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## AMERICAN CHESS AND DR. LASKER

Under the title "U. S. Chess Erupts", there appeared in the February number of the English magazine CHESS a laudatory editorial concerning the attempt by Kenneth Harkness to instill new life into the United States Chess Federation. Mr. Harkness was described as "a Scotsman who has infused more life into chess in the United States during the last ten years than any other ten men we know."

Now there appears, in the April issue of the same magazine, an ugly and unprovoked attack on Mr. Harkness, by Dr. Edward Lasker of the Marshall Chess Club in New York City. (Dr. Edward Lasker is not related to the late Dr. Emanuel Lasker, former World's Champion).

We dislike even noticing Dr. Lasker's letter, but, as Robert Louis Stevenson once remarked, the biggest liar of them all is the man who does not speak. We feel obliged to speak in defense of Mr. Harkness.

Dr. Lasker's letter is so lacking in any sustained train of thought that it is difficult to be sure just what his complaints really are. He apparently: 1) objects to Mr. Harkness making any money out of chess, and 2) considers that the only way in which chess can be promoted is by organizing master chess events.

Mr. Harkness has undertaken to put the United States Chess Federation "in the black." He has been working night and day on a simply prodigious job of chess promotion, and there is no man, anywhere, better qualified to do it. Does Dr. Lasker expect him to work for nothing, especially when his efforts show every promise of success? Dr. Lasker, himself, has made money out of chess whenever the opportunity presented itself, both through his play and through sale of his books.

No one will argue with Dr. Lasker on the point of the importance of master play in chess promotion, but what does he expect the USCF to do? Organize master tournaments all over the country? The suggestion is clearly ridiculous. With an interesting publication, and money for organizing tournaments at the city, state, and national levels, the USCF can be made to pay, and we venture to predict that Mr. Harkness will prove it to be so.

Dr. Lasker has lived in the United States for many years. He has had ample opportunity to take a hand in national chess promotion. So far as we are aware, he has never so much as lifted a finger in the attempt.

The last paragraph of Dr. Lasker's letter deserves special comment. We quote: "Until the Directors of the USCF, hitherto appointed (for all practical purposes) by a president jealously guarding his position by excluding qualified New Yorkers and maintaining a large preponderance of completely unqualified 'Hinterlanders,' will appoint a committee of people who know what is needed to promote master chess events, there is no hope for the USCF to survive. I have been asked to head an organization which would really represent American chess players, including New York, but I haven't the time."

Dr. Lasker is not a native-born American. It is, therefore, a

trifle unbecoming of him to refer to any American as a "Hinterlander." This term bears with it an aroma which is not pleasant in the nostrils of a native American. Where are the "Hinterlands" of the United States? California? Minnesota? Maine? Louisiana? When a man leaves his native land, and settles in another, he is well-advised to acquaint himself with the customs and traditions of his adopted country. In this, Dr. Lasker has signally failed.

There are no Hinterlands in the United States, Dr. Lasker!

There are 103 directors of the USCF. Eleven of these are from New York State, a figure matched only by that of California. Most of the states have only one or two directors. This is all in accordance with American conceptions of proportional representation. Of the 11 directors from New York, six are recognized masters, and only two have less than expert rating. Seven of these directors are residents of New York City, including Brooklyn. New York does not appear to have been neglected!

One might infer, from the paragraph quoted above, that the president of the USCF had favored the appointment of Mr. Harkness as business manager of the USCF. Quite the contrary, it was necessary to go over his head, and take a nation-wide poll of the directors of the USCF. The result of this poll was: 72 in favor of Mr. Harkness, 3 opposed. Since New York has 11 directors, it would appear that a majority of these probably voted in favor of the appointment of Mr. Harkness. Dr. Lasker, evidently, is not even supported by the directors of his own state!

Dr. Lasker refers to an organization which really will represent American chess players. Dr. Lasker should be more specific. Who are the officers of this organization? How many members does it have, and where do they live? How did it happen that Dr. Lasker was asked to lead it? We challenge Dr. Lasker to give us the answers to these questions.

Dr. Lasker says that he doesn't have the time. In view of the countless scores of hours Dr. Lasker has spent playing skittles in the pleasant garden behind the Marshall Chess Club, we rather imagine that he has more time than is good for his arteries.

When a letter like Dr. Lasker's appears, one feels impelled to look for a hidden motivation. Mr. Harkness conducts a national rating system. Dr. Lasker's rating is a most modest one.

HOLLYWOOD INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 1953 Isaac Kashdan of Tujunga won the Hollywood Invitational with the simply incredible score of 18½-2. Kashdan allowed only one draw, with Herman Steiner, winning all the rest of his games!

Eugene Levin scored a fine 16-3 to earn second place, and Steiner was third with 15½-3½. Sven Almgren nosed out James Cross for fourth place, with 13-4.

