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THIS AND THAT

We are happy to report that our original goal of 350 subscribers has been reached - and passed. We have now set our sights on 500.

We wish to thank the many subscribers and readers who sent us Christmas cards. More than ever, we feel that we are part of the greatest fraternity on earth. Chess is a bond that ties men together.

The present issue may appear somewhat cluttered up, and bulging at the seams. This is due to the vast amount of news and correspondence which has come in during the past six weeks or so. In the first issue of THE REPORTER, last June, we stated that the success of the magazine would depend upon a steady flow of news from all parts of the state. With this as a criterion, THE REPORTER is a huge success, and getting huger every day.

During the holidays, two of your editors made a swing through southern California. The purpose of this trip was to gain more intimate familiarity with the chess clubs and general chess activity in the South, to advertise THE REPORTER, and to further develop plans for the formation of a State Federation. In all respects, the trip was eminently successful. We came home with many new subscribers from the Los Angeles area, and with a lot of new friends.

We were particularly impressed by the activity in Long Beach. The Lincoln Park club has magnificent quarters provided by the city, and boasts several hundred members. If we are not mistaken, only two other clubs in California are of comparable size - the Los Angeles Chess Club and the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco. California needs more city governments with the vision of that in Long Beach.

Other clubs visited were Los Feliz, Cosmopolitan, Los Angeles, and the Hollywood Chess Group. We wish to compliment our Southern friends on the excellence of their respective clubs. Unfortunately, time did not permit visits to many other clubs. We shall visit those at a later date.

With all this activity in southern California, one of the miracles of the age is how the North scored such a decisive victory over the South at the match last Spring. We believe that the reason can only be that the South did not muster anything like its strongest team at that time. Our old friend, Le Roy Johnson, has done a Herculean job for many years in getting a Southern team together, but it is simply too great a task for one man to handle. We sincerely hope, and believe, that THE REPORTER will do much to alter this state of affairs. We look for a real knock-down-and-drag-them-out struggle next time, and that is the way it should be.

We had hoped to visit our friends in Fresno during the trip, but again the time element made that impossible. Please accept our regrets.

We cannot close without mentioning several players, not on the staff of the magazine, who have been particularly good friends: Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, who has given us magnificent notices in his chess column in the Los Angeles Times; J. P. Simonsen, of the Los Angeles Chess Club; Charles Gray of the Cosmopolitan Chess Club; and J. P. Looney, of the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club in Long Beach. To all of you, our warmest thanks.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE"A" DIVISION

12/18/51	<u>OAKLAND</u>			<u>MECHANICS INSTITUTE</u>	
	1. C. Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$		1. C.M. Capps	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. R. Smook	0		2. A.J. Fink	1
	3. J. Demos	0		3. C. Bagby	1
	4. S. Bean	1		4. N. Hudson	0
	5. C.R. Wilson	1		5. E. Pruner	0
	6. R. Trenberth	0		6. J. Schmitt	1
	7. R. Freeman	$\frac{0}{2\frac{1}{2}}$		7. W. Pafnutieff	$\frac{1}{4\frac{1}{2}}$
1/5/52	<u>CASTLE</u>			<u>RUSSIANS</u>	
	1. N.E. Falconer	1		1. D. Poliakoff	0
	2. W.G. McClain	1		2. N. Preo	0
	3. W. Hendricks	0		3. V. Radaikin	1
	4. F. Byron	1		4. C. Svalberg	0
	5. Prof. R. Hultgren	0		5. B.B. Popoff	1
	6. F. Christensen	$\frac{1}{2}$		6. P. Prokoodin	$\frac{1}{2}$
	7. E. Hoffer	$\frac{0}{3\frac{1}{2}}$		7. A. Palmin	$\frac{1}{3\frac{1}{2}}$
1/12/52	<u>GOLDEN GATE</u>			<u>OAKLAND</u>	
	1. H.J. Ralston	$\frac{1}{2}$		1. C. Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. H. Gross	1		2. J. Demos	0
	3. R. Konkell	1		3. R. Trenberth	0
	4. R. Currie	$\frac{1}{2}$		4. C.R. Wilson	$\frac{1}{2}$
	5. J. Meyers	$\frac{1}{2}$		5. C. Stamer	$\frac{1}{2}$
	6. Dr. M. Zeligs	1		6. R. Cuneo	0
	7. A. Johnson	$\frac{1}{5}$		7. S. Bean	$\frac{1}{2}$
1/12/52	<u>MECHANICS INSTITUTE</u>			<u>CASTLE</u>	
	1. J. Schmitt	1		1. F. Byron	0
	2. C.M. Capps	1		2. W. Hendricks	0
	3. W. Pafnutieff	1		3. N.E. Falconer	0
	4. C. Bagby	0		4. Prof. R. Hultgren	1
	5. E. Pruner	1		5. F.N. Christensen	0
	6. A.B. Stamer	1		6. Wm. P. Barlow	0
	7. R. Maxwell	$\frac{0}{5}$		7. W.G. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$

"B" DIVISION

12/8/51	<u>HAKOAH</u>		<u>RUSSIANS</u>	
	1. H. Loewy	1	1. P. Andreeff	0
	2. I. Rosenblatt	0	2. N. Droujinin	1
	3. J. Dienstag	0	3. A. Tokmakoff	1
	4. H. Rosenbaum	1	4. N. Beloff	0
	5. F. Neumann	1	5. D. Shiskin	0
	6. O. Goldsmith	0	6. S. Cheslavsky	1
	7. F. Brull	<u>1</u>	7. R. Stroganoff	<u>0</u>
		4		3
1/5/52	<u>HAKOAH</u>		<u>PALO ALTO</u>	
	1. H. Loewy	1	1. R. Mathews	0
	2. H. Edelstein	1	2. E.T. Dana	0
	3. H. Rosenbaum	1	3. C. Erickson	0
	4. F. Neumann	0	4. F. Morsman	1
	5. O. Goldsmith	0	5. K. Chambers	1
	6. C. Huneke	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. V. Ricketts	$\frac{1}{2}$
	7. E. Bergtraun	<u>1</u>	7. P. Byrd	<u>0</u>
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$2\frac{1}{2}$
1/5/52	<u>GOLDEN GATE</u>		<u>RUSSIANS</u>	
	1. H. King	0	1. W. Leeds	1
	2. K. Draughn	1	2. A. Tokmakoff	0
	3. P. Dahl	1	3. P. Andreeff	0
	4. J. Vaughn	1	4. N. Beloff	0
	5. Dr. M. Korshet	1	5. S. Cheslavsky	0
	6. G. Lutz	0	6. D. Shishkin	1
	7. S. Behrends	<u>0</u>	7. E. Yablonsky	<u>1</u>
		4		3

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE, by Francis Crofut.

Oakdale visited San Jose on November 25 with an eight-man team which was only able to score $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. Jeff Smith played his usual good brand of chess to draw with George Kirby on board two, while H. Mortenson was winning from MacCarty on board four.

