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CHESS AND CHESS MACHINES

In the March issue of the magazine Esquire, Fred Reinfeld, one of America's most prolific writers on chess, contributes an article on our beloved game. We should like to compliment Mr. Reinfeld on his literary effort, but two things about the article cause us so much pain that the virtues of the article are almost completely obscured.

On the first page of the article appears, very conspicuously, a large chess set. It is one of those "Florentine" monstrosities, the kind of set that throws a chess player into a state of deep dependency, and makes him a fit subject for the nearest psychiatrist.

The pawns, bishops and queen can be distinguished only by very careful scrutiny, and the rooks and knights almost certainly were designed by Dr. Caligari, or one of his patients.

It is practically certain that the art editor of Esquire never heard of Howard Staunton, but this does not absolve Mr. Reinfeld of all responsibility. It is his duty, if he is attempting to promote chess, to see to it that the editors of the magazine have at least a child's comprehension of the game.

The second, and far more painful feature of the article, and one unquestionably due to Mr. Reinfeld, is the revival of the old gag about chess-playing machines. Mr. Reinfeld quotes Dr. Norbert Wiener of M. I. T. (whose "cybernetics" appears to be developing into a sort of cult) as saying that he "believes that some of the new electronic brains could be taught to play the game."

What the Wienerites evidently have never learned is that chess is not a mathematical game. It is amenable to exact calculation only in certain relatively infrequent situations. The late great champion, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, himself a mathematician, on more than one occasion emphasized that chess is an art. Chess not being a mathematical game, no machine, electronic or otherwise, is going to be developed which will seriously compete with the feeblest of half-witted chess players. The Wienerites should know, by now, that mathematical considerations enter into chess in vastly less degree than into music, and we have yet to hear any Wienerite suggest that a robot could be built which could compose Beethoven's Opus 106, or even the St. Louis Blues.

Imagine the plight of the poor robot which has to review, after 1. P-K4, the course of a million games, in order to decide whether the French, Sicilian or Caro-Kann is best! And think what that decision will be worth!

For two centuries, now, mechanical chess players, of one breed or another, have been stalking the country-side, disturbing the peace of mind of the chess community. It is time that these wood-pushing cadavers be decently embalmed and buried. We shall be happy to provide a space, measuring 40x60 feet, for purposes of internment. We estimate that this plot will accommodate 60 corpses, with little or no crowding.

THE CALIFORNIA CHESS RE-ORDER

COSMO (L.A.) Class "A" Championship Eugene Rubin swept aside all opposition to win the 1952 club championship with a perfect score of 9-0. The young Hollywood attorney became the fourth player to win the club title within the five years of the club's existence. LeRoy Johnson, veteran player, finished second with 7-2, and Sagorsky third with 6-3. The latter is a teen-age high school student!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	SCORE	S - B
1. E. Rubin	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-0	43.00
2. L. Johnson	0	X	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-2	28.50
3. N. Sagorsky	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6-3	21.50
4. L. Domanski	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-3	21.00
5. N. Banning	0	1	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	23.75
6. T. Cragg	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	12.25
7. N. Berras	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	1	0	2-7	8.50
8. L. Rudin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1	2-7	4.00
9. V. Nickerson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1-8	1.00
10. N. Madurowicz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0-9	0.00

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE Charles Gray of Cosmo and S. Rodriguez of the same club were re-elected President and Secretary of the League at the annual voting session of Jan. 8, 1953. The Board also re-elected John Keckhut of Santa Monica Tournament Director, and William Wheeler of Hollywood Treasurer. Nathan Negley of UCLA, a member of the Wilshire Club, was chosen Vice-President.

The 1953 team tournament will begin on Friday, March 27. The schedule of play is being drawn up by John Keckhut, assisted by Joe Bell of the Water and Power Club.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, by John Keckhut. The L.A. County championship for 1952-53 produced another series of photo finishes. At the tenth round it looked like Irving Rivise had it pretty well wrapped up when he led the field by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. He needed three draws to assure himself of at least a tie for first. But while Spinner and Spiller were winning their final three games, Rivise squeezed a draw out of Rubin, then Keckhut, but meeting Steven in the final round, lost a full point, and dropped to third place.

Tied for first and second were Arthur Spiller and Louis Spinner. They will play four games for the title. In third place was Irving Rivise, present State Co-Champion, and fourth was Sven Almgren, present State Open Champion.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 1952-53