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Score
1. Isaac Kashdan	X	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18½-2
2. Eugene Levin	0	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16-3
3. Herman Steiner	½	½	X	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15½-3½
4. Sven Almgren	0	0	0	X	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15-4
5. James Cross	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14-5
6. Irving Rivise	0	0	1	½	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-6
7. Martin Altschiller	0	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-6
8. Steve Mazner	0	½	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	11-8
9. Jerry Belzer	0	1	0	0	0	½	1	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-9
10. Louis Spinner	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½-10½
11. Arthur Spiller	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	0	1	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-11
12. Larry Woronzoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-11
13. Leonard Standers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7½-11½
14. John Keckhut	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-13
15. Fred Hazard	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	5½-13½
16. M. Blumenfeld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	5-14
17. George Steven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	5-14
18. Samuel Geller	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	5-14
19. Mrs. G. Piatigorsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3-16
20. Hyman Rogosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2½-16½

The tournament was directed by C. E. Kodil.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP, 1953

R. E. Burger of Lafayette won the individual championship of the Central California Chess League in a 16-man, 4-round Swiss played in Modesto March 28-29. R. E. Russell of Auburn was second on Solkoff points, and Phil. D. Smith of Fresno third. Dr. J. M. David-Malig of Stockton had the same game score as Russell and Smith.

Burger scored a perfect 4-0, defeating Russell, Smith, Loera and Dr. David-Malig.

The score:

Player	Club	1	2	3	4	Score	Solk	Rank
R. E. Burger	Pitts	W2	W3	W5	W4	4-0	11.5	1
R. E. Russell	Sac	L1	W9	W13	W6	3-1	9.5	2
P. D. Smith	Fres	W7	L1	W16	W11	3-1	8.5	3
J. M. David-Malig	Stk.	W15	W12	W11	L1	3-1	7.0	4
A. E. Loera	Pitts	W13	W8	L1	D7	2½-1½	9.5	5
L. C. Woolfe	Stk	D11	W14	W8	L2	2½-1½	7.5	6
M. Hailparn	Fres	L3	W15	W12	D5	2½-1½	7.0	7
E. L. Jeffers	Mod	W10	L5	L6	W13	2-2	8.0	8
W. J. Reid	Stk	L12	L2	W14	W16	2-2	5.5	9
L. C. Davis	Mod	L8	L13	W15	W12	2-2	4.5	10
T. Fries	Fres	D6	W16	L4	L3	1½-2½	9.0	11
S. Poulsen	Fres	W9	L4	L7	L10	1-3	9.5	12-13
F. Olvera	Pitts	L5	W10	L2	L8	1-3	9.5	12-13
R. Womack	Fres	D16	L6	L9	D15	1-3	5.5	14
F. Weinberg	Pitts	L4	L7	L10	D14	½-3½	8.5	15
O. A. Celle	Sac	D14	L11	L3	L9	½-3½	7.5	16

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SANTA MONICA BAY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1953 Walter Holmes scored 8-1 to win the championship of the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club for 1953. Holmes was awarded a trophy for his success. Walter Broner and Dr. Bruce Collins tied for second and third places with 7-2. John Keckhut directed the tournament.

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Place
Walter Holmes	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-1	1
Walter Broner	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-2	2-3
Dr. Bruce Collins	1	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-2	2-3
John Ickes	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	4-6
Walter Shanks	0	0	1	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	4-6
Dr. Lemert	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	4-6
A. E. Dendy	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	3-6	7-8
Ed Edwards	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3-6	7-8
Pat Bechtel	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	2-7	9
Dr. Seidleman	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	10

FRESNO CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1953 The new champion of the Fresno Chess Club is Phil D. Smith, who was the only player to go undefeated in the 16-man 10-round Swiss. Smith drew with his three closest opponents and won all his other games. S. Poulsen was second with the good score of 8-2, and Tom Fries third on S-B points with 7-3.

Player		Pts.	S-B	Rank
Phil D. Smith	W7 D3 W13 D4 W5 D2 W8 W6 W10 W9	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	47.5	1
S. Poulsen	L3 W7 W6 W10 D4 D1 W5 W13 W8 W11	8-2	43.75	2
T. Fries	W2 D1 L8 W12 W11 D5 W7 W10 L5 W15	7-3	37.25	3
M. Hailparn	W16 W9 D5 D1 D2 D3 W13 W12 W7 L6	7-3	33.75	4
E. Cook	W10 D13 D4 W8 L1 W12 L2 W11 W3 L7	6-4	33.5	5
O. Mascke	L13 W12 L2 L9 W14 W11 W15 L1 W16 W4	6-4	20.	6
Dr. H. Kallmann	L1 L2 W16 W14 D10 W8 L3 W15 L4 W5	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	17.5	7
W. Markus	D12 W11 W3 L5 D9 L7 L1 W14 L2 W16	5-5	18.25	8
N. Laiz	W14 L4 D10 W6 D8 L13 L12 W16 W15 L1	5-5	15.	9
R. Womack	L5 W15 D9 L2 D7 W16 W14 L3 L1 W13	5-5	13.25	10
Dr. M. Rubin	W15 L8 D14 W13 L3 L6 W16 L5 W12 L2	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	11.5	11-12
L. Legler	D10 L6 W15 L3 W16 L5 W9 L7 L11 W14	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	11.5	11-12
E. Achterberg	W6 D5 L1 L11 W15 W9 L4 L2 D14 L10	4-6	17.	13
W. Eickholt	L9 W16 D11 L7 L6 L10 L8 L15 D13 L12	2-8	4.5	14
Mrs. M. Rubin	L11 L10 L12 W16 L13 W14 L6 L7 L9 L3	2-8	2.	15
C. Leininger	L4 L14 L7 L15 L12 L10 L11 L9 L6 L10	0-10		16

GAME OF THE MONTH

(We are pleased to present the following game with comments and annotations by International Master Imre König - Ed.)