On December 9, Fresno won its first match of the season by shading the Modesto club $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Phil Smith is out to win the individual championship with three wins so far.

Three new members on the Sacramento team were the deciding factor in winning from Pittsburg 6-3. Pittsburg seems to be handicapped in that they never can get all their strong players together at one time; when they do, they can beat anybody.

Team standings after round three were: San Jose 3-0; Stockton 2-0; Fresno $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Sacramento $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Pittsburg 1-1; Oakdale 0-2; Modesto 0-3.

First place will probably be decided Jan. 6 when the two undefeated teams meet. A win by San Jose will leave four teams in a wild scramble for second place.

<u>OAKDALE</u>		<u>SAN JOSE</u>	
1. R.W. Brown	0	1. W.T. Adams	1
2. C.J. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	2. Geo. Kirby	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. W. Maxey	0	3. Bert Mueller	1
4. H. Mortenson	1	4. S. MacCarty	0
5. S. Sampson	0	5. J. Kalnins	1
6. Al Buerer	0	6. F. Crofut	1
7. Mrs. C.J. Smith	0	7. L. Daugherty	1
8. T. Macken	0	8. H. Wood	1
	<u>$1\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$6\frac{1}{2}$</u>
<u>SACRAMENTO</u>		<u>PITTSBURG</u>	
1. R.E. Russell	0	1. S. Bean	1
2. J.B. Gee	1	2. F. Olvera	0
3. N.T. Austin	1	3. F. Weinberg	0
4. M.O. Meyer	1	4. S. Wilson	0
5. O.J. Celle	1	5. G. Garcia	0
6. A. Janushkowsky	1	6. H. Lansing	0
7. Bob Burger	1	7. R. Tuson	0
8. S.G. Spaulding	0	8. J.R. Glover	1
9. James Hardy	0	9. Jess Garcia	1
	<u>6</u>		<u>3</u>
<u>MODESTO</u>		<u>FRESNO</u>	
1. M.C. Jackson	0	1. P.D. Smith	1
2. L.E. Davis	0	2. W. Strong	1
3. E. Jeffers	1	3. H. Kallman	0
4. L. Kerfoot	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. M. Hailparn	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. H.E. Paul	1	5. K. Forrest	0
6. L. Krogness	0	6. E. Cook	1
	<u>$2\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$3\frac{1}{2}$</u>

The league champions, San Jose, played host to the Castle Club of Berkeley on November 4. As was expected, the Castle club performed like the State champions they are and smothered their opponents $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Matches of this type perform a service in that they enable the rating committee to see the relative strength of the two Northern California chess leagues. (For details, see Vol.1, No.6 - Ed.)

MONTEREY BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE, by Albert Lukavich.

At a recent meeting of the Monterey Bay Area Chess League, officers were elected as follows: President, James B. Beans, Santa Cruz; Vice-President, Jerry Basic, Carmel; Secretary-Treasurer, Albert Lukavich, Salinas.

The schedule of 1951-52 League matches was decided upon as follows: Nov. 14, Salinas at Santa Cruz; Dec. 11, Santa Cruz at Carmel; Jan. 15, Carmel at Salinas; Feb. 12, Santa Cruz at Salinas; March 12, Carmel at Santa Cruz; April 15, Salinas at Carmel.

Salinas has two legs on the League cup, and would win permanent possession of it with a victory this year. The result of the first match was:

<u>SALINAS</u>		<u>SANTA CRUZ</u>	
1. George Oakes	1	1. R. Stafford	0
2. Rolla Taylor	1	2. Ivan Metoff	0
3. Foster Clark	1	3. J.J. Murphy	0
4. Wayne Pope	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. J.B. Beans	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. Albert Lukavich	1	5. L.F. Johnson	0
6. Elmer Hawkins	0	6. E.B. Barrett	1
7. Sam Lowe	$\frac{0}{4\frac{1}{2}}$	7. Russell Maeth	$\frac{1}{2\frac{1}{2}}$

The league welcomes new players, either to play on one of the present teams, or to form a new club. (Note by the Editor - The Monterey Bay Area Chess League deserves support. Players in that area are urged to join the league.

SANTA MONICA - LONG BEACH TEAM MATCH, by John Keckhut.

The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club journeyed to Long Beach for a return match with the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club of Long Beach on Dec. 21. Santa Monica made the victory more decisive in this second meeting with a 12-8 win. State Champion Arthur Spiller met former Canadian Junior Champion Lionel Joyner on first board, where Joyner's Queen-side majority was only good for a draw. Former State Champion and team captain Ray Martin played Charles Wallace on second board. Ray successfully defended against a sacrificial attack, and came out on top. Jerry Slavich, annotator for the Courier (Correspondence) Chess Club, tip-toed to victory over Gerard Van Deene.

Santa Monica was especially strong on the top 14 boards, losing only $3\frac{1}{2}$ points among them.

A surprise visit was paid to the match by our Editor Dr. Ralston and Associate Editor McClain. They talked up THE REPORTER, and met a lot of new and old friends.

In the following pairings, Santa Monica had White on the odd boards:

<u>SANTA MONICA</u>		<u>LONG BEACH</u>	
1. Arthur Spiller	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. Lionel Joyner	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Ray Martin	1	2. Charles Wallace	0
3. Gerard Van Deene	0	3. Jerry Slavich	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Herbert Abel	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. William Keller	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. John Keckhut	1	5. W. Kronenberg	0
6. George Steven	1	6. J. Bang	0
7. Leo Fielding	1	7. R. Rolo	0
8. Robert Greene	$\frac{1}{2}$	8. G. Stone	0
9. Ed Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$	9. E. Sapota	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. Maurice Donath	1	10. M. Bower	0
11. Jim Edwards	1	11. F. Leslie	0
12. Park Snyder	0	12. R. Sturges	1
13. David Hestenes	1	13. R. Gross	0
14. Walter Holmes	1	14. R. Harshburger	0
15. Paul Wolfe	0	15. T. Golden	1
16. Melvin Hausner	0	16. C. Phillips	1
17. Milton Zeper	0	17. S. Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$
18. Hyman Gold	$\frac{1}{2}$	18. I. Weiss	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. Everett Godsey	0	19. E. Miller	1
20. Howard Wildman	<u>1</u>	20. R. Austin	<u>0</u>
	12		8

BOOKS RECEIVED "Wereld-Kampioenschap 1948," (World Championship), Analyses by Dr. Max Euwe; 252 pp., 1948 (Dutch); \$2.75.

"Wereldschaaktoernooi" (International Tournament) Amsterdam, 1950, by Dr. Max Euwe and L. Prins; 280 pp., 1951 (Dutch); \$2.75.

Both books are illustrated with photographs of the players, and are models of chess literature. We have several on hand, which we sell without profit, as a service to our readers.

SANTA MONICA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1951, by John Keckhut.

