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# KING PETROSIAN AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE SQUARE TABLE

A tale of valor, vigor and grandeur in several acts.

Opening scene: The beautiful home and gardens of (Genevieve)
PIATIGORSKY. Time: 5 p.m., July 1.

Indeed, the drawbridge is down, with illustrious legionnaires rolling out the red-and-white checkered carpet...as the king and his nights ride in, stars of the cocktail party where several local chess greats have a chance to meet the grandmasters. On hand to welcome all guests are Mr. Gregor PIATIGORSKY (a knight of his own right in the music world, also a gentleman with an acute sense of humor) and Mrs. J. PIATIGORSKY, charming hostess and founder of the Piatigorsky Foundation, without whom there would be no grandmaster tournament.

After admiring various relics of beauty and objets d'art, including a chessboard made of amber, and tasting delicious food and drinks, we begin to meet the grandmasters. Standing over to the right and talking amiably -- in good English -- we find Oscar PANNO of Argentina, a good-looking young civil engineer who seems to be beaming all over; and no wonder, as the conversation topic happens to be his very recent marriage. Mr. PANNO, first time in the U.S., relates to us his favorable impressions of our fair city, and tells us enlightening details about his home town, Buenos Aires.....

We take a walk into the garden, where we're introduced to Svetozar GLIGORIC of Yugoslavia — the grandmaster who will appear at City Terrace on July 31st to take on all comers in a simultaneous exhibition. We don't mind admitting it — we're thoroughly impressed by this grandmaster who is among the most personable people we've ever met. With GLIGORIC, an aura of accord is reached immediately upon meeting him, supported of course by his excellent command of English. Wising to glance at a copy of TERRACHESS — wouldn't you know it — Svetozar settles down to read every line, comments on Mrs. PIATIGORSKY's winning performance in the Steiner Expert Candidates Tourney!

The next grandmaster we meet needs no introduction to City Terraceers and TERRACHESS readers. He's our own Sammy RESHEVSKY, perennial favorite of local chess circles, well-known on the simultaneous circuit. His signature on the front page of this issue is "the second time around" — you may remember it appeared along with Bobby FISCHER's and Jose FERRER's at the time of the much-disputed match with Bobby.

Around the patio we run into Miguel NAJDORF of Argentina, who greets us with a big smile. He speaks several languages, appears very modest and is easy to talk to. He's one of the best travelled of the players, having played in tournaments all over the world.

And, over by the piano -- we get the chance to meet the two Russian representatives, Paul KERES and World Champion Tigran PETROSIAN. As the latter doesn't speak much English, KERES acts as interpreter. Both grandmasters look better than on their pictures; the World Champion especially so. They're both very obliging and chat with us amiably. Co-favorites for the top spot, they are also in the spotlight at this fine gala gathering and are "whisked away" in a hurry by a number of guests.

Returning to the garden, we meet the second U.S. representative Pal BENKO, who impresses us as a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman "cornered" by the L.A. Hungarian contingent. Mr. BENKO speaks good English and we have no trouble conversing with him about Curacao, the 1961 U.S. Open and other events.

Last but definitely not least, we say hallo

to the grandmaster from Iceland, Fridrik OLAFSSON. A tall, blonde young man with a reassuring smile, OLAFSSON speaks excellent English

and chats with us about the Icelandic beautiful girls (proves even grandmasters don't think of chess all the time!) and many other things. He also impresses us with his impeccable European manners, graciousness and fine sense of humor. (We had a chance to get to know Fridrik much better on the eve of July 4, when he was a most welcome visitor to our home, along with Allan TROY and Major EDMONDSON. In fact, your editor managed to get a couple of games in against him!)

And there we have it. After a brief meeting with Mayor YORTY, and hilarious contributions to the evening by Mr. Gregor PIATIGORSKY, the stage is set for Scene Two.

#### SCENE TWO

POUND ONE

Setting: The Embassy Room of the Hotel Ambassador, 6.00 p.m. July 2. An audience of 500 or so mills about.

#### The PIATIGORSKY CUP is on!

Jerry SPANN, Vice-President of FIDE and ex-U.S.C.F. President, introduces the guest-speakers - Paul MARACHE on behalf of Mayor YORTY, County Supervisor Warren DORN, and Tournament Director Grandmaster Isaac KASHDAN. Then follows the introduction of the grandmasters, and we're ready to go into Round One of the great tournament.