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	SCORE	S - B
1. A. Spiller	W8	W24	L11	D2	W14	W21	W7	L4	L5	W6	W16	W10		9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	60.75
2. L. Spinner	L24	W26	W25	D1	D9	W21	W21	W11	D3	L6	W10	W4	W5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	54.75
3. I. Rivise	W17	W9	D7	W24	W11	W6	L1	W14	D2	W4	D5	D10	L8	9-4	57.50
4. S. Almgren	W10	D21	D6	L12	W15	L7	W8	W5	W1	L3	W9	L2	W16	8-5	55.75
5. E. Rubin	D16	W19	L21	D9	W13	L11	W17	L4	W8	W1	D3	W7	L2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	52.50
6. C. Wallace	D19	W16	D4	W13	W12	L3	L11	W15	D7	W2	L1	L8	W22	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	48.00
7. S. Girtskey	W25	W14	D3	L7	L21	W4	W10	L1	D6	W15	W12	L5	D9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	46.25
8. G. Steven	L1	W20	L13	W22	D17	D14	L4	W12	L5	D9	W18	W6	W3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	42.00
9. S. Geller	W20	L3	D14	D5	D2	L10	D16	W23	W17	D8	L4	W18	D7	7-6	41.00
10. J. Keckhut	L4	W15	L24	W19	D20	W9	L7	D21	W14	W16	L2	D3	L1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$	38.75
11. R. Martin	W18	W13	W1	W21	L3	W5	W6	L2	--	--	--	--	--	6-2	40.00
12. P. Quillen	L13	W18	W22	W4	L6	L2	L14	L8	W23	W17	L7	W19	L15	6-7	32.00
13. R. Gross	W12	L11	W8	L6	L5	L15	D22	L19	L18	W25	W17	D20	W14	6-7	31.25
14. Mrs. Piatigorsky	W23	L7	D9	W15	L1	D8	W12	L3	L10	L18	W20	W22	L13	6-7	31.25
15. B. Madrid	W22	L10	W19	L14	L4	W13	W18	L6	W21	L7	L16	L17	W12	6-7	31.00
16. J. Froomess	D5	L6	L17	D18	W23	D20	D9	W25	W22	L10	W15	L1	L4	6-7	27.75
17. O. Rofo	L3	L25	W16	D23	D8	W22	L5	W20	L9	L12	L13	W15	D19	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.25
18. W. Wheeler	L11	L12	L23	D16	W19	W25	L15	D22	W13	W14	L8	L9	D20	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	26.75
19. D. Maron	D6	L5	L15	L10	L18	L23	W25	W13	D20	W21	W22	L12	D17	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	24.75
20. T. Wyman	L9	L8	W26	W25	D10	D16	L23	L17	D19	L22	L14	D13	D18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.75
21. M. Gordon	W26	D4	W5	L11	W7	L1	L2	D10	L15	L19	--	--	--	4-6	24.25
22. W. Holmes	L15	W23	L12	L8	W25	L17	D13	D18	L16	W20	L19	L14	L6	4-9	13.75
23. C. Young	L14	L22	W18	D17	L16	W19	W20	L9	L12	--	--	--	--	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.25
24. M. Altshiller	W2	L1	W10	L3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-2	16.00
25. T. Golden	L7	W17	L2	L20	L22	L18	L19	L16	W13	L13	--	--	--	2-8	5.50
26. T. Baraquet	L21	L2	L20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-3	0.00

MECHANICS INSTITUTE OPEN A new idea was tried in the Mechanics Institute (San Francisco) club Open Championship. The rate of play was set at 30 moves each 30 minutes, thus greatly speeding up the course of play. Charles Bagby of San Francisco scored a fine victory, allowing only one draw, to Carroll Capps. V. Pafnutieff was second with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Capps third with 6-2.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SCORE
1. C. Bagby	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
2. V. Pafnutieff	O	X	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. C. Capps	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6-2
4. C. Svalberg	O	O	O	X	1	1	1	1	O	4-4
5. C. Bendit	O	O	O	O	X	1	1	1	1	4-4
6. A. Rosager	O	O	O	O	O	X	1	1	1	3-5
7. O. Wreden	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
8. H. Branton	O	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$
9. J. Hill	O	O	O	1	O	O	O	O	X	1-7

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE After six rounds, San Jose was leading in the annual series of team matches with a score of 6-0. Sacramento was a close second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Fresno third with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. The final round was to be played in Modesto, Feb. 15, where all teams will assemble at the same spot.

R.E. Burger of Lafayette had the best score at Board One, with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. George Kirby of San Jose and Michael Hailparn of Fresno were tied with 4-2.

Fourth Round Results

Sacramento $6\frac{1}{2}$, Oakdale $1\frac{1}{2}$: 1) M.O. Meyer 1, H. Mortensen O; 2) J.B. Gee 1, H. Tuscosian O; 3) O.A. Celle 1, A. Buerer O; 4) R.E. Russell 1, C.J. Smith O; 5) N.T. Austin 1, W. Maxey O; 6) F. Clawson $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$; 7) N. Zimmerman 1, S. Sampson O.

Fresno $5\frac{1}{2}$, Visalia $1\frac{1}{2}$: 1) M. Hailparn 1, E. Achterburg O; 2) P.D. Smith 1, W. Markus O; 3) T. Fries $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Fotias $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) H. Kallman 1, R. Clark O; 5) E.J. Cook 1, R. Watson O; 6) R. Womack 1, E. Thompson O.

Pittsburg $5\frac{1}{2}$, Stockton $4\frac{1}{2}$: 1) R.E. Burger 1, L.C. Woolfe O; 2) A. Loera 1, M.E. Mattingly O; 3) F. Olvera $\frac{1}{2}$, J.M. David-Malig $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) S. Wilson O, W. Reid 1; 5) F. Weinberg 1, P. Hubbard O; 6) G. Garcia O, M. Ellenberg 1; 7) S. Escobar 1, M.A. Sanders O; 8) H. Lansing O, A. Stubbs 1; 9) J. Smith O, J. Saxon 1; 10) J. Swartz 1, Mrs. David-Malig O.

Modesto 0, San Jose 9: 1) M.C. Jackson O, G. Kirby 1; 2) L.E. Davis O, W.T. Adams 1; 3) L.H. Kerfoot O, F. Crofut 1; 4) E.L. Jeffers O, B. Mueller 1; 5) H.E. Paul O, J. Kalnins 1; 6) H.P. Betker O, M. Gasze 1; 7) E. Hawksworth O, L. Daugherty 1; 8) C.J. Cook O, H. O'Shaughnessy 1; 9) H. Wente O, A. Mercer 1.