The Santa Monica Club Championship has concluded with Ray Martin, former State Champion, in the number one spot, three full points ahead of present State Champion Arthur Spiller. Ray did not lose a game, but played consistently well throughout the tournament, finishing with a perfect score of 9-0.

Tied for second and third were Spiller and Gerard Van Deene, with John Keckhut* in fourth place. The best that Robert Greene, Santa Monica City Champ of 1950 and 1951, could do was a tie for seventh and eighth places, being beaten out by George Steven, a long-time strong member of the club, and Dave Eliason, a newcomer from the correspondence ranks.

	Ma	Sp	Va	Ke	El	St	Co	Gr	Ed	Ho	Score
1. Ray Martin	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-0
2-3. Arthur Spiller	0	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6-3
2-3. Gerard Van Deene	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6-3
4. John Keckhut	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
5. Dave Eliason	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	5-4
6. George Steven	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4-5
7-8. Dr. Bruce Collins	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3-6
7-8. Robert Greene	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3-6
9. Jim Edwards	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$
10. Walter Holmes	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	X	1-8

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STEINITZ-LASKER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH - 1894

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEES TOURNAMENT 1951

Charles E. Kodil of the Department of Water and Power decisively won the annual Employees Tournament, conducted under the auspices of the Water and Power Chess Club.

Manuel Kroman of Public Utilities finished second in the 13-man Swiss, and Denver Norton of the Fire Department was third.

Name		Score	S-B
1 Chas.E.Kodil	W7 W5 W4 L2 W3 W6 W9 W11 W8 W10	9-1	54
2 Manuel Kroman	D13 W12 W9 W1 W5 W4 L3 W8 W6 L7	7½-2½	46¾
3 Denver Norton	L9 bye W7 W6 L1 W8 W2 W5 L4 W12	7-3	38½
4 Richard Bukey	W8 W11 L1 L5 W7 L2 W10 W12 W3 W9	7-3	35
5 C.G. Taber	W6 L1 W11 W4 L2 W9 W12 L3 W10 L8	6-4	30
6 Wm. Buckley	L5 W13 W12 L3 W10 L1 W11 W7 L2 bye	6-4	20
7 Fred Larsen	L1 W10 L3 W9 L4 W11 L8 L6 W12 W2	5-5	23½
8 Joseph Bell	L4 D9 bye W10 D11 L3 W7 L2 L1 W5	5-5	22
9 D. Livingston	W3 D8 L2 L7 bye L5 L1 F10 W11 F4	3½-6½	15½
10 Wm.F. Harmon	L11 L7 W13 F8 L6 W12 L4 W9 L5 L1	3-7	10
11 A.C. Thompson	W10 L4 L5 W12 D8 L7 L6 F1 F9	2½-6½	10
12 Helen Lunday	bye L2 L6 L11 W13 L10 L5 L4 L7 L3	2-8	3½
13 H.W. Reeder	D2 F6 L10 bye F12	1½-3½	5¼

COSMO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1951

George W. Chase is again champion of the Cosmo (Los Angeles) Chess Club. In the exciting annual tournament, which ended December 26, he regained the club title which he held in 1949, and lost by a bare margin to Sam Morrow in 1950. For a moment at the end his victory was in doubt. His upset loss to Charles Gray in the last round marred his record of no defeats and only one draw, and threw him into a game-point tie for first with Charles Kodil. But his margin of three S-B points over Kodil gained him the championship. Kodil, this year's City Employees' champ, took second. Other players with plus scores were: Tom Cragg, third; Sam Morrow, fourth; Roy Zeller, fifth; and Robert W. Taylor, sixth. (Complete cross-table will appear in a later issue - Ed.)

PALO ALTO CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1951, by Victor Ricketts

Richard Mathews won the 1951 Palo Alto Chess Club Championship, with Edmund T. Dana a very close second, only one-half point behind. Competition was keen in this 17-man double-round tournament, only two points separating fourth and eighth places. Alan Bourke, 1950 Champion, since wounded in action in Korea, did not compete.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	W - L
1. Richard Mathews	XX	1½	1½	1	1	1	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27-5
2. Edmund T. Dana	0½	XX	1	1½	0	1	1	1	1½	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26½-5½
3. Carl Erickson	1½	0	XX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23-9
4. Frank Morsman	0	0½	0	XX	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21½-10½
5-6. Paul Byrd	0	1	0	0	0	XX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21-11
5-6. Victor Ricketts	0	0	1	0	0	1	XX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21-11
7. A.P. Guthrie	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	XX	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20-12
8. Wallace Hazz	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	XX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19½-12½
9. Don Gold	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	XX	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	17½-14½
10. Paul Melton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1	1	1	1	1	1	16-16
11. H. Kempenich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	XX	1	1	1	1	1	15-17
12. Leonard Avilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1	1	1	1	14-18
13. Butler Rhodes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1	1	1	10½-21½
14. S. Bergreen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1	1	9½-22½
15. Kenneth van Woert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1	9-23
*16. W. Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XX	1-31
*17. D. Freeman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-31

* Numbers sixteen and seventeen completed more than half of their games, but were not able to play many, and forfeited these.

GAME OF THE MONTH The following beautiful game was played in the Staunton Centenary Tournament, 1951, between G. Stahlberg of Sweden and C. H. O'D. Alexander of England. The notes are from the book of the tournament, published by the British Chess Magazine.

Game No. 80 - Q.G.A.
 White Black
 Stahlberg Alexander

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|-----|--------|---------|
| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. | P-B4 | PxP |
| 4. | P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 5. | BxP | P-B4 |
| 6. | O-O | Kt-B3 |
| 7. | Q-K2 | P-QR3 |
| 8. | R-Q1 | P-QKt4 |
| 9. | B-Kt3 | P-B5 |
| 10. | B-B2 | Kt-QKt5 |
| 11. | Kt-B3 | KtxB |
| 12. | QxKt | B-Kt2 |
| 13. | P-Q5 | Q-B2 |

Black gets a bad game after 13...PxP; 14.P-K4,B-K2; 15.P-K5.
 14. P-K4 P-K4
 15. B-Kt5

Threatening BxKt, followed by Kt-R4-B5.

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| ... | Kt-Q2 |
| 16. | QR-B1 |

At Nottingham 1936 Reshevsky played against Flohr 16.B-K3,B-B4 17.BxB,QxB; 18.P-QKt3,O-O and the game ended in a draw. At the time Alekhine recommended 16...B-Q3 as giving Black the better game, but this move has not turned out well.

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| ... | B-Q3 |
| 17. | Kt-K2 O-O? |

Correct was 17...P-B3; 18.B-K3, K-B2; 19.Kt-Kt3, P-Kt3.
 18. Kt-Kt3 P-B3
 19. B-K3 P-Kt3
 20. P-KR4

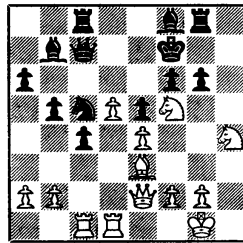
The commencement of a fierce K-side attack conducted with vigor by the Swedish grandmaster.