The facilities are great. The playing tables are located on a raised podium, with room for the numerous officials, gamescorers, time-keepers etc. There are eight large demonstration boards in the hall, four on each side of the playing area, where the moves are changed as the games progress; also clock time-boards adjusted from time to time. (How else?) By the entrance to the room, a telephone line is kept open at all times to the Colonial Room, where masters like RIVISE, PILNICK, ADDISON analyse the moves as they are phoned through. (The following day, the telephone was replaced by a walkie-talkie - more effective.)

Among the spectators, we find reporters and photographers from all over the world. They are there to report the exciting results -- and here we go...!

ROUND ONE		KERES	KERES		PETR	PETROSIAN		1/2			
			RESHE	VSKY	adj.	BENK	.0				
			NAJDO	RF	1	PANN	0		0		
			OLAFFS	SON	1/2	GLIG	ORIC		1/2		
ROUND	TWO										
			GLIGO1	RIC	1	PETR	OSIAN		0		
			OLAFFS	SON	1/2	NAJD	ORF		1/2		
			PANNO		adj.	RESH	EVSKY				
			· BENKO		adj.	KERE	S				
ROUND ONE	GAMES		KERES,	White	P.	ETROSIA	N, Bl	ack			
2. P-Q4 3. N-QB3 4. NxP 5. N-N3 6. B-QB4 7. KN-K2	P-Q4 PxP B-B4 B-N3 P-K3	10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.	NxB P-B3		18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23.	PxN R-B N-B2	N-Q4 NxB N-B3 R-K2	26. 27. 28. 29.	KPxP P-KN4 B-Q RxR	R-K7 QR-K R(7)-I RxR	K6

ROUNI	D ONE	GAMES o	cont'	d.							16 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 ×
		<u>]</u>	NAJDO	RF,	White	PA	NNO,	Black			
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		2	DLAFS	SON,	White	GL:	IGORIC	, Blac	k		
2. I 3. I 4. I 5. I 7. I	P-Q4 NxP N-QB3 P-B4 B-Q3	P-Q3 PxP N-KB3 P-QR3 Q-B2	10. 11. 12. 13. 14.	Q-K P-QR4 K-R Q-R4 B-Q2 QR-K	B-N2 P-K4 O-O P-N3 B-N2 QR-K Q-B4 PxP	18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23.	Q-B2 Q-N B-K3 B-B N-KN5	QN-B3 Q-B2 R-N B-QR KR-Q R-Q2	26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.	NxKP N-B3 NxN B-Q3	K-R2 Q-K NxP QxN Q-KN5 R-KB R-B5
		<u> </u>	RESHE	VSKY,	White	<u>B</u> ]	ENKO,	Black			
2. H 3. H 5. H 6. N 7. H 8. N	P-Q4 P-KN3 B-N2 P-Q5 N-QB3 P-QR4 N-B3	P-B4 P-Q3 P-QR3 O-O P-K4 N-K	12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.	BxB B-N2 N-N5 B-Q2 R-R3 QxN B-R3 P-B3	N-Q2 P-QR4 R-R3 N-B2 NxN R-R2 N-B3	22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29.	RxQ R-R R-R3 RxQP R-Q7 R-Q6	B-B B-K2 B-Q N-K N-B3 N-K N-B3 RxR	32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39.	R-N5 P-N3 BxRP BxP RxN R-N5 K-B2 K-K3	K-B2 K-K2 P-N3 NxB R-Q3 R-B2 R-R3 K-Q3 R(2)-R2
	ROUND	TWO GA	MES		7						
		<u>G</u>	LIGO	RIC,	White	]	PETROSI	AN, B	lack		
2. N 3. E 5. C 6. F 7. E 9. E 10. F	N-KB3 3-N5 3-R4 0-0 R-K1 8-N3 P-B3 P-KR3	P-QR3 N-KB3 B-K2 P-QN4 O-O P-Q3 N-N1 QN-Q2 P-B3	13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.	PxB Q-R5 N-B3 R-K3 R-K2	BxP PxP PxB N-B4 BxN QR-Q1 B-K4 R-Q5 B-B5 B-Q7	24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.	N-K3 RxB B-B2 P-QR3 Q-N4+ R-Q1 QxR BxQ B-B3	Q-Q3 BxN K-N2 Q-Q4 R-Q7 K-R1 RxR QxQ R-Q1 R-Q6	35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 41. 42. 43.	R-K7 B-Q5 BxP B-K6 PxN RxP R-R7	K-N2 R-QN6 RxNP K-R3 K-N4 NxB K-B4 KxP R-R7 K-Q4 and resigns.
1 T	ODA		COLUMN TO THE REAL PROPERTY.		White		VAJDORF			N_K5	BxB
2. F 3. N	P-Q4 V-KB3	N-KB3 P-K3 P-QN3 B-N2	6.	0-0	N-K5	10.	B-B4 QR-B1 KR-Q1	B-K5 P-QB3 N-R3 P-KB4	14.	KxB B-Q2	P-KN4 Q-K1