The following game, played in the Bucharest International Tournament of 1953, has aroused interest mainly because the youngster Spassky (16 years of age) defeated Grandmaster Smyslov in a manner that does not often happen to a Smyslov. The theoretical aspects of the game have not been properly appreciated, in our opinion, and it is these which we aim to put in the right light.

Game No. 167 - Nimzoindian

White	Black
Spassky	Smyslov
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5
4. B-Kt5	

This move has been little analyzed, as it has been considered that White's pin is harmless, while that by Black is disagreeable (see following note).

...	P-KR3
5. B-R4	P-B4
6. P-Q5	

On 6. P-K3, Q-R4; 7. Q-Kt3, (Réti-Marshall, Brno 1928) Black gets rid of the pin and increases his pressure on White's QB3. The idea of the text move can best be seen in the following variation: 6... P-KKt4; 7. B-Kt3, Kt-K5; 8. B-K5!, P-B3; 9. Q-Q3. The Bishop, which is locked out when the white Pawn is on Q4, is able to come back to defend the weak QB3 square.

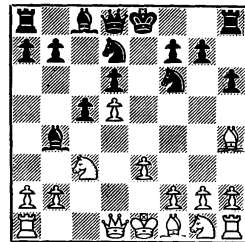
... P-Q3

A more forceful attempt is 6...P-QKt4; 7. PxKP, BPxP; 8. P-K4, O-O; 9. Q-B2, Q-R4; 10. BxKt, RxB; 11. Pxp, P-R3 (or better P-Q4) as in

the third match game Zak-Averbach 1947, with a good game for Black. This idea of setting up a kind of Blumenfeld gambit is justified since White's QB3 now being sufficiently defended, Black switches the attack to the weakened Q5 square.

7. P-K3 PxB, P-K4 as in the game Keres-O'Kelly Budapest 1952. But then Black had to play P-KKt4 to get rid of the disagreeable pin. Smyslov's idea is to isolate White's Q5 pawn.

8. Pxp QKt-Q2



9. B-QKt5!

A fine move that thwarts Black's plan to play Kt-Kt3, with the threat of winning a pawn by P-Kt4

thus forcing White to play BxKt.

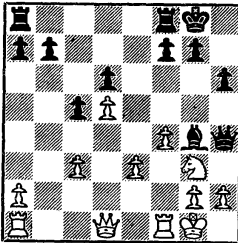
- 9. ... O-O
- 10. Kt-K2 Kt-K4
- 11. O-O Kt-Kt3
- 12. B-Kt3 Kt-R4
- 13. B-Q3 KtxB

After some maneuvering the position is now clarified. The fight was going on to prove which Kt-pin was more effective. As shown by the last move, Black's characteristic pin, B-Kt5, in the Nimzoindian, has proved to be quite ineffective, while he had to lose much time to get rid of the pin of his own Kt.

- 14. KtxKt Kt-K4
- 15. B-K2 BxKt
- 16. PxB Q-R5

To secure a square for his Kt, which would be hopelessly misplaced after P-KB4.

- 17. P-KB4 Kt-Kt5
- 18. BxKt BxB



- 19. Q-R4? B-B1

A sad necessity as 20. P-B5 was threatened.

- 20. P-K4 Q-Kt5

With 20...P-B4 he could have broken up White's center, since 21. P-K5? loses a pawn. But after 21. QR-K1, PxP; 22. RxP, White controls all the important center

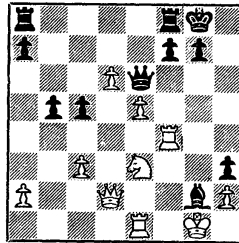
squares.

- 21. Q-B2 P-KR4
- 22. R-B2 P-QKt4
- 23. P-K5 P-R5
- 24. Kt-B1 B-B4
- 25. Q-Q2 PxP

Better resistance was offered by 25...QR-Q1.

- 26. PxP B-Kt3
- 27. Kt-K3 threatened to win a piece.

- 27. R-K1 P-R6
- 28. P-Q6 B-K5
- 29. Kt-K3 Q-K3
- 30. R-B4 BxP



- 31. Kt-B5!

Threatening Kt-K7ch and R-R4ch.

- ... KR-K1
- 32. R-K3 QR-Q1
- 33. KtxP! RxP

If 33...KxKt; 34. R-Kt3ch, K-B1; 35. RxPch!, KxR; 36. Q-B4ch, and mate next.

- 34. KtxQ Resigns.

For if 34...RxQ; 35. R-Kt3ch, K-R1; 36. R-R4 mate.

NORTH - SOUTH MATCH

SAN LUIS OBISPO, MAY 30-31



MONTEREY BAY CHESS LEAGUE After clinching the League Championship, Salinas finally lost its first League match in two years of competition. Santa Cruz broke the string of Salinas conquests by scoring  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in a match played at Santa Cruz April 15.