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| 20. | ... | QR-B1 |
|-----|-----|-------|

Not at once Kt-B4; on account of 21.BxKt,BxB; 22.P-Kt3, but in view of the coming storm it would have been preferable to have played K-B2 at once.

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|-----|----------|--------|
| 21. | P-R5 | Kt-B4 |
| 22. | Kt-R4 | K-B2 |
| 23. | PxPch | PxP |
| 24. | Q-K2 | R-KKt1 |
| 25. | Kt/3-B5! | B-B1 |

If 25...PxKt; 26.Q-R5ch,K-B1; 27.KtxP, when Black has no adequate reply to the threat of B-R6ch.



26. KtxP! RxKt
 Or 26...KxKt; 27.Q-Kt4ch,K-B2; 28.Q-R5ch,R-Kt3; 29.Kt-R4 with a winning position.

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| 27. | Q-R5 | Q-Q2 |
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Now 28.Kt-R4 fails against 28...Q-Kt5.

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| 28. | BxKt | RxB |
| 29. | R-B3 | Resigns. |
- R-KKt3 cannot be met.

CORRESPONDENCE Kyle Forrest, President of the Fresno Chess Club, writes:

"In many respects Fresno seems to be apart from the rest of the world. The city is quiet and its people move about in a leisurely manner. Nothing very exciting ever seems to happen.

"But, let's take another look at Fresno. Fresno County is the center of a billion dollar agricultural empire; first county in the Nation in the production of cotton, grapes and figs.

"Also, geographically Fresno is in the center of the State of California, which puts us right in the middle of California Chess, even though we are at the southernmost end of the Central California Chess League.

"We note that you intend the proposed Federation to be thoroughly democratic. Therefore, in reporting Fresno's chess activities we hope that the Federation will use "North of Center" or "South of Center," instead of the usually applied political terms.

"We believe the proposed CSCF should be recognized as the top chess organization in California, thus allowing opportunity for a gradual demise of all existing unhealthy jealousies, feuds and misunderstandings between sectional chess groups and players.

"Also, we believe THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER to be the logical clearing house for all ideas, recommendations and proposals relative to the proposed Federation.

"How much chess is there in California today? THE REPORTER, with the assistance of its present subscribers, should be able to compile an up-to-date Chess Census within a very short time. Such a report, it seems to us, will be highly desirable and fundamental for a pertinent and lasting constitution for the Federation. Such a census should show:

- "1. List of names of California Chess Leagues and names and addresses of their officers.
2. List of names of Chess Clubs and names and addresses of their officers.
3. List of names of Chess Clubs members.
4. List of names of unattached players (not members of clubs, and living outside of club areas), and their addresses.

5. Tabulation of chess players by relative playing strengths—Master, Expert, Classes A, B, C, and D—based on chess club ladder scores, Chess Review Postal Chess Ratings, Correspondence Chess League of Pacific Coast Postal Chess Ratings, League match results, match play results, or other means of rating. (For an example see Sacramento Chess News, Vol. II, Issue 5, 5/25/51, pp. 5 and 6). Rating equality formulas will be needed to place all players on a common rating basis.
6. List of current chess publications native to California or magazines having California chess columns.
7. List of names of chess players who maintain daily or periodical newspaper chess columns, and names of these newspapers.

"It is our present guess that such a census will show over 2,000 chess players in California - all potential members of the proposed Federation.

"Our present thinking about the Federation is:

A. Purposes:

1. To promote a State-wide integration of the individual chess players.
2. To promote a uniform system of ladder ratings for the entire State of California.
3. To promote uniform League and Club chess-playing codes, rules and regulations.
4. To determine annually the California State Open Chess Champion (individual chess player) based on Swiss System.
5. To determine annually the California State Closed Chess Champion (individual) based on a seven (7) man round-robin.

B. Board of Governors

1. To consist of individuals elected from the various Chess Leagues and Areas - one person from each League, and one person (unattached chess player) from each 8,000 square miles of area outside of league areas. (Map required).
2. Duties - To carry out the purposes of the Federation.
3. Meetings - Regular meetings twice a year at a central spot - FRESNO. (The punch line, at last). Special meetings whenever required as voted by the Board."

From Charles Gray of the Cosmopolitan Chess Club, Los Angeles:

"At the last meeting of the L.A. County Chess League, of which I am now president, we discussed ways and means of promoting subscription drives for THE REPORTER in clubs in this area. We also discussed the prospective organization of a California State Chess Federation, which we all want. But in drafting plans for the State Federation, I would like to make the suggestion that we keep in mind the possibility of tying it in organizationally with the United States Chess Federation.

"The USCF has an affiliation plan whereby chess players can link their state to the national federation, paying one dues annually which goes to support both. The trouble in California is that our State Federation will probably be organized on the basis of a League - a federation based on clubs and leagues, not individuals, as members - and I believe that is organizationally sound for us in California. However, if that is done, we cannot use the standard USCF national-state affiliation scheme, for the USCF and its affiliation scheme is based on membership of individuals. I truly believe there should be a tie-in of some sort between a California State Federation and the USCF, that we should do our part as other states do to support the national federation; but it will be a perplexing problem to work out the means to do so, and one that may require correspondence and negotiation with USCF officials. In the same manner - we in California are adopting the Russian-type rating system, and some accommodation of method should ultimately be worked out with the USCF, which uses a different, individual-player rating system, to coordinate the two sets of ratings, so our California players can also have national ratings."

George W. Flynn of Sacramento says: "The proposed California State Chess Federation is an excellent idea. It would seem advisable to make a positive effort to include all leagues, clubs, and even unattached players in this organization. In other words, the Federation should not wait for smaller clubs and unattached players to ask to join - a determined drive should be made to gain their participation.

"Also, I believe considerable thought should be given to the following question: What is the Federation going to do for an unattached player in a remote California town? What can such a player do for the Federation, and conversely, what can the Federation do for him?

"If that question can be answered satisfactorily the Federation will have wide-spread influence on California chess - otherwise it will probably be beneficial only to players in the metropolitan areas."

From A. L. Ritz of Eureka: "It is truly gratifying that the long longed-for formation of the California State Chess Federation is soon to become a reality.

"The writer is pretty well aware of the many difficulties that may be encountered, and, if so, must be surmounted before the organization of such a body can become an accomplished fact.

"It is, therefore, of prime importance that every chess fan of California, be he (or she) already a member of a league, or an unattached player, do his every possible best to cooperate with those who are giving their time and energy to the task at hand.

"Considering the fact that the State of California, with a population of over 10 million, is the richest state of the richest country in the world, no chess enthusiast South of the North Pole will be surprised at the news that the California State Chess Federation was successfully formed. But --- for the majority of them, it would be the next thing to the inconceivable were they ever to learn that a serious attempt at such formation was made and that the attempt ended in failure.