#### ROUND TWO GAMES cont'd.

		PANNO,	White	RESHEV	<u>vsky</u> , e	Black	
1. P-Q4 2. P-Q84 3. N-QB3 4. P-K4 5. P-B3 6. B-K3 7. P-Q5 8. Q-Q2 9. BPxP 10. 0-0-0 11. B-Q3	N-KB3 P-KN3 B-N2 P-Q3 O-O P-K4 P-B3 PxP P-QR3 N-K1 N-Q2	12. K-N1 13. R-QB1 14. B-QB2 15. P-QN4 16. KN-K2 17. B-Q3 18. P-QR3 19. P-R3 20. K-R2 21. PxP	N-B4 R-N1 N-Q2 N-N3 P-B4 N-B3 B-Q2 PxP	23. R-QN1 24. KR-QB1 25. R-B2 26. P-QR4 27. N-B1 28. K-R3 29. R(2)-I 30. P-N5	N-R4 L Q-K2 R-B2 N-B5 Q-K1 B-KB3 N2 B-Q1 PxP	32. Q-QB2 33. QxP 34. Q-N3 35. RxN 36. R-K2 37. N-R2 38. R(2)- 39. RxB 40. N(2)- 41. Q-N4 adjour	R-QB1 NxNP R-KB6 RxP B-N5 -K1 BxR B-Q2 -B3 Q-B1 Q-B3
		BENKO,	White	KERES	, Black		
1. P-QB4 2. N-KB3 3. P-Q4 4. P-KN3 5. Q-R4 6. N-QB3 7. B-N2 8. O-O 9. NxN 10. KR-Q 11. N-K	P-K3 1 P-QN3 1 B-R3 1 B-K2 1 B-N2 1 O-O 1 N-K5 1 BxN 2	3. P-Q5 4. RxP 5. B-Q2 6. B-B3 7. PxB 8. N-K3 9. PxR	P-QB4 PxP N-B3 B-B3 BxB R-K RxN Q-K QxP+ N-K4	23. R-B4 II 24. Q-K4 II 25. QxQ II 26. RxQP II 27. PxN II 28. RxRP II 29. R-QN7 II 30. RxNP II	P-KB3 3 N-N3 3 RxQ 3 NxR 3 RxKP 3 R-KB7 3 RxKBP 3 RxF 4 K-B2 4	2. K-N2 3. K-B3 4. R-R3 5. K-K2 6. R-R6+ 7. P-QR4 8. R-B6 9. K-K3 0. K-Q2 1. K-B2 2. RxQBP	P-N4 K-K3 P-R4 R-KR5 K-K4 P-B5 RxP+ R-R6+ R-Q6+ P-R5 adjourned.

# Footnote - Spotlighting the Odds

Heard along the grapevine: To win, the odds are:

 PETROSIAN
 3-2
 BENKO
 20-1

 KERES
 3-2
 NAJDORF
 30-1

 RESHEVSKY
 5-1
 PANNO
 40-1

 GLIGORIC
 7-1
 OLAFSSON
 50-1

But...something tells us we're in for a lot of surprises....