Fifth Round Results

Sacramento 5½, Visalia ½: 1) M.O. Meyer 1, E. Achtenberg O; 2) O.A. Celle 1, C. Fotias O; 3) J.B. Gee 1, A.W. Markus O; 4) N.T. Austin 1, R. Clark O; 5) R.E. Russell ½, E. Thompson ½; 6) N. Zimmerman 1, Forfeit O.

San Jose 6, Fresno 0: 1) G. Kirby 1, M. Hailparn O; 2) W.T. Adams 1, T. Fries O; 3) J. Kalnins 1, H. Kallman O; 4) B. Mueller 1, B. Womack O; 5) M. Gazze 1, B. Eickholt O; 6) L. Daugherty 1, E. Steve O.

Pittsburg 3, Modesto 4: 1) R.E. Burger 1, M.C. Jackson O; 2) A. Loera 1, E.L. Jeffers O; 3) F. Olvera O, L.E. Davis 1; 4) F. Weinberg ½, L.H. Kerfoot ½; 5) G. Garcia ½, H.E. Paul ½; 6) H. Lansing O, H.P. Betker 1; 7) J. Smith O, C.J. Cook 1.

Stockton 8, Oakdale 3: 1) L.C. Woolfe 1, H. Mortensen O; 2) J.M. David-Malig 1, H. Robertson O; 3) W. Reid 1, H. Tusoosian O; 4) R. Leigh 1, E. Sai O; 5) R. Juhre 1, A. Buerer O; 6) M. Ellenberg O, C.J. Smith 1; 7) J. Saxon 1, W. Maxey O; 8) M.A. Sanders ½, V. Smith ½; 9) A. Stubbs ½, S. Thomas ½; 10) A. Saxon O, H. Barton 1; 11) E. Neustadt 1, J. Smith O.

Sixth Round Results

Fresno 4½, Modesto 2½: 1) M. Hailparn 1, M.C. Jackson O; 2) P.D. Smith ½, L.E. Davis ½; 3) T. Fries 1, L.H. Kerfoot O; 4) S. Poulson 1, E.L. Jeffers O; 5) H. Kallman O, H.P. Betker 1; 6) E.J. Cook 1, H.E. Paul O; 7) W. Eickholt O, C.J. Cook 1.

Oakdale 3½, Visalia 2½: 1) H. Mortensen O, E. Achtenberg 1; 2) C.J. Smith 1, W. Markus O; 3) W. Maxey O, C. Fotias 1; 4) V. Smith ½, R. Clark ½; 5) A. Buerer 1, E. Thompson O; 6) S. Sampson 1, Forfeit O.

San Jose 5½, Stockton 4½: 1) G. Kirby O, L.C. Woolfe 1; 2) W.T. Adams 1, M.E. Mattingly O; 3) J. Kalnins ½, J.M. David-Malig ½; 4) F. Crofut O, W. Reid 1; 5) B. Mueller O, R. Leigh 1; 6) M. Gazze 1, P. Hubbard O; 7) L. Daugherty 1, M. Ellenberg O; 8) H. O'Shaughnessy 1, A. Stubbs O; 9) E. Innocenti O, J. Saxon 1; 10) H. Wood 1, M. Sanders O.

Pittsburg 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Sacramento 6 $\frac{1}{2}$: 1) R.E. Burger $\frac{1}{2}$, M.O. Meyer $\frac{1}{2}$;
 2) A. Loera 1, R.L. Richards 0; 3) R. Trenberth 1, J.B. Gee 0;
 4) G. Garcia 0, O.A. Celle 1; 5) F. Olvera 0, N.T. Austin 1; 6) F. Weinberg 0, R.E. Russell 1; 7) S. Wilson 1, S.S. Kozen 0; 8) J.R. Glover 0, N. Zimmerman 1; 9) H. Pareda 0, S.G. Johnson 1; 10) J. Smith 0, F. Clawson 1.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE After three rounds, the Russian Chess Club was leading in Division A.

First Round Results

Russians 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Castle 2 $\frac{1}{2}$: 1) V. Pafnutieff $\frac{1}{2}$, G. McClain $\frac{1}{2}$;
 2) D. Poliakoff 1, N.E. Falconer 0; 3) N. Preo $\frac{1}{2}$, F. Byron $\frac{1}{2}$;
 4) A. Palmin 0, W.A. Hendricks 1; 5) C. Svalberg $\frac{1}{2}$, F.N. Christensen $\frac{1}{2}$;
 6) P. Prokoodin 1, Prof. R. Hultgren 0; 7) A. Sienkiewicz 1, D. Neilson 0.

Golden Gate 4, Mechanics Institute 3: 1) R. Currie 0, A.J. Fink 1; 2) H. Gross 0, C. Bagby 1; 3) R. Konkel 1, C.M. Capps 0;
 4) H.J. Ralston 1, P. Petersen 0; 5) J. Myers 1, A. Johnson 0;
 6) M. Zeligs 0, A.B. Stamer 1; 7) J. Vaughn 1, R. Maxwell 0.

Oakland 4, Univ. of California 3: 1) C. Stamer $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Burger $\frac{1}{2}$;
 2) J. Demos 1, L. Huang 0; 3) C. Sedlack 0, R. Smook 1; 4) R. Trenberth 0, N. Hultgren 1; 5) R. Cuneo $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Preo, Jr. $\frac{1}{2}$; 6) C.R. Wilson 1, R. Black 0; 7) R. Freeman 1, P.C. Lum 0.