Santa Cruz  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , Salinas  $4\frac{1}{2}$  1) Edward Dreis 0, George Cakes 1; 2) J. Maurovich 1, Foster Clark 0; 3) J. Stevens 0, A. Lukevich 1; 4) L. Johnson 1, Paul Sing 0; 5) J. J. Murphy  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. E. Hoerchner  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6) Ivan Netoff 0, Michael Ossola 1; 7) E. B. Barrett 1, Carl Taylor 0; 8) S. I. Jensen 1, Rex Wilcox 0; 9) Wm. Cochran 1, Robert Reyna 0; 10) W. Sauers 0, Samuel Lowe 1.

SAN LUIS OBISPO All players and guests are urged to make their reservations as early as possible. Last year a number of players had difficulty obtaining rooms because of their failure to make reservations early. The Anderson Hotel will be general headquarters, but other hotels and motels will also be available.

North Captain: Wade Hendricks, 24863 Joyce St., Hayward.

South Captain: John Keckhut, 12000 Thermo St., Los Angeles 34.

All players are urged to attend the business meeting at Recreation Center Saturday evening, May 30, 8 p. m. The California State Chess Federation needs and welcomes your cooperation.

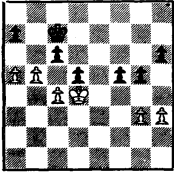
If all goes as planned, the CSCF should be able to sponsor some really high-class tournaments for all grades of players. If you want to see California chess forge ahead, support the CSCF!

CORRESPONDENCE Our distinguished annotator, Neil Falconer, writes:

"I just got around today to playing over, for the first time, some of the games in the last two REPORTERS. I think Burger's game against Fink was extraordinarily brilliant---not a single move could have been improved upon. Burger is definitely the 'white hope' of the Bay Area, in my opinion.

"In playing over his game (No. 157 - Ed.) against Kirby in the Jan.-Feb. issue, however, it occurred to me he made a mistake..... He ends his version of the game: 34...P-Q4 and Black wins. I may be wrong, but doesn't 35. P-Kt6ch draw?

"The best line I could find for Black was as follows:



35. P-Kt6ch, RfXP; 36. PxpCh, KxP; 37. PxpP, P-B4ch; 38. K-K5!, P-QB5; 39. P-Q6, P-B6; 40. K-K6, P-B7; 41. P-Q7, P-B8(Q); 42. P-Q8(Q)ch, and should at least draw. If 38...K-B2; 39. K-K6, K-Q1; 40. KxP and should draw.

Unless the above is wrong, it looks as if White got the chance he was playing for (in Black's 34... P-Q4?) but failed to see it."

From Chris Fotias of Visalia:

"For a long time, ever since you sent me a sample copy of THE REPORTER last March, I have been trying to resist the attraction of its superior printing and appearance, among other features, since I already subscribe to two chess magazines and write a column for the Chess Courier. But now, I can hardly resist any longer, especially if the subscription is still only \$1.00 and the supplements 50 cents to subscribers (The price is now \$1.50 per year - Ed.)

"On top of that, the names mentioned in THE REPORTER are becoming familiar since our club joined the Central California Chess League last year. Members of our club have been wondering if THE REPORTER and the Sacramento Chess News would ever amalgamate....

"Elmer Achterberg, president of the Visalia Chess Club, assisted by Walter Markus, activities director, and Miss Jerry Williams, secretary-treasurer, has just finished a very successful year. During his administration, the Visalia Chess Club was formally organized, it joined and participated in the team competition of the CCCL, (winding up in the cellar but 'showing considerable promise' according to Mr. Gee of Sacramento Chess News), and finally the club held a city tournament in which C. Fotias broke a three-way tie, with Achterberg and Markus, to win in Class A division; Ronnie Watson won Class B.

"Then, in elections held this month, C. Fotias was elected president, Elmer Achterberg activities director, and Ed Thompson secretary-treasurer.

"Imagine! A two-page letter arising from a casual glance at your little ad on page 73 of Chess Review for March - the immediate reason."

Kenneth Thomas of Mt. Hermon, Calif., writes:

"I am enclosing a check for \$1.50 for renewal of my subscription to your good magazine.

"I have been going to write to you just to add my name to those who appreciate and enjoy THE REPORTER. I would like to do more than just send good wishes and perhaps some time in the future I can contribute more tangible help to the good work you are doing for chess. Right now I am confined to bed about 98.2% of the time. While I am a member of the Santa Cruz Chess Club, I am unable to attend meetings, and therefore enjoy the chess news and material in THE REPORTER all the more...."

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SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE The wandering four-man team from the Golden Gate Chess Club of San Francisco (G. Koltanowski, Henry Gross, Guthrie McClain and Dr. Kenneth Colby) had a score of three wins, four losses and two draws at last word. Golden Gate defeated Luxembourg  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Strasbourg  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Milan  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Losses were to Düsseldorf 1-3, Frankfurt-am-Main  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and Venice 1-3 and 0-4. Draws were with Schaffhausen and Saarbrücken. Arthur Bisguier played first board for the Golden Gaters in the matches in Italy. (See games section for games of McClain and Gross).