# PARKER, LARSEN WIN EXPERT CANDIDATES!!

With all the news and excitement of the PIATIGORSKY CUP let us not overlook the exciting top event at City Terrace last weekend, where 34 of the most aspiring of local players battled it out for top honors. Steve PARKER, after several tries at the title, finally made it in great fashion, allowing only one draw to R. GSH. Co-winner R. LARSEN of Alondra drew with SACKS for his loss of ½ point; the two leaders did not meet however. See full table overleaf.

## ENTRY OF THE GLADIATORS

The gates are drawn open...the crowd yells...the emperor settles down with his court....and the two rival gladiator teams of WESTCHESTER and EL SEGUNDO slowly walk in with nets, spears and other paraphernalia. A novelty is introduced into the protocol of the arena: no thumbs down after the fight, because there is to be a return-match! But then... WESTCHESTER apparently used sharper spears, as they took the EL SEGUNDO teams twice, with scores of 7 - 3 and 5½-4½. Full scores overleaf.

# WESTCHESTER-EL SEGUNDO cont'd.

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	lst	Rou	nd	2nd Round							
WE	STCHESTER	7	EL SEGUNDO	3		WES	STCHESTER	51/2	EL	SEGUNDO	41/2
R.	LARSEN	1	L. ANDERSON	0		L.	JOHNSON	1	M.	McCARTHY	0
B.	MAILLARD	1	J. BALDWIN	0		В.	MAILLARD	1	L.	YOUNG	0
J.	STOLPE	1	J. PORTER	0		J.	HUFFMAN	1/2	H.	SHIFIN	1/2
A.	KIMBERLY	0	R. COREY	1		M.	COOPER	0	J.	PORTER	1
D.	D. WILDSCHUTZ 1 RADL		0		A.	LEEDS	1	J.	STRAUSS	0	
K.	MAEDER	1	J. STRAUSS	0		R.	BARRETT	1	A.	DAHM	0
G.	DAVIS	1	CLAYPOOL	0		K.	HEISER	0	D.	OCHLER	1
E.	CLARK	0	M. Mc CARTHY	1		W.	HEJDA	1	T.	MCHALE	0
K.	HEISER	0	A. DAHM	1		J.	BARRETT	0	G.	RODRIGUEZ	, 1
W.	HEJDA	1	B. COREY	0		R.	SNOW	0	В.	COREY	1

The two contests were held on June 18 (El Segundo) and June 28 (Westchester) respectively. A perpetual trophy was awarded to Westchester which is subject to a challenge after 60 days.

Caesar will be back.

### EXPERT CANDIDATES FINALS, 1963 City Terrace, June 29-30

City Terrace, June 29-90									
	Ratg.	Round One	Round Two	Round Three	Round Four	Round Five	Total T	ie-br.	
1. PARKER 2. LARSEN 3. KOVAC 4. BROW Dr. 5. JESTER 6. GISH 7. SACKS 8. LURIE 9. MYERS 10. BLISS 11. MAILLARD 12. PEASE 13. KLUZ 14. COTTEN 15. McCARTNEY 16. KOVER 17. RASIS 18. KEESEY 19. ALONSO 20. ROGOSIN H 21. RAINS 22. WILDSCHUTZ 23. HERNANDEZ 24. DeBARROS 25. SMYTH 26. HEFFERNAN 27. SCHLOSSER 28. COHAN 29. WALMISLEY 30. FRILLING FO 31. LUKAART 32. COREY 33. TEAL 34. PORTER	1835 1903 1800 1880 1868 1864 1770 1913 1952 1665 1816 1868 1837 u/r 1808 1884 1858 u/r 1886 1702 u/r 1891 u/r 1915 1871 1806 1468 1750 1721 1900 u/r 15 26 u/r	27953398986724280115643341263417210250	WWLWWWWWWWWWWWWWWLWLDLLLLWLLLLWLLLLLL 1223322619875413207673154492859	WDWWLWDLDWDDWWLWLDDWWLWLDLWLLLLFIF 5708172429593102698566431187034 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	WWWDLUWDLDLLLWDDDL8-W-3085-6	4½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½-1½	9 8½ 10 9½ 9 8 13 8 12½ 7 8½ 6 6 10½ 6 10 5 9 8½ 8 13½ 7 9 6 5½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 6½ 7 7 8 7 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8	