Second Round Results

Russians 3, Golden Gate 3 (one game adjourned): 1) D. Poliakoff 0, H. Gross 1; 2) V. Pafnutieff 1, R. Currie 0; 3) N. Preo, R. Konkel, game adjourned; 4) B.B. Popoff 1, M. Zeligs 0; 5) A. Palmin $\frac{1}{2}$, H.J. Ralston $\frac{1}{2}$; 6) P. Prokoodin $\frac{1}{2}$, K. Colby $\frac{1}{2}$; 7) C. Svalberg 0, P. Dahl 1.

Castle 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Univ. of California 2 $\frac{1}{2}$: 1) N.E. Falconer 0, R. Burger 1; 2) G. McClain 1, N. Hultgren 0; 3) W.A. Hendricks 1, R. Black 0; 4) F. Byron 0, L. Huang 1; 5) R. Hultgren $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Preo, Jr. $\frac{1}{2}$;
 6) F.N. Christensen 1, J. Lieberman 0; 7) D. Neilson 1, P.C. Lum 0.

Mechanics Institute forfeited to Oakland.

Third Round Results

Mechanics Institute 3, Russians 4: 1) C. Bagby 0, D. Poliakoff 1; 2) I. Konig 1, S. Cheslavsky 0; 3) P. Petersen $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Pafnutieff $\frac{1}{2}$;
 4) C. Linklater $\frac{1}{2}$, B.B. Popoff $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) M. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Preo $\frac{1}{2}$; 6) F. Arvidson $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Prokoodin $\frac{1}{2}$; 7) A.B. Stamer 0, A. Palmin 1.

- Castle 5, Oakland 2: 1) N.E. Falconer 1, J. Demos 0;
 2) G. McClain 1, C. Stamer 0; 3) F. Byron $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Sedlack $\frac{1}{2}$;
 4) W. Hendricks 1, R. Trenberth 0; 5) F.N. Christensen $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Cuneo
 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6) R. Hultgren 1, C.R. Wilson 0; 7) D. Neilson 0, R. Freeman 1.

- Univ. of Calif. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Golden Gate 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: 1) R. Burger 1, H.
 Gross 0; 2) N. Hultgren 0, R. Konkel 1; 3) L. Huang 0, R. Currie 1;
 4) R. Smook 0, J. Myers 1; 5) N. Preo, Jr. $\frac{1}{2}$, H.J. Ralston $\frac{1}{2}$;
 6) R. Black 1, P. Dahl 0; 7) J. Lieberman 1, M. Zeligs 0.

MONTEREY BAY CHESS LEAGUE The Monterey Bay Chess League held its first organizational meeting of the 1952-53 season at Salinas, Dec. 9, 1952. Rolla Taylor, Salinas Chess Club, was elected President of the League, Bill Cochrane of Santa Cruz, Vice-President, and George Kirby of the Spartan Chess Club of San Jose State College, Sec-Treasurer. Watsonville, represented by Jerry Maurovich, hopes to enter a team in the League.

Following the meeting, Salinas defeated Santa Cruz in the first League match of the season:

- Santa Cruz 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Salinas 4 $\frac{1}{2}$: 1) J.B. Beans 0, Dan Fidlow 1;
 2) J. Maurovich 1, F. Clark 0; 3) Ed Dreis 1, R.H. Taylor 0;
 4) J. Stevens $\frac{1}{2}$, G.B. Oakes $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) L. Johnson 0, A.E. Hoerchner 1;
 6) S. Jensen 0, A. Lukavich 1; 7) W. Cochrane 0, W. Pope 1;
 8) W. Sauers 1, E. Hawkins 0.

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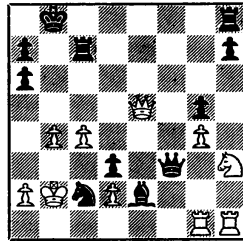
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GAME OF THE MONTH We give in this issue another little-known consultation game played by Alekhine during World War I. This game was played in Petrograd in 1915, and is extraordinarily complicated. We would have tried to annotate the game, but it made us too dizzy.

Game No. 153 - Falkbeer

White	Black
E. Snosko-Borovski	A. Alekhine
B. Kojalovitch	N. Tereschenko

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|------------|---------|------------|----------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 27. P-Kt4 | Q-B6 |
| 2. P-KB4 | P-Q4 | 28. R-Kt1 | Q-B5 |
| 3. KPxP | P-QB3 | 29. B-R6! | R-Q2 |
| 4. Kt-QB3 | BPxP | 30. Kt-R3 | QxRP |
| 5. B-Kt5ch | Kt-B3 | 31. K-Kt2 | R-QB2 |
| 6. PxP | P-Q5 | 32. Q-Q5 | PxB |
| 7. Kt-K4 | Q-Q4 | 33. R-KR1 | Q-Kt6 |
| 8. Q-K2 | B-KB4 | 34. QR-Kt1 | Q-B6 |
| 9. Kt-Kt5? | P-Q6! | 35. BxKt | PxB |
| 10. P-B4? | Q-Q2 | 36. QxKP | |
| 11. Q-K3 | Kt-R3 | | |
| 12. KKt-B3 | KKt-Kt5 | | |
| 13. Q-B4 | P-B3 | | |
| 14. Kt-R3 | B-B4 | | |
| 15. P-Kt4! | P-Kt4 | | |
| 16. Q-Kt3 | B-Q5 | | |
| 17. R-QKt1 | KKtxKP | | |
| 18. KtxB | QxKt | | |
| 19. B-Kt2 | Q-K5ch | | |
| 20. K-Q1 | O-O-O | | |
| 21. R-K1 | B-Kt5ch | | |
| 22. K-B1 | B-K7 | | |
| 23. Kt-B2 | Q-B4 | ... | Q-B1! |
| 24. B-B3 | Kt-Q5 | 37. KtxP | QxPch |
| 25. Q-K3 | Kt-B7 | 38. K-B1 | Kt-R6! |
| 26. Q-B5ch | K-Kt1 | 39. QxRch | K-Kt2 |
| | | | Resigns. |