"This writer, however, is confident that nothing like that is going to happen in this great state and that the sound logic (logicians they must be otherwise they wouldn't care to play chess) of our California players will induce them to stick to the good old and well-proven maxim: One for All and All for One!"

Ricardo M. Pingarron, President of the Tri-County Chess Club (San Bernardino, Orange and Pomona) writes: ".....As president of the Tri-County Chess Club, I cannot say anything that may be construed as the feeling of the members; however, in informal conversations in our Pomona unit I have received many favorable opinions, and the members agree that we should be members of the Federation. The purpose of the CSCF should be broader in its scope - to meet once a year for the North vs. South match should be only one of its aims. The CSCF should include a division of correspondence clubs such as the Pacific, Courier, etc.

"Another activity should be the sponsoring of visits by Masters to clubs, at a reduced rate. There should be matches against teams from Mexico, Canada and other countries. There should be publication of games with marginal notes giving the player's reasons for his moves. Up to now all games that have been annotated show variations and references to "the book," but we have never had the real inside motive for the moves.

"The CSCF will, no doubt, be a big organization. Clubs should be members and THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER should be purchased in all clubs.

"Our general secretary, Frank Fontaine, may be reached at Route 3, Box 276, Chino, California."

The following self-explanatory letter has been received from Harold M. Phillips, President of the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

"As your President I deem it my unpleasant duty to tell you frankly that the Federation is in dire need of funds to meet pressing obligations amounting to almost \$5,000.00, that have been accumulating during the past five or six years. Within that period the annual income of the Federation from all sources has been far less than the disbursements, even though every Officer serves without any compensation and without any reimbursement for traveling expenses or allowance for secretarial or other assistance.

"I feel certain that if these facts had been made known to our membership, they would have long ago flocked to the aid of the Federation, and this appeal would have been unnecessary. You can aid the Federation now by sending your check for dues promptly, by bringing one or more members into the fold and by making a voluntary contribution in addition to your dues.

"Our membership, totaling only about 1300, can easily be doubled or trebled within a year, if the friends of the Federation, believing in organized chess, will realize that the Federation cannot serve the cause of Chess in this country and cannot exercise adequate influence in International Chess without a membership numbering many many thousands and without an income to carry on not alone its present activities but many others that are essential to the spread of our noble game in our country."

(We urge our readers to heed this plea. Checks should be made payable to USCF and sent to Glenn E. Hartleb, 3219 Washington Ave., Erie, Pennsylvania. Only \$3.00 will bring you membership and the excellent bi-weekly newspaper, CHESS LIFE - Ed.)

Neil Falconer, 1951 California Open Champion, has the following remarks to make: ".....Two comments on the Barlow vs. Adams game (pp. 119-120): Does not 27...RxB win for Black? If 28. QxR, B-Q4; if 28. Q-R3, Q-Kt8ch, and 29...R-Qlch. You indicate that Black is

lost after 31...K-B1. After 32. BxR, does not 32...BxKKtP at least draw for Black? It hits the white Q and also threatens mate. If 33. QxB, QxQ; 34. R-R8ch, K-K2; 35. R-K2ch, Q-Rch and wins. Best seems to be 33. Q-R8ch, K-K2; 34. R-K2ch, BxR; 35. Q-R4 ----but Black has at least a draw here.

"One comment on the Marshall-Napier Game (#67): Is 17...Kt-QR4 such a "killer?" What does Black do to win, after 18. Q-Kt5 and if 18...P-QR3; 19. Q-KB5? I couldn't find a win." (Mr. Falconer's remarks seem to be thoroughly justified. All we can say is: The lot of the annotator is hard indeed - Ed.)

From Irving Spero of Los Angeles: "Let me, please, add my voice to the many who sounded, so enthusiastically, their encouragements to your publication. I, too, find it very interesting and in time it may prove to be the link that will tie us players and fans in this region to each other. Keep up the good work!"

Dr. Nathan Divinsky, well-known Canadian chess expert and Editor of the Games section of that excellent publication, Canadian Chess Chat, writes: "Received your November issue and enjoyed it very much..... On page 83, game #52, the comment to White's 8th move doesn't seem correct. At that time (1898) the "book" move was 8. P-QR4, while 8. PXP was never played. Had Pillsbury played 8. PXP then he would have been taking his opponents out of the "book." (On this matter, we must take issue with Dr. Divinsky. The move 8. PXP was well-known in master play at least as early as the London tournament of 1883, Mackenzie-Zukertort. In the British Chess Magazine for 1887, 8. PXP, B-K3, played in the third match game between Blackburne and Zukertort, is referred to as "the old defense!" The move 8. PXP occurred in Metger-Tarrasch, Frankfort 1887, Tarrasch-Zukertort, Frankfort 1887, Showalter-Judd, first match game 1890, Tarrasch-Gunsberg, Manchester 1890. We do not doubt that many other examples could be found from master play long before 1898 - Ed.)

From the Land of the Silver Dollar comes the following, written by our old friend William Benedetti: "Have been meaning to write and acknowledge receipt of your excellent magazine, but my continuous trips out of town have delayed this pleasure.

"It was fun to see the names of old friends in the news, McClain, Falconer, Pruner, Svalberg, Bagby, and Capps. I always remember those days at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco

when we were all beginning to learn this complicated game of chess. I also remember vividly our chats in different cafes on every subject. Have you heard from Jarrell recently?

"I am the 1951 Nevada State Chess Champion. Won the title in an open tournament here last March. Also a couple of weeks ago I was invited to participate in the Utah Open and won it. See enclosed slip. A terrific tournament is to be held in Reno this coming Easter but I do not know who will be invited.

"A mutual friend of ours, Leslie Boyette, lives here too and we play every Tuesday night. The club meets once a week in the Race Book Room of the Silver Slipper, a casino, and the whole affair is very colorful. Las Vegas is rapidly becoming a great chess center. A few weeks ago I had a match with Al Bisno, the noted L.A. enthusiast. We came out about even, but we are expecting another one soon. Al comes here often on vacation.

"The patron of the art in these parts is Fred Soly, owner of the Monte Carlo Club, the most popular club in town. Fred is also an excellent player.

"We are now planning a mammoth match with San Bernardino but we do not know if they are willing to travel out here.

"You might tell your readers that they are welcome to visit our chess club here. We meet every Tuesday night at the Race Book Room of the Silver Slipper Casino. There are players of every strength here." (The possibilities in a "pot" game at the Silver Slipper really stagger the imagination. Anybody interested? - Ed.)

And from another old friend, Leslie Boyette of Boulder City, Nevada: "To start my new year right I'm going to catch up on my correspondence and I find you and THE REPORTER on the top of my list... This is the greatest chess bargain in history...Your two-page photo of the contestants in the 1951 Open was greatly appreciated...In the game Barlow vs. Adams (#75) Black has an easy win with 28...RxB; 29. QxR, R-Q1ch; 30. K any, B-Q4; 31. Q-Q4, R-K1ch followed by BxR. Tell Bill Barlow maybe we should call him Horse-shoe or Rabbit-foot instead of End-game Barlow...But good players are always lucky and Bill is one of the very best."