MAR DEL PLATA S. Gligoric of Yugoslavia won the International Tournament with a score of 16-3. M. Najdorf was a poor second with  $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and Julio Bolbochan was third with  $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ . Herman Steiner of Los Angeles was fourteenth with  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$ .

MILWAUKEE The USCF Open Tournament is due to be held July 27-August 8.

KANSAS CITY The U. S. Junior Championship will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Chess Club August 10-15.

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LOS ANGELES The second annual High School Tournament was held on March 21 with 82 entries. Sponsored jointly by the L. A. City Schools and the L. A. County Chess League, four winners came out of six rounds of competition. Section winners were George Scules and Peter Meyer of Van Nuys High, Larry Kraus of Wilson High, and Carl Maltz of Los Angeles High. Peter Meyer won the finals with 3-0.

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Van Nuys High School won the team competition, their best four players scoring 19 points, ahead of Fairfax High with 18 points. Altogether, 19 different high schools were represented.

Roland Getze was manager of the tournament, and John Keckhut directed the play. Isaac Kashdan and Arthur Spiller adjudicated unfinished games. Fairfax High School provided excellent quarters as well as refreshments.

PALO ALTO In a match played at the Palo Alto Community Center April 6, the Palo Alto Chess Club tied with the San Jose State College Spartans, composed of both faculty and student players,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . The feature game was the long, exciting struggle between Kenton Chambers of Palo Alto and George Kirby of San Jose, on board one. George Petriceks, Palo Alto High School student, drew with Francis Crofut, San Jose City Champion, on second board.

Palo Alto  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , San Jose State  $3\frac{1}{2}$  1) Kenton Chambers 0, George Kirby 1; 2) George Petriceks  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Francis Crofut  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3) Richard Mathews 1, Howard Wood 0; 4) Albert Guthrie 1, Russ Donnelly 0; 5) Don Gold 1, Mike Suman 0; 6) Paul Melton 0, Walt Shugert 1; 7) Kenneth Van Woert 0, Fred Aslan 1.

COSMO The club may hold a Swiss tournament during the summer. It has been proposed that it be an open tournament, so that players in all clubs of L. A. County could participate.

History was made on March 18 when Cosmo for the first time defeated Inglewood in a match, 6-4. This was offset, however, by Inglewood's win over Cosmo by  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  March 4. Cosmo had not played Inglewood for two years.

Ray Martin, former California State Champion, and present Speed Champion, has become an associate member of Cosmo.

SACRAMENTO The official Sacramento City Chess Championship tournament, sponsored by the Capital City Chess Club, was due to be held April 25-26. The tournament was to be a Swiss, with Neil Austin as director.

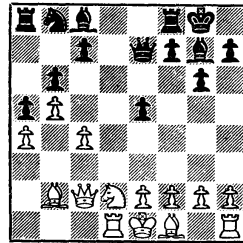
International Master Imre König gave a simultaneous exhibition in Sacramento on April 11. Playing 14 boards, Mr. König won 11 games and drew three. The session lasted about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The master was much impressed by the strength of the players - "very hard games."

George Croy, former California State Champion, writes: "The following game should be of interest, because the current correspondence chess champion of the U. S. was nicely out-played, and in a relatively unknown opening, replete with subtle and deep tactics. The opening, often called 'Santasiere's Folly', is really a variation of the Réti, subject to the same strategic and tactical considerations. There is but little book on it, and the few players who have adopted and studied it are doing so well with it - probably better than the opening deserves - that a good look at it may be well worth while."

The game was played in the semi-finals of the Golden Knights Tournament. George Hunnex of Elsinore, Calif., defeats Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Okla., in great style - Ed.

Game No. 168 - Santasiere's Folly and weak.

White Black  
 Geo. A. Hunnex Dr. Bela Rozsa



Notes by Geo. E. Croy

- 1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QKt4 P-Q3

P-Q4 is more usual, but Dr. Rozsa plans to fianchetto his KB and force an eventual P-K4 -- easier said than done.

- 3. P-Q4 P-KKt3
- 4. B-Kt2 B-Kt2
- 5. P-B4 O-O
- 6. QKt-Q2 P-QR4
- 7. P-Kt5 P-K4!

He finds a clever way of doing it, and it's now or never, for 8. Q-B2 would prevent it.

- 8. PXP KKt-Q2
- 9. Q-B2 KtxP
- 10. KtxKt PxKt
- 11. R-Q1 Q-K2
- 12. P-QR4 P-Kt3

White's undeveloped King-side looks weak and a natural target for Black's Bishop at his QKt2; however, his QBP will be backward

- 13. P-B5!
- A clever move designed to isolate Black's QBP.

- ... PXP
- 14. B-R3 Kt-Q2
- 15. Kt-K4 R-Q1
- 16. R-B1

KtxP is safe, but Hunnex rightly prefers not to exchange too many of his developed pieces. The following play is pretty, involving rather deep calculations by both players.

- ... B-B1!
- Part of a plan.....
- 17. KtxP Q-R5
- ....to force open the long diag-

onal, by means of Queen-side threats....

18. P-Kt3 Q-R5

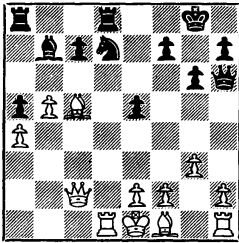
.....and land where he keeps White's Queen tied down!