WANTED One or two used chess clocks in good condition. State size and price. S. Quevedo, 433 No. Bonnie Brae St., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

CORRESPONDENCE Bob Burger of Lafayette writes us a long letter about chess matters in general. Two of his questions deserve and require public answers:

"I wonder what place, if any, the 'Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc.' have in the State Chess Federation? ...Certainly the State Federation should not dominate all chess activity in its territory, but some sort of recognition or sponsorship seems appropriate....."

"What is to be done about unification? An example would be a play-off between the winning teams in the S.F. Bay Area League and the Central California League. The winner of the CCCL League would be capable of meeting Golden Gate or the Russians, in my opinion....."

(The Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc., is, as the name states, a corporation. Since all the publicity we have seen on Chess Friends has come through George Koltanowski of San Francisco, it seems fair to conclude that he is a leading figure in this corporation. It is the Editor's personal opinion that no such enterprise should be recognized by the CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION. It is to be noted, with a good deal of regret, that in Koltanowski's column in the San Francisco Chronicle for Sunday, February 8, page 14, the first line reads: "The first tournament for the championship of Northern California organized by the Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc....." This sentence is so ambiguously worded that it might easily be interpreted to mean that the tournament was actually for the Northern California Championship. Quite the contrary, such a Championship has been held for some years, and is now an official part of the CSCF program. The present champion of Northern California is Dmitry Poliakoff of the Russian Chess Club of San Francisco, who rightfully won the title last August. Details of the tournament will be found in the September, 1952, issue of THE REPORTER.

As far as a play-off match between the CCCL and S.F. Bay Area leagues is concerned, we shall do our best to promote such a match if the players desire it - Ed.)

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles writes that the Hollywood Invitational Tournament is in full swing. After four rounds, Steiner was leading with 4-0, but Spinner, Cross, Altshuller, Kashdan and Levin were also undefeated, although having finished fewer games.

Dr. Frank Ruys of Redwood City informs us that so few California players have evinced interest in the proposed Correspondence tournaments, that there is no point in continuing with the attempt for the present. Incidentally, Dr. Ruys is being called back into the service of Uncle Sam, so his chess activities will be strictly limited during the next 18 months.

We learn from Sacramento Chess News that the CCCL plans to hold an individual Championship Tournament in Modesto, during March or April. This will be a Swiss, and will be distinct from the State Championship Qualifying Tournament. The CCCL is to be congratulated on its continually growing chess program.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce that Imre Konig, internationally known chess master and author of important chess books, has settled in San Francisco. Mr. Konig is a most modest man, and only after some time does one learn to appreciate his enormous knowledge of chess in all its aspects.

Mr. Konig has been meeting all comers at chess, in casual play at the Mechanics Institute in San Francisco. So far, we believe, he has not tasted defeat. He also won a rapid-transit tournament at the Golden Gate Chess Club, and played for the Mechanics Institute team against the Russians. He has joined the Mechanics Institute.

Mr. Konig gave a simultaneous exhibition at Mechanics, Jan. 31, playing 31 opponents. He allowed two wins, against Dr. Frank Ruys and Honorio Abellia, and five draws, and defeated the remaining 24 players.

Mr. Konig is much impressed by the playing-strength of California players. He states that he will write an account of California chess for the BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE. He wishes to obtain photographs, so anyone having any particularly desirable ones may send them to Mr. Konig, care of THE REPORTER, which will be Mr. Konig's address for the present.

CONRAD BERGMANN

With deep regret, we announce the death of Conrad Bergmann of the Mechanics Institute Chess Club. Mr. Bergmann was a most generous supporter of chess, and will be greatly missed. Over a period of 25 years, we never knew Mr. Bergmann to be guilty of an unkind word or act.

USSR CHAMPIONSHIP World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik and M. Taimanov tied for first and second in the Soviet championship. They were to play a match of six games to determine the winner.

E. Geller was third. Bronstein, Smyslov and Keres were well down in the final standings. No Russian player seems to be able to stay on top for very long!

PALO ALTO Kenton Chambers scored a decisive victory in the 1952 Club Championship. His score of $27\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ was $3\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead of Richard Mathews and George Petriceks, who finished in a tie for second and third, with 24-8. Petriceks, by the way, is a high-school student! A.P. Guthrie finished fourth, and Don Gold fifth. The tournament was a double-round affair, with 17 players participating.

COSMO (L.A.) Cosmo lost a match to Los Feliz by a score of 2-6, played Jan. 20. A return match is scheduled for Feb. 18.

Cosmo also lost by a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ to Compton Junior College.

SALINAS After two rounds, George Oakes and Rolla Taylor were leading in the club tournament with scores of $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Seven players are entered.

In the class "B" tournament, Robert Reyna was on top with two points.

SAN JOSE The San Jose "Y" Chess Club Championship was won by Francis Crofut, with a score of 13-5. Then followed Bill Adams $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, George Kirby $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$, Janis Kalnins $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$, and Lyman Daugherty 9-9.