EVANS-STEINER TITLE MATCH Larry Evans of New York, present United States Chess Champion, and Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, former Champion, signed articles of agreement at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City on November 5, 1951, for a 16-game match for the U.S. Championship. The match has been approved by the United States Chess Federation and is to be played in New York and/or Los Angeles within six months of the signing of the agreement. Salient points of the agreement:

1. The purse is to be a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$5,000; the challenger, Steiner, agrees to raise the money in Los Angeles and the champion, Evans, agrees to exert every effort to raise \$1,000 in New York City. The purse is to be raised and/or pledged by responsible parties before any of the games are played.

2. The challenger will post a \$300 forfeit fee to be awarded to the champion if the challenger fails to live up to any of the obligations in the agreement.

3. In case the challenger wins the match, he guarantees the champion a return title match, under the same conditions, within nine months.

4. The first player to obtain $8\frac{1}{2}$ points will be U.S. Champion.

5. The match is to be played at the rate of four to five games per week.

6. The champion will receive \$250 for expenses over and above the purse, for expenses.

KASHDAN-STEINER MATCH CANCELLED Negotiations for a 12-game match between I. Kashdan and H. Steiner, which had Los Angeles chess fans agog just before the holidays, became snarled up over money matters, not the fault of the players, and the match has been called off. The proposed match would not only have brought together the two outstanding masters of the Los Angeles area but would have given Steiner some important training for his forthcoming title match.

RESHEVSKY-GLIGORIC MATCH Grandmasters S. Reshevsky of New York and S. Gligoric of Yugoslavia are to play a match of 15 games, probably in Belgrade, during the Summer or Fall of 1952. Reshevsky's proposed match with M. Najdorf failed to materialize.

HAVANA An international tournament is scheduled to begin in Havana Feb. 24. Participants include H. Steiner, Lasker, Reshevsky, Horowitz, Evans, Gligoric, Rabar, Prins, Pomar, Toran, Rossolimo, Dr. Romero, Dr. Gonzalez. Efforts are being made to get Najdorf or Eliskases and some Soviet masters. First prize will be \$2,500. A fine tournament!

PRINS VISIT The Dutch master Lodewijk Prins visited California in November. In the Los Angeles area he gave a number of exhibitions, including several 10-board simultaneous displays with clocks. In this difficult form of the simultaneous, the master's score against the best players from southern California compared favorably with Reshevsky's exploits during the latter's stay in Los Angeles. Prins later paid a two-day visit to San Francisco. Here, local players met him at skittles, but not with conspicuous success. Prins and his countryman, Dr. Max Euwe, are two of the most cultured gentlemen it has been our pleasure to meet.

U.S.S.R. Paul Keres has won the Soviet Championship for the third time. Competing in a field of 18 players, Keres repeated his victories of 1947 and 1950 by scoring 12-5 in the XIXth tournament, finishing $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of Geller and Petrosian. Keres won nine games, drew six, and lost two, being beaten by Kopylov and Kotov. Geller repeated his performance of 1949, when he finished $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind the winners Smyslov and Bronstein. Petrosian is one of the youngest masters of the Soviet Union, a "boy wonder" about the same age as U.S. Champion Larry Evans. Smyslov, for years considered the "Crown Prince" of Soviet Chess and second only to World Champion Botvinnik, finished fourth with a score of 11-6. Smyslov defeated both Botvinnik and recent challenger Bronstein.

Botvinnik's score of 10-7, a full point behind Smyslov, landed him in fifth place. Bronstein, Averbakh and Taimanov tied for sixth, seventh and eighth places with scores of $9\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Then followed Aronin and Flohr, Kopylov, Bondarevsky and Kotov, Simagin, Lipnitsky and Moiseev, Novotelnov, and Terpugov.

Special prizes were awarded: Smyslov for his brilliant game against Simagin; Geller for a brilliancy against Taimanov; Simagin for a game against Moiseev; Keres and Petrosian for the best results in the last five rounds; Kotov and Flohr for the best results against prize-winners. Kopylov received a special cup for his two victories against Botvinnik and Keres. (The above data have been kindly supplied to THE REPORTER by A. Buschke of New York - Ed.)

HASTINGS S. Gligoric, Yugoslav grandmaster, won the Christmas Chess Congress in England with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. D. A. Yanofsky, young Canadian master, was second with 6-3, and Lothar Schmid of Germany third with $5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$. Then followed Barden, Donner and Popel with $4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$; A.R.B. Thomas with $3\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$; and Abrahams, Golembek and Hooper with 3-6. None of the three leaders lost a game.

SACRAMENTO The Sacramento Chess Club has been greatly strengthened by the addition of two new players, Dr. Alex Janushkowsky from Poland, and Ojars J. Celle, a young Latvian.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY E. B. Adams, champion of Pasadena, added another championship to his credit by winning the annual San Gabriel Valley championship recently concluded at the Pasadena Chess Club, 37 E. Delmar St., Pasadena. Officers elected for 1952 are: E. B. Adams, president; G. K. Stover, vice-president; A. V. Taylor, secretary, J. O. Olturans, treasurer; R. R. Hargraves Jr., tournament director. The club meets Friday evenings and chess players are cordially invited to attend.

LONG BEACH In the annual elections, the following officers of the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club, Long Beach, were named: C.E. Elwood, president; P.J. Burgoyne, vice-president; J.P. Looney, secretary; M.H. Bapp, treasurer.

SALINAS The Salinas Chess Club started its annual Winter club championship tournament, a double round-robin, early in November. George Oakes and Foster Clark took an early 6-0 lead. Players include R.Taylor, A.Lukavich, G.Taylor, W.Pope, S.Lowe and E.Hawkins.

LATE NEWS Players from San Francisco and Los Angeles, in recent discussions in the South, agreed to try to organize an annual Christmas double-round team match, on ten boards, between the two cities. It is planned to arrange the first match for December 1952. This will be the Winter counterpart, so to speak, of the traditional North-South match held each Spring.

Just as we go to press, we deeply regret to learn of the death of Mr. R. W. Brown of Oakdale, at the age of 65. Mr. Brown had been playing first board for the Oakdale team in the current matches of the Central California Chess League, and had defeated Stockton's strong player L. Woolfe in the match of October 28. Our sincere condolences are extended to his near ones.

LONG BEACH VS. SANTA MONICA 1951Game No. 81 - Reti

White Black

G. Van Deene J. Slavich

Notes by J. Slavich

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| 1. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-KKt3 | P-K3 |
| 3. | B-Kt2 | P-B4 |
| 4. | O-O | Kt-B3 |
| 5. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 6. | P-B4 | PxQP |
| 7. | KtxP | B-B4 |
| 8. | Kt-Kt3 | B-Kt3 |
| 9. | P-B5 | B-B2 |
| 10. | Kt-B3 | P-KR3 |
| I did not like 11. B-Kt5. | | |
| 11. | P-K4 | P-Q5 |
| 12. | Kt-Kt5 | P-K4 |
| 13. | KtxB | QxKt |
| 14. | P-B4 | B-Kt5 |

This move develops the B and allows the building up of a defensive pattern which looks solid enough.