19. R-Q1

The tempting B-KKt2 would prove too risky; e.g., 19. B-KKt2, Ktx Kt; 20. BxR (or 20. BxKt, BxB; 21. BxR, B-Kt5ch; 22. K-B1, B-KB4), B-KB4; 21. P-K4, Kt-Q6ch and Black has a powerful attack.

... BxKt

20. BxB B-Kt2



21. B-K7

White gives up the exchange, for the alternative: 21. P-B3, KtxB; 22. RxRch, RxR; 23. QxKt, Q-Q7ch favors Black.

... R-K1

22. RxKt BxR

23. Q-B4

P-B3 fails to pen in the B, for QxP, etc.

... B-Kt2

24. B-QR5!

B-B6 certainly looks stronger at first glance, but Q-B1 answers the threat and gives Black counter threats via the open Q-side. 24. QxQBP or RxQBP would be folly at this point, for ..R-QB1 would threaten mate at QB8.

24. ... Q-Kt2

25. P-K4!

Confining effective action to the Q-side, and pointing up Black's weakness at his QB2.

... B-B1

26. RxQBP Q-B3

27. Q-Kt3 B-K3

28. Q-B3 QR-Q1

29. B-B5

This prevents the powerful R-Q5. Hunnex ignores the offer of the "free" RP, for Black would play Q-B6! threatening mate at Q8 and at the same time attacking the B.

... B-Kt5

30. B-K2 BxB

31. KxB Q-K3

Threatening both sides of the board.

32. K-B5 Q-R6?

Black fritters away his chances with ineffectual Queen moves.

32...P-R4: 33. K-Kt2, Q-Kt5 etc and he might have been able to maintain sufficient pressure to counteract White's Queen-side advantage.

33. P-Kt6 QxRP

34. P-Kt7 Q-R4ch

35. K-K3 Q-R3ch

36. K-K2 Q-R8

37. Q-B2 Q-R4ch

38. P-B3 Q-R6

39. Q-Kt3 R-KB1!

40. B-B2!

Fooled him! Of course, if BxR, Black has a perpetual check.

... P-R4

41. R-K7

More important than the apparent attack on Black's KP is the fact that this move keeps Black's Q from returning to the Q-side.

41. ... Q-R7

This prevents RxKP because of P-R5! It also threatens an attempt for a perpetual check by R-Q7ch!; KxR, QxBch etc.

42. Q-B3 Q-R8

R-Q3 might be tried, because if 43. Q-Kt3, R-Q7ch!; 44. KxR, QxBch draws. Or if 43. QxP, KR-Q1 with winning chances. However, 43. R-B7!, KR-Q1; 44. R-B8!, Q-R8; 45. Q-B2! and Black would be stymied!

43. Q-K1 Q-R7

44. QxP Q-R8

45. Q-K1 Q-R7

46. P-R5 R-Q3

47. Q-Kt4! Resigns.

If 47...R/1-Q1; 48. P-Kt8(Q). Or if 47...R/3-Q1; 48. P-R6. Or if 47...R-QB3; 48. Q-Kt3. A beautifully played game!

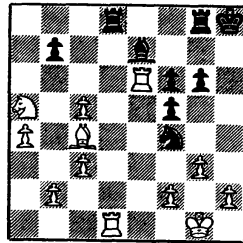
The following game was played in the match between the Golden Gate Chess Club and Strasbourg.

Game No. 169 - French Defense

White	Black
W. G. McClain	J. Wurch

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|------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4    | P-K3    |
| 2. P-K4    | P-Q4    |
| 3. Kt-Q2   | P-QB4   |
| 4. PxBP    | Kt-QB3? |
| 5. PxP     | PxP     |
| 6. Kt-Kt3  | Kt-B3   |
| 7. Kt-B3   | B-K2    |
| 8. B-K2    | O-O     |
| 9. O-O     | Q-B2    |
| 10. P-B3   | P-QR4   |
| 11. P-QR4  | Kt-Q1?  |
| 12. B-KKt5 | K-R1    |
| 13. BxKt   | PxB     |
| 14. QxP    | Kt-K3   |

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|--------------|--------|
| 15. Q-K4     | Kt-B5  |
| 16. KR-K1    | R-KKt1 |
| 17. P-Kt3    | P-B4   |
| 18. Q-K5ch   | QxQ    |
| 19. KtxQ     | B-K3   |
| 20. B-B4     | Kt-Q4  |
| 21. QR-Q1    | QR-Q1  |
| 22. KtxP     | P-B3   |
| 23. Kt-Kt6ch | PxKt   |
| 24. RxB      | Kt-B5  |



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|-------------|----------|
| 25. R/6-K1! | Kt-R6ch  |
| 26. K-Kt2   | RxR      |
| 27. RxR     | R-R1     |
| 28. KtxP    | RxP      |
| 29. KxKt    | RxB      |
| 30. R-Q4    | Resigns. |

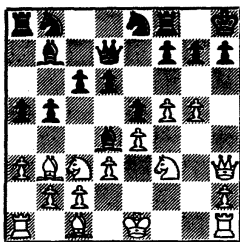
The following game was played in the match at Düsseldorf.