In the "B" tournament, Howard O'Shaughnessy came out on top with a score of 13-5, followed by Al Lutz 16-4, Ernie Rideout 14-6, Lee Cox 12-8, and George Van Hooser 12-8.

In a round-robin team position tournament, George Kirby finished first with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Bill Adams 2-1, Francis Crofut 1-2, and Bert Mueller $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The annual six-round Swiss ten-second tournament was won by Jerry Slavich in a field of 13 players. Slavich won all his games in the tournament played Jan. 6.

The Spartan Chess Club of San Jose State College was defeated

by Salinas in a Monterey Bay Chess League match held at San Jose January 13. The score was Salinas $4\frac{1}{2}$, Spartans $3\frac{1}{2}$. The detailed results: 1. Dan Fidlow $\frac{1}{2}$, George Kirby $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. A. Lukavich 0, Francis Crofut 1; 3. George Oakes 1, Howard Wood 0; 4. W. Pope 0, E. Innocenti 1; 5. F. Clark 1, R. Donnelly 0; 6. Ted Lang 1, Jim Smith 0; 7. E. Hawkins 1, G. Marston 0; 8. M. Ossola 0, W. Shugert 1.

SAN FRANCISCO The "Chess Friends of Northern California, Inc." conducted Class "A," "B" and "C" tournaments at the Hotel Cecil January 31 and February 1. V. Zemitis of Berkeley won the "A" division, followed by Jim Myers, Henry Gross, Bob Burger, Dr. Frank Ruys, and Harold Edelstein. Zemitis won four and drew one game in the five-round Swiss. In the "B" division, Captain Philip Fetler of Castle Air Field came out on top with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. The "C" division was won by Rudolf Duerling of San Francisco with 4 points. The rate of play was 40 moves in 1 hour 15 minutes the first day and 40 moves per hour the second day.

We regret that the legend to the photograph in the December REPORTER was incorrect, a whole line being inadvertently omitted. The missing names were: Alan Chappell, Pete Peterson, Don Maron (rear), R.C. Lehman, Mike Hailparn, Bert Mueller (rear), Tom Fries.

A CHESS MANUAL FOR SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS

This is a handsomely-done mimeographed booklet of 16 pages, compiled by the Los Angeles County Chess League, with Charles E. Gray as author and John Keckhut as reviewer. Just about all the information needed for running tournaments is included, plus a considerable amount of additional information on the game of chess itself. "This manual, based on experience in teaching chess to youth, is devised for teachers and playground directors who are familiar with chess, but who can benefit from a systematic guide on how to present the game to youngsters, and on how to organize youth chess events."

Mr. Gray informs us that superior stencils were used in preparing the book, so that other counties and municipalities would be able to use the same stencils for making their own books. We are informed that San Francisco has requested use of the stencils for this purpose.

The Los Angeles County Chess League is to be warmly congratulated on doing a fine job in the promotion of chess. Anyone wishing to make use of the stencils should write to Charles E. Gray, 2180 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 18, Calif.

CHESS LITERATURE Dr. J. Hannak: EMANUEL LASKER, Biographie eines Schachweltmeisters. Mit einem Geleitwort von Prof. Albert Einstein. Siegfried Engelhardt Verlag, Berlin-Frohnau, Remstaler Strasse 21. Price DM 10.80 plus 40 Pfg. postage. 315 pp., with illustrations.

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MAROCZY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, BUDAPEST 1952, by H. Golombek. Won by Paul Keres. The 153 games of the tournament, plus a discussion of the main opening innovations, by A. H. Trott, Tables of Results, etc. The games are given in the European notation, in order to conserve space, but this notation is easily learned by the reader. A valuable addition to the chess literature. This book is published by the BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE, and may be ordered through THE REPORTER. Price \$1.60, post free.

SCHACH-TASCHEN-JAHRBUCH, 1953. Published by Siegfried Engelhardt Verlag, whose address is given above. Price DM 4.95 plus 10 Pfg. postage. The latest year-book of chess, containing much valuable information. Chief chess results of 1952, names and addresses of well-known chess players and problemists, FIDE organization and rules, etc., etc.

BCF YEAR-BOOK, 1951-52. Published by the BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE. The important year-book of the British Chess Federation. Contains an exhaustive account of British chess for the period stated, plus much valuable general information on the organization of chess clubs, telephone chess, how to run a chess tournament, etc. This book may be ordered through THE REPORTER, 50¢.

L.A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1952-53

Game No. 154 - Sicilian

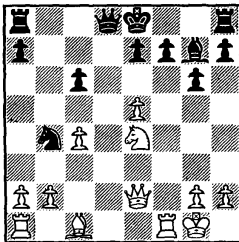
White Black
C. Wallace L. Spinner

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 6. P-B4 | Kt-B3 |
| 7. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 8. P-K5 | B-Kt5 |

8...PxP; 9. QxQch, KxQ; 10. PxP, Kt-Q4 gives Black a good game.

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| 9. B-K2 | BxB |
| 10. QxB | PxP |
| 11. PxP | Kt-Q4 |
| 12. Kt-K4 | B-Kt2 |
| 13. P-B4 | Kt-Kt5 |
| 14. O-O | |



... Q-Q5ch

If 14...BxP; 15. R-Q1 seems strong. There might follow 15... Q-B2; 16. P-QR3, Kt-R3; 17. P-B5, Kt-Kt1; 18. Kt-Q6ch, BxKt; 19. PxP, Q-Q2 (19...Q-Kt2; 20. B-Kt5, O-O; 21. PxP, R-K1; 22. R-Q8, Kt-Q2; 23. R-Q1 and wins); 20.