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| 15. | Q-Q3 | Kt-Q2 |
| 16. | B-Q2 | P-B3 |
| 17. | B-KB3 | B-K3 |

I decided to keep the B and forego castling.

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| 18. | B-R5ch | K-K2 |
| 19. | QR-B1 | QR-Q1 |
| 20. | B-K1 | |

A fine move

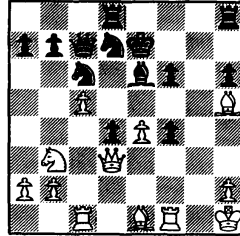
... P-KKt4

Perhaps rash, but I wanted freedom at K4.

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| 21. | K-R1! | KtPxP |
| 22. | PxP | PxP |

I hesitated between allowing the tension on B5 and exchanging. I felt that K4 would be a nice

spot for a Kt, regardless of P weaknesses.



23. KtxP?

Surprise! I expected 23.RxP! If 23...QxR; 24. B-Kt3, ouch! So, if 23. RxP, Kt/2-K4 or Q-K4 are continuing ideas. The variations are complex, and White seems to have a decided advantage. Also, after 23. RxP, QxR; 24. B-Kt3, QxRch can be played. But those two Bishops are wicked. However, I think I would have taken this line.

... Kt/2-K4
24. KtxKtch

Clearly forced.

... QxKt
25. Q-K2 R-Q5

The clincher.

26. Q-Kt2? R-KKt1
Resigns. An interesting game.

COSMO CLUB 1951Game No. 82 - Scotch Gam.White Black
G. Chase S. Morrow

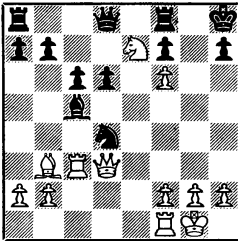
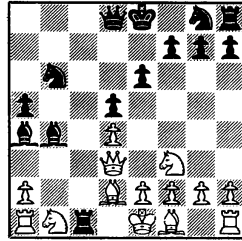
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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. | B-QB4 | B-B4 |

Kt-B3 gives Black an easy game.

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| 5. | P-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 6. | B-KKt5 | PxP |
| 7. | KtxP | P-Q3 |
| 8. | O-O | O-O? |
| 9. | Kt-Q5 | B-K3 |
| 10. | BxKt | PxB |
| 11. | B-Kt3 | K-R1 |
| 12. | Kt-R4 | KR-Kt1 |
| 13. | R-B1 | B-KR6? |
| 14. | R-B3 | B-KKt5 |
| 15. | Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 16. | KtxKBP | BxKt |
| 17. | PxB | Kt-Q5 |
| 18. | P-B6 | P-B3 |
| 19. | Kt-K7 | R-KB1 |
| 20. | Q-Q3 | |

Q-R6 appears equally good.

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| 5. | P-QKt4 | P-QR4 |
| 6. | Q-R4 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. | PxP e.p. | BxPch |
| 8. | B-Q2 | KtxP |
| 9. | QxPch? | B-Q2 |
| 10. | Q-B2 | R-B1 |
| 11. | Q-Kt3? | B-R5 |
| 12. | Q-Q3 | R-B8 mate |



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| ... | P-Q4?? | |
| 21. | QxPch! | Resigns. |
- Sudden death!

UTAH OPEN 1951 An extraordinary miniature.

Game No. 83 - Q.G.D.

White	Black
F.L. Clark	W. Benedetti

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| 1. | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. | Kt-KB3 | P-QB3 |
| 4. | P-B5? | Kt-Q2 |

XIXth U.S.S.R. CHAMPIONSHIP

The 12th round game between V. Smyslov and V. Simagin, for which Smyslov received one of the three brilliancy prizes, December 1951.

Game No. 84 - English

White	Black
Smyslov	Simagin

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| 1. | P-QB4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. | Kt-QB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | Kt-B3 | P-KKt3 |
| 4. | P-K3 | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-Q4 | B-Kt5 |
| 6. | B-K2 | B-Kt2 |
| 7. | P-Q5 | Kt-Kt1 |
| 8. | P-KR3 | BxKt |
| 9. | BxB | Kt-KB3 |
| 10. | O-O | O-O |
| 11. | Q-Q2 | |

Preparing to fianchetto the Queen's bishop.

- 11. ... P-QR3
- 12. R-Kt1 QKt-Q2
- 13. B-K2 Kt-K1
- 14. P-QKt3 P-K4
- 15. PxP e.p. PxP
- 16. B-Kt2 Q-K2
- 17. QR-Q1 R-Q1
- 18. P-B4 Kt/2-B3
- 19. B-B3 Kt-B2
- 20. P-KKt4 P-QKt4
- 21. P-Kt5 Kt/3-K1
- 22. P-KR4 P-Kt5
- 23. Kt-K4 BxB
- 24. QxB P-Q4
- 25. Kt-B2 Q-Kt2
- 26. QxQch KtxQ
- 27. Kt-Kt4 Kt-B4
- 28. K-B2 PxBP
- 29. PxP P-QR4
- 30. Kt-B6ch K-Kt2
- 31. Kt-Q7 R-B2
- 32. KtxP RxB
- 33. RxB KtxRP
- 34. Kt-Q7 KtxB
- 35. KxKt Kt-Q4

- 41. K-K5 R-Q1
- 42. R-Kt6 K-B1
- 43. K-Q6 R-B7
- 44. K-B6
A mating net looms.
... R-B7
- 45. R-Kt7 Kt-K1
- 46. R-QR7 K-Kt1
- 47. R-K7 Resigns.

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Game No. 85 - French

White	Black
M.C. Jackson	P.D. Smith

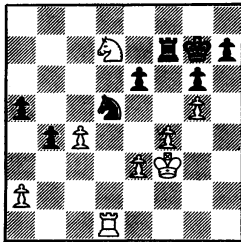
- 1. P-K4 P-K3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. Kt-Q2 P-KB4
- 4. PxBP PxP
- 5. B-Q3

Too passive. 5.P-QB4 is the logical reaction to Black's unusual third move. White now gets a cramped game.

- ... Kt-KB3
- 6. Kt-K2 B-Q3
- 7. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3
- 8. B-KKt5 O-O
- 9. O-O P-KR3
- 10. B-KB4 Kt-K5
- 11. P-B3 P-KKt4
- 12. BxB QxB
- 13. Kt-Kt3 P-Kt5
- 14. Kt-K1 B-Q2
- 15. Kt-K2 QR-K1
- 16. P-KKt3

Creates holes. But if 16.P-KB4,PxP e.p.; 17.KtxP,P-B5 with pressure.