Game No. 170 - K's Bishop

White	Black
I. Engert	H. Gross

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K4   |
| 2. B-B4   | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. P-Q3   | B-B4   |
| 4. Kt-QB3 | O-O    |
| 5. P-B4   | P-Q3   |
| 6. P-B5   | P-B3   |
| 7. Q-B3   | P-QKt4 |
| 8. B-Kt3  | P-QR4  |
| 9. P-QR3  | B-Kt2  |

10. P-Kt4 Kt-K1  
 11. P-Kt5 K-R1  
 12. Q-R3 Q-Q2  
 13. Kt-B3 B-Q5



14. BxP?

White is playing a rather coffee-house type of game.

... QxB  
 15. P-Kt6 QxKt1  
 16. Kt-K2 B-Kt3  
 17. Kt-Kt5 Kt-B5  
 18. Kt-Kt3 QKt-Q2  
 19. Kt-K6 KR-K1  
 20. Kt-Kt5 R-K2  
 21. B-Q2 Kt-B1  
 22. P-Kt3 B-B1  
 23. Q-R4 P-R5  
 24. P-Kt4 QR-R2  
 25. R-KB1 P-Q4  
 26. Kt-B7ch RxKt  
 27. PxB QxP  
 28. B-B3 PxB  
 29. PxB R-K2  
 30. R-B3 Q-B5  
 31. R-Q3 R-Q2  
 32. Q-O-O RxR  
 33. RxR Kt/1-Q2  
 34. K-Kt2 P-B4  
 35. Q-Kt5 PxB  
 36. PxB B-Q5  
 37. Q-Q2 QxPch  
 38. K-R2 Q-B5ch  
 39. K-Kt1 BxB

40. RxB Q-Kt5ch  
 41. K-R2 Q-B1  
 42. R-B7 P-Kt5  
 43. Q-Q3 P-R3  
 44. Q-B4 Kt-Kt3  
 45. Q-B6 Kt/B3-Q2  
 46. K-R1 P-Kt6  
 47. K-Kt2 PxB  
 48. KxB

Here the game was adjourned, and the game was adjudicated a win for Black: 48...Q-Kt1; 49. Q-K6, Q-Q1 followed by ...B-R3.

#### PITTSBURG VS MODESTO, 1953

##### Game No. 171 - Sicilian

White	Black
R. Burger	M. Jackson

##### Notes by R. Burger

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-Q4	PxB
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5
6. B-Q3	Kt-QB3
7. Kt-K2	P-Q4
8. PxB	KtxP
9. O-O	KtxKt
10. KtxKt	BxKt
11. PxB	Q-B2

White's opening play has not been very enterprising, but his Bishops are dangerous. Black decides to make a waiting move before castling, feeling confident that B-R3 can be met by Kt-K2.

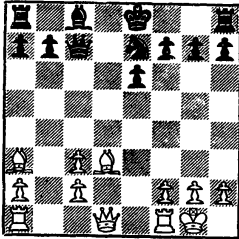
12. B-R3	Kt-K2
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(See diagram next page)

13. B-Q6!	QxP?
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Position after 12...Kt-K2



Black's last move is folly: Q-Q1 was both necessary and sufficient.

14. B-Kt5ch Kt-B3

The only move; the rest is mayhem.

15. P-QR4 P-QR5

16. R-R3 Q-B3

17. BxKtch PxB

18. R-KB3 Q-Q1

19. R-Q3 B-Q2

20. Q-Kt4 Q-B3

21. KR-Q1 R-R2

22. Q-Kt4 Q-Q1

23. B-Kt8 P-QB4

24. Q-Kt2 and wins.

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|--------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4      | Kt-KB3  |
| 2. P-QB4     | P-K3    |
| 3. P-KKt3    | Kt-K5   |
| 4. Kt-Q2     | B-Kt5   |
| 5. B-Kt2     | P-KB4   |
| 6. Q-B2      | P-Q4    |
| 7. Kt-B3     | O-O     |
| 8. O-O       | B-K2    |
| 9. Kt-K5     | P-B3    |
| 10. Kt/2-B3  | Q-K1    |
| 11. Kt-Q3    | Kt-Q2   |
| 12. R-Kt1    | P-KKt4  |
| 13. P-B5     | Q-R4    |
| 14. Kt/B3-K5 | R-B3    |
| 15. P-B3     | R-R3    |
| 16. PxKt     | BPxP    |
| 17. Kt-K1    | KtxKt   |
| 18. PxKt     | QxPch   |
| 19. K-B2     | R-R6    |
| 20. P-K3     | QxPch   |
| 21. K-K2     | R-R7    |
| 22. K-Q1     | QxP/4   |
| 23. P-Kt4    | Q-Kt2   |
| 24. B-Kt2    | P-K4    |
| 25. Q-B3     | B-Kt5ch |
| 26. K-B1     | B-B3    |
| 27. Q-Kt3    | K-R1    |
| 28. B-QB3    | R-K1    |
| 29. R-Kt2    | B-K3    |
| 30. R/2-KB2  | P-Q5    |
| 31. Q-Q1     | B-K2    |
| 32. PxP      | P-K6    |
| 33. R-B2     | R-Q1    |
| 34. Kt-B3    | B-Kt5   |