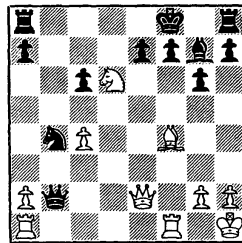
B-Kt5, Q-K3; 21. PxP!, Kt-Q2; 22. RxKt and wins (22...QxR; 23. R-Q1, Q-B2; 24. R-Q8ch; or 22... KxR; 23. Q-R6).

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| 15. K-R1 | QxKP |
| 16. B-B4 | QxP |

Black already has no alternatives. If 16...Q-QR4; 17. Kt-Q6ch, K-B1; 18. KtxP, winning.

17. Kt-Q6ch! K-B1

Black cannot be blamed for not seeing what is about to hit him. Even if he did, it would not help, for if 17...K-Q2; 18. Q-Kt4ch, P-B4; 19. KtxP, PxKt; 20. QxPch, K-K1; 21. QR-Q1 and wins.



18. B-R6!!

A most remarkable move. White's Queen cannot be taken (19. RxPch, 20. RxBch, and 21. R mates), Black's Queen is itself en prise, and RxPch is threatened.

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| ... | QxR |
| 19. RxQ | BxB |
| 20. KtxP! | KxKt |
| 21. R-B1ch | K-K1 |
| 22. Q-Kt2 | |

22. R-K1 perhaps finishes more quickly. (If 22...B-Kt4; 23. Q-K5; if 22...B-B1; 23. P-QR3! and whether or not Black plays 23... Kt-R3, White penetrates by Q-K5, Q-K6 and QxBPch.

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| 22. ... | R-KB1 | 15. K-B1 | Q-R8ch |
| 23. RxRch | BxR | 16. Kt-Kt1 | R-R7 |
| 24. QxKt | R-Q1 | 17. BxKt | BPxB |
| 25. K-Kt1 | P-K4 | 18. K-K2 | RxP |
| 26. Q-R4 and won. | | 19. Q-Kt3 | |

A brilliant performance by Charles Wallace of Long Beach.

If 19. Q-Q1 or B-R3, 19...P-K4 and 20...B-Kt5ch wins at least a piece.

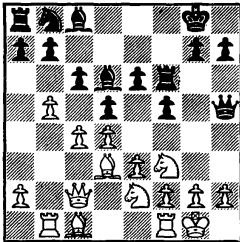
GOLDEN GATE VS. MECH. INST. 1953

Game No. 155 - Stonewall

White	Black
R. Currie	A.J. Fink

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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|------------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-K3 |
| 3. P-K3 | P-KB4 |
| 4. P-B4 | P-B3 |
| 5. Kt-B3 | B-Q3 |
| 6. B-Q3 | Kt-B3 |
| 7. O-O | O-O |
| 8. Q-B2 | Kt-K5 |
| 9. R-Kt1 | Q-K1 |
| 10. P-QKt4 | Q-R4 |
| 11. P-Kt5 | R-B3 |
| 12. Kt-K2 | |



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| ... | BxPch? |
| 13. KtxB | R-R3 |
| 14. R-K1 | QxKtch |

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| ... | RxKt |
| 20. RxR | QxR |
| 21. B-R3 | Q-Kt5ch |
| 22. K-Q2 | Q-B4 |
| 23. R-KB1 | PxBP |
- Resigns.

The Black Queen has ripped apart White's defenses like a veritable Amazon, while none of Black's Q-side pieces has moved.

Game No. 156 - Q.G.D.

White	Black
R. Konkel	C. Capps

(Notes by Neil E. Falconer)

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| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. B-Kt5 | B-K2 |
| 5. PxP | PxP |
| 6. P-K3 | O-O |
| 7. B-Q3 | P-QKt3? |
| 8. BxKt | BxB |
| 9. Q-R5 | P-KKt3 |
| 10. QxP | B-R3 |

There is nothing to lose. If 10...QxQ; 11. KtxQ, B-Q1; 12. B-K4, P-QB3; 13. Kt-Kt4, B-Kt2; 14. R-B1 and White is two Pawns up.

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| 11. QxR | BxB |
| 12. O-O-O | B-B5 |
| 13. Q-B3 | Kt-Q2 |

- 14. KkT-K2 B-Kt2
- 15. P-KR4 Q-K2
- 16. P-R5 P-B4
- 17. R PxP KB PxP
- 18. Q-R3 RxP
- 19. Kt-B4

SAN JOSE VS. PITTSBURG 1953

Game No. 157 - Budapest

White Black
G. Kirby R. Burger

Not 19. QxPch, K-B1 and Black threatens QxPch and BxKt.

(Notes by Bob Burger)

- ... Kt-B3
 - 20. Q-Kt3 Kt-Kt5
 - 21. KR-K1 PxP
- 21...P-KR4 would have prolonged the game.

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-K4
- 3. PxP Kt-K5
- 4. Q-B2 B-Kt5ch
- 5. B-Q2 KtxB
- 6. KtxKt Kt-B3
- 7. P-KB4 P-Q3
- 8. O-O-O PxP

- 22. QxKt PxKt
- 23. Q-B8ch B-B1
- 24. QxBch Q-B2
- 25. QxQch KxQ
- 26. R-K2 PxPch
- 27. KxP Resigns.