- 36. Kt-B5 Kt-B2
- 37. K-K4

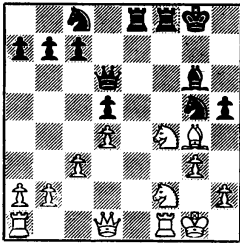


The penetration by the white K will decide the issue.

- ... P-R3
- 38. R-Q6 PxP
- 39. PxP K-B1
- 40. R-B6 K-K1

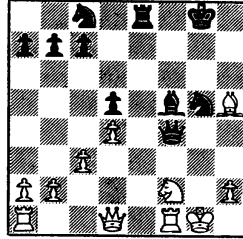
- ... Kt-Kt4
- 17. Kt-B4 Kt-K2
- 18. P-B3 Kt-B1
- 19. PxP PxP

20. B-K2 P-KR4†
 21. Kt/1-Q3
 If 21.KtxRP,Kt-R6ch; 22.K-Kt2,
 Q-KKt3 wins.
 ... B-B4
 22. Kt-B2
 Now threatening KtxRP
 ... B-Kt3
 23. BxP†



23. ... RxKt?†
 If 23...PxB; 24. QxP wins

- back the piece. Black embarks
 on a daring counter sacrifice.
 24. PxR QxP
 25. BxP B-B4



26. B-Kt4?
 26.BxR†,Kt-B6ch; 27.K-Kt2,
 Kt-R5ch; 28.K-R1, B-K5ch;
 29. KtxB, QxKtch; 30. R-B3,
 KtxR; 31. B-Kt6†, Q-B5; 32. Q-
 K2 seems to win.
 ... Kt-Q3

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27. P-KR4?
 If 27.BxB?, Kt-B6ch; 28.K-Kt2,
 KtxB and wins. But 27.K-R1 prob-
 ably holds the position. Thus:
 27.K-R1, Kt-K5; 28.BxB!, QxB; 29.Kt-
 Kt4!, Q-Kt3; 30.Kt-K5 and 31.Q-Kt4.
 ... Q-Kt6ch
 28. K-R1 R-K5!
 29. Q-Q2 RxB
 Resigns.
 (Notes: N.E.F.)

15. PxKt QxP
 16. BxP Q-Q2
 17. B-Kt3 QxRP
 18. P-Q5 B-B4
 Defending by threatening
 19...QxBch.
 19. Q-B3 QR-K1
 After the game Poliakoff
 recommended 19...Kt-K2 as pre-
 ferable.
 20. Kt-Q2 R-Q1

CASTLE VS. RUSSIANS Jan. 5, 1952

Game No. 86 - Ruy
 White Black
 N.E. Falconer D. Poliakoff

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|-----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. | O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. | R-K1 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. | B-Kt3 | P-Q3 |
| 8. | P-B3 | B-Kt5 |
| 9. | P-KR3 | B-R4 |
| 10. | P-Q4 | BxKt |
| 11. | PxB | O-O |

If...Kt-KR4; 12.P-KB4, KtxBP;
 13.BxKt, PxB; 14.Q-KB3 and if Black
 tries to hold the Pawn, then 15.B-
 Q5 and 16.P-K5.

12. P-KB4 PxBP

If...PxQP; 13. P-K5, PxP
 (Kt-Q2; 14. B-Q5); 14. PxKP,
 Kt-Q4; 15. Q-B3.

13. BxP P-Q4

14. BxQP

Leading to a wide-open game.

14. P-K5, Kt-K5; 15. Kt-Q2, B-
 Kt4; 16. Kt x Kt (forced), BxB;
 17. Kt-Kt3 was playable.

... KtxB

Threatening 21...RxP; if
 22. QxR, then...QxBch. If 21.
 PxKt, RxKt threatens BxPch.
 21. P-Kt4! B-R2
 22. Kt-B1 Kt-Kt1
 23. R-K7 Kt-Q2
 24. P-Q6 P-KR4

If ...P-B4, White planned to
 play 25. B-K5!; winning.

25. Q-Kt2

Here White had but 15 minutes
 for the next 15 moves, and sought
 exchanges.

... Q-Kt5

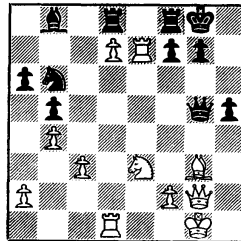
26. R/1-K1 B-Kt1

27. Kt-K3 Q-Kt3

28. R-Q1 Kt-Kt3

If ...KR-K1; 29. B-R4 is
 promising.

29. P-Q7 Q-Kt4



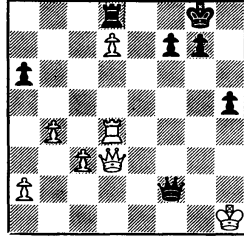
If 29...BxB; 30. QxB, QxQ
 (if 30...Q-B3; 31. Q-Q6);

31. PxQ, P-B4; 32. R-Q6, Kt-R5;
 33. R-B6 and wins, since Black's
 only hope to free his game is
 ...R-B2, which fails upon 34. R-
 K8ch, R-B1; 35. R-B8.

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|------------------------|--------|---------|
| 30. | BxB | QxR |
| 31. | B-Q6 | Q-B3 |
| 32. | BxR | KxB |
| 33. | Q-Kt7 | Kt-B5 |
| Not ...K-K2; 34. QxKt. | | |
| 34. | KtxKt | PxKt |
| 35. | Q-B8 | Q-R5 |
| 36. | Q-B5ch | K-Kt1 |
| 37. | R-Q4 | Q-B3 |
| 38. | Q-B8 | Q-Kt4ch |
| 39. | K-B1 | Q-B8ch |
| 40. | K-Kt2 | Q-Kt4ch |
| 41. | K-RL | Q-B3 |
| 42. | QxBP | QxP |
| 43. | Q-Q3† | |

Not only preparing for the
 advance of the BP, but also bid-

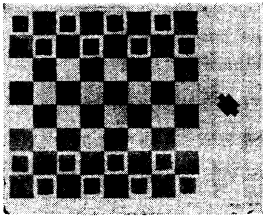
ding to win the game at once by
 other means.



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| 43. | ... | P-R5 |
| If ...QxP; 44. R-K4, Q-R5; | | |
| 45. | P-Kt5† | |
| 44. | R-K4 | K-B1 |
| 45. | R-K8ch† | RxR |
| 46. | Q-Q6ch | K-Kt1 |
| 47. | PxR(Q)ch | Resigns. |

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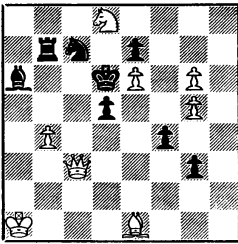
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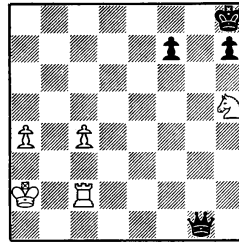
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TASK No. 10
White to Play and Win



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