4) of the game between Smithfield of New York and Jones of Reno. Smithfield is the most prolific writer of the chess world. He reports on tournaments, he writes biographies of the masters, he analyzes games, and he gives lessons in mimeographed form to all who can afford to buy them. Jones is one of Smithfield's pupils, and one of the few who have accepted the writings and teachings of the latter at face value. Smithfield's whim has been Jones' law. If Smithfield, Alekhine, and Euwe are analyzing a game, and, on a certain move which Euwe and Alekhine call bad, Smithfield says, "Best", the move is "Best" so far as Jones is concerned. What a game this will be! Master and pupil, each playing the same system, using the same strategy and tactics! Jones knows by heart every game which Smithfield has ever played. Smithfield knows every one of the boy's tricks and stratagems, for he taught them to him. Smithfield will not dare to win, for that would prove that his teaching had been faulty. Neither could he lose, for with the loss of the game he would lose face as an authoritative writer and teacher. What a mental hazard he faces going into this important game. (5)

And for the final game to be mentioned in this pre-view of the tournament, I give you the one between Black of Atlanta and White of Dallas. Black is very fond of the King's Gambit when playing white, but when playing black he favors the Sicilian. White likes to play a Danish Gambit when playing white, but when playing black he usually adopts a Stonewall Defense. So, everything depends upon the draw for color. If White plays white against Black, and Black, played by Black, accepts the white gambit, White is favored to win. If, however, Black refuses white's gambit, and offers White a counter-gambit, Black should draw. But, if Black gets the chance to play white against White's black, and if White, playing black accepts the Danish Gambit offered by white, played by Black --- (6)." (7)

Annotations by the author: (1) Must have been written by a sports writer during the football season. (2) Et tu Brute? (3) Note to typesetter. Do not make this decadent. (4) Plead the Fifth Amendment if they catch you. (5) It was too much for both of them - they jumped from Love's Leap together just before game time. (6) Oh, the hell with it! (7) Some sharpies may think that in my revealing character sketches of the players, they recognize certain prominent figures in the chess world. They are wrong. Quincey is not Horowitz; Ashburn is not Reshevsky; Smithfield is not Bobby Fischer; Nostalgia is not George Koltanowski.

(Oh, well. Funny how that weed out behind the house affects a guy when he uses it in his roll-your-own cigarettes!)