White's violent handling of the opening has gained a pawn, and the correct way to maintain it is 9. PxP, followed by KkT-B3.
9. QKt-B3 Q-B3

White never gave Black a chance to recover after his slip at move 7.

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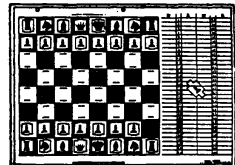
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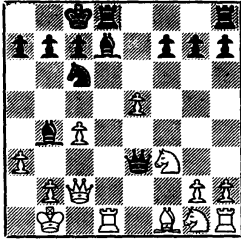
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- 10. PxP Q-B5ch
- 11. P-K3 QxPch
- 12. K-Kt1 B-Q2
- 13. P-QR3 O-O-O



This offer is not necessary, and must be retracted after White's reply; but it is sound enough and prevents R-K1 for another move.

- 14. B-Q3 B-K2
- 15. B-K4

White fails to see the threat against his KP and omits R-K1, expecting to take advantage of the Black Queen's position with his minor pieces.

- ... K-Kt1
- 16. Kt-K2 KtxP!
- 17. KtxKt B-R5
- 18. Kt-B6ch PxKt
- 19. QxB QxBch
- 20. Q-B2 QxQ
- 21. KxQ R-Q3
- 22. RxR

Hereafter White misses some subtleties that would have made a win uncertain. For instance, 22. KR-K1 now gains a tempo.

- ... PxR
- 23. Kt-Q4 K-B2
- 24. R-K1 B-B3
- 25. K-Q3 K-Q2
- 26. R-K2 BxKt

27. KxB R-K1
 Either the Rook will gain entry to the back rank or be exchanged. White hopes to hold the game with his Queen-side pressure.

- 28. RxR KxR
- 29. P-QKt4 P-KB4
- 30. P-Kt5 K-Q2
- 31. P-QR4 P-Kt4
- 32. P-R5 K-B2
- 33. P-Kt3 P-KR3
- 34. P-R3 P-Q4

and Black wins.

PITTSBURG VS. SACRAMENTO 1953

Game No. 158 - Irregular

White Black
 R. Trenberth J. B. Gee

(Notes by Bob Trenberth)

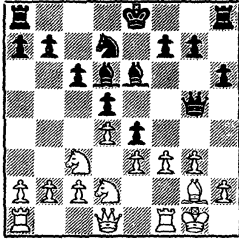
- 1. P-KKt3 P-K4
- 2. P-Q3 P-Q4
- 3. B-Kt2 Kt-KB3
- 4. B-Kt5 B-QB4

Black threatens 5...BxPch followed by 6...Kt-Kt5ch.

- 5. Kt-KB3 P-KR3
- 6. BxKt QxB
- 7. Kt-B3 P-B3
- 8. O-O B-K3
- 9. P-K3 B-Q3
- 10. P-Q4 P-K5
- 11. Kt-Q2 Kt-Q2
- 12. P-KB3 Q-Kt4

(see diagram)

- 13. PxP QxPch
- 14. K-R1 QxQP
- 15. PxP PxP



(Position after 12...Q-Kt4)

- 16. Kt-Kt5 Q-Kt3
- 17. Kt-B4! PxKt

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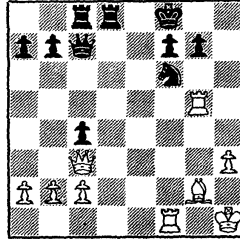
- 18. KtxBch K-K2
- 19. Kt-B5ch BxKt
- 20. RxB KR-Q1
- 21. Q-K1ch K-B1

21...Q-K3 would lose because of

22. Q-Kt4ch.

- 22. Q-B3 QR-B1

- 23. QR-KB1 Kt-B3
- 24. P-KR3 K-Kt1
- 25. P-KKt4 Q-B2?
- 26. P-Kt5 PxP
- 27. RxP K-B1



- 28. RxP? KxR
- 29. QxKtch K-Kt1
- 30. Q-Kt5ch K-B1
- 31. Q-R6ch K-Kt1
- 32. B-Q5! Resigns.

For 33. R-Kt1ch is fatal.

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REPORTER TASKS Due to the fact that this issue of THE REPORTER is appearing in a rather short time after the preceding issue, we are deferring announcement of the winner of our fourth contest until the next issue. Several of our solvers live thousands of miles from California, and will not have sufficient time to send in their solutions unless we do this.

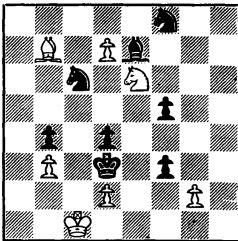
We take great pleasure in presenting two compositions by Harold Branton of San Francisco, as TASKS Nos. 27 and 28. These TASKS constitute the first pair for our fifth contest.

In 1904 there went around the world an end-game study constructed from a position which actually occurred in play at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco. This end-game came to be called the "San Francisco End-game," and attracted so much attention that it was reprinted in the LITERARY DIGEST and the BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE, the latter journal offering prizes for best solutions.

We like to think that Mr. Branton's end-game, TASK No. 28, deserves to be called the second "San Francisco End-game." It is one of the cleverest compositions we have seen in many years, worthy of Troitzky or Reti. Mr. Branton, who is a very young man, has a great future before him as composer of chess endings and problems.

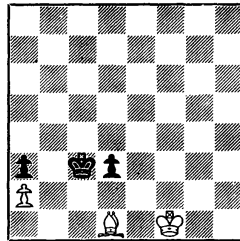
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White to Play and Win



TASK No. 28

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Answers to TASKS Nos. 25 and 26 will be given in the next issue.