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Game No. 172 - Dutch Defense

White Black

M. Hailparn A. Loera

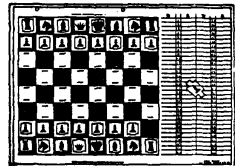
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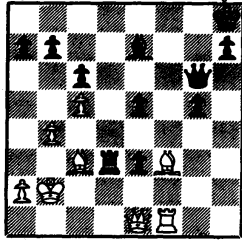
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- 39. K-Kt2 R-Q6



40. B-K2

40. Q-Kt5, which looks strong, gets into trouble after 40...B-B3!; 41. BxKP, R-Q7ch; 42. K-R1 (forced), Q-Kt2! winning.

... R-Q5

41. B-Q1

41. BxR looks chancy, but probably wins after 41...PxB; 42. Q-Kt1!, and 43. Q-Q3, etc.

... R-KB5

42. R-R1

If 42. RxR, PxR; 43. BxPch, B-B3; 44. Q-B3, K-Kt2! and Black's game should at least be good for a draw.

... R-B7ch

- 43. K-R3 Q-Q6
- 44. B-Kt3 Q-R3ch
- 45. B-R4 Q-Q6
- 46. B-Kt3 B-B3
- 47. R-R3 R-K7
- 48. Q-Q1 Q-R3ch
- 49. B-R4 Q-B5
- 50. B-Kt3 Q-R3ch
- 51. B-R4 Q-B5

Draw agreed. A very difficult game for both players.

SPARTANS VS SALINAS, 1953

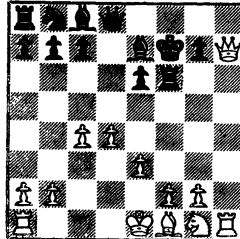
Game No. 173 - Q. G. D.  
 White Black  
 George Kirby G. B. Oakes

Notes by Neil E. Falconer

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-K3
- 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4
- 4. B-Kt5 B-K2
- 5. Q-B2 O-O
- 6. P-K3 P-KR3
- 7. P-KR4 PxB
- 8. RxB P-Kt5
- 9. KtxKt PxKt
- 10. QxP P-KB4

At first blush 10...B-Kt5ch looks preferable, forcing the white K either to Q1 or K2. But after 10...B-Kt5ch; 11. K-Q1, P-KB4; White plays 12. Q-R4 (threatening 13. Q-R5 and 14. P-Kt6) with lasting pressure. For example, 12...Q-K1; 13. Q-R7ch, K-B2; 14. P-Kt6ch, K-B3; 15. Kt-K2, threatening Kt-Kt3-R5ch. Or 12...K-B2; 13. Q-R5ch, K-K2; 14. Q-Kt6, R-Kt1; 15. R-R7, Q-B1; 16. P-QR3!, winning back the piece.

- 11. PxPe.p. RxB
- 12. Q-R7ch K-B2



13. B-Q3            B-Kt5ch  
 14. K-K2            B-KB1  
 15. Kt-B3           K-K2  
 16. QR-Q1          Q-K1  
 17. B-B2

17. Kt-K5 seems very strong. If  
 17...Kt-Q2; 18. B-Kt6, Q-Q1;  
 19. P-KKt4! should win.

...            Kt-Q2  
 18. R-R5?

Permitting Black to simplify.

18. Kt-K5 was still quite in order.

...            RxKt  
 19. PxR           Kt-B3  
 20. B-Kt6        KtxQ  
 21. BxQ           Kt-B3  
 22. B-Kt6        KtxR  
 23. BxKt          B-Q2

24. P-Kt4           K-B3  
 25. P-B5            P-R4  
 26. PxP             RxP  
 27. R-Q2            B-Kt4ch!

This and the next two moves  
 force the win of further material.

28. K-Q1            B-B5  
 29. R-Kt2           P-QKt4  
 30. PxPe.p.        PxP  
 31. RxP             RxB  
 32. P-K4            BxRP  
 33. P-Q5            BxP  
 34. PxB             RxPch  
 35. K-K2            R-QR4  
 36. R-Kt2           K-B4  
 37. R-B2            P-Kt4  
 38. K-B1            R-B4

and Black won.

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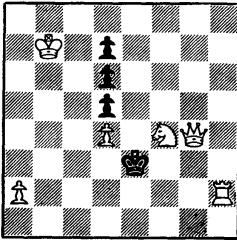
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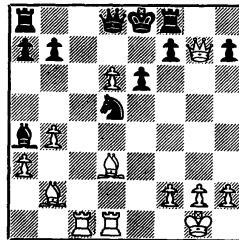
REPORTER TASKS We continue with our fifth contest.

TASK No. 31 is a pretty little problem by J. Dobrusky. TASK No. 32 is a position from a tournament game recently played. The bright young Rumanian star, Ciocâltea, has the white pieces against Karacsony.

TASK No. 31  
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 32  
White to Play



ANSWERS: TASK No. 29: The key move is 1. R-R5, with the main line 1...PxQP; 2. B-B1.

TASK No. 30: The key move is 1. B-B1, with the main line 1...KxP; 2. Q-B4ch.

The Ciocâltea position, TASK No. 32 above, will give you plenty of opportunity to exhibit your analytical skill!!