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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

With this issue THE REPORTER embarks upon its fourth year. We feel like patting ourselves on the back for having lasted this long, and we want to thank our subscribers for their support and well wishes.

The last three years have had their ups and downs, but on the whole everybody connected with the magazine has enjoyed the work. We have lost our co-founder, Dr. H. J. Ralston, as Editor, but his illness did not bench him permanently; he remains as Task Editor and drops in frequently to keep an eye on things. We received a great deal of help, when we needed it most, from international master Imre König, who continues as our guest annotator. We have acquired some new reporters and associate editors, and feel better prepared for the future than ever before. Financially, we have operated within our budget, as set forth by the allocation by the California State Chess Federation of \$1.50 from each \$2.50 membership dues. Our subscription list remains at a little over 400 - practically unchanged from a year ago. All in all, THE REPORTER has had a successful third year.

PAN-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN, HOLLYWOOD, 1954

The Pan-American tournament started out with overtones of East vs. West rivalry. A large influx of New Yorkers arrived at the Hollywood Athletic Club on Saturday, July 10, 1954, with chips on their shoulders and dire predictions of what they would do to the Californians. Arthur Bisguier and Larry Evans finished 1-2 to vindicate the predictions, but the other positions were pretty evenly divided. A number of ex-New Yorkers now living in the Los Angeles area were playing, and this fact caused a lot of bantering. The younger generation from New York and New Jersey, including the juniors fresh from the U.S. Junior Championship at Long Beach, were the most vociferous, but when the tournament was over the youngsters were largely placed behind the first fifteen.

As a matter of fact, during the course of the tournament all sectional rivalries were forgotten and easterners and westerners became allies. Each player rapidly acquired a "team" because his opponents were now earning tie-breaking S-B points for him. There was also a situation peculiar to the Swiss System which caused the top players to go about anxiously watching the results of some of the immediately lower games. This was because at the half-way point, after about seven rounds, most of the favorites had already played each other. It then became a matter of concern that the top players might draw a relatively easy opponent.

Bisguier and Evans went on record to the effect that one of the chief weaknesses of the Swiss was the early pairing of the top players. When they met in the fifth round, each felt that it was too early in the tournament to take any risks of losing, and they consequently played a thirteen-move draw. A rich reward is doubtless waiting for the genius who can devise a pairing system for the Swiss which will allow games between the best players to be deferred, safely, until the late rounds.

The tournament was dominated in the early rounds by Bisguier, Evans, Rossolimo, and Pomar. After seven rounds, Rossolimo, Bisguier and Evans were first, second and third. After ten rounds they were tied with Pomar, all with 8-2 scores. In the last four rounds Herman Steiner came on with a rush to finish fourth, ahead of Pomar; and the latter was tied in game points by Jimmy Sherwin, who scored three out of four at the end. Isaac Kashdan finished strong with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and held seventh place.

The decisive games between the top seven were as follows: Bisguier beat Steiner and Pomar; Evans beat Steiner and Sherwin; Rossolimo beat Evans and Steiner; Steiner beat Pomar; Pomar beat Rossolimo; and Kashdan beat Evans. The most critical game was Kashdan-Evans, in the thirteenth round. Kash threw caution to the winds, and then, a piece down and his attack sputtering out, saw Evans exceed the time limit with three moves to go. This game cost Larry first place. The major upset was Pafnutieff-Bisguier. When this exciting game from round nine was over, a spontaneous burst of applause went up from the audience. The second greatest upset was Henry Gross-Kashdan in round ten: Gross, after nearly falling for the Noah's Ark trap in the Ruy Lopez (losing a pawn to avoid the loss of a piece), outplayed Kash and won prettily.

The tournament had an "off" night, during which a rapid-transit tournament was held. Evans won this event 19-2, losing only to Louis Spinner, who was second, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Spinner lost only to Sherwin, who placed third with 18-3. Tied with 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ were Bisguier, Kenneth Grover (a checker champion), Charles Kalme, and Olaf Ulvestad.

On this same day off, E. Forry Laucks of West Orange, N.J. gave a luncheon for past and present members of the Log Cabin Chess Club. Forry gave a talk on the wonders to be seen in southern California. (He failed to go into the subject of Mexico; this was probably due to the fact that he had been kidded quite a bit about his trips to Tijuana. It seems that on a couple of occasions he took a carload of players to that border city and came back late for the evening round.) In his talk, Forry intimated that the United States team's showing against the Russians was primarily due to Log Cabin, because Evans and Donald Byrne, the only Americans with plus scores, were former Log Cabin members.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Tournament Director Charles E. Kodil was presented a purse by the players, in appreciation of his capable directing. Mrs. Langan, secretary on hand throughout the tournament, was also given a present - a matched powder-lipstick-compact gadget.

The final meeting was a festive occasion, since \$3,700 was handed out in prizes. George F. Goehler of the committee, master of ceremonies, told the players that Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky, Philip C. McKenna and Herman Steiner were chiefly responsible for the financial success of the tournament, and introduced the other members of the committee: Harry Borochof, Irving Rivise, Guthrie McClain, Henry Gross, Phil Smith and Selma Steiner.

SECOND PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS
Hollywood, California - July 10-24, 1954

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Game S-B
1 Arthur Bisguier, N.Y.	W67	W33	W7	W13	D2	W5	D3	W11	L26	W4	D6	W17	W24	W8	11-22 1094
2 Larry Evans, N.Y.	W27	W42	W17	W19	D1	L3	W4	W6	W13	D5	W14	W11	L7	W22	11-3 1054
3 Nicolas Rossolimo, GrNeck	W49	W20	W50	W26	W4	W2	D1	W17	L5	D14	D27	W22	D6	D7	10-3 99
4 Herman Steiner, L.A.	W70	W6	W69	W15	L3	D7	L2	W18	W17	L1	W10	W27	W5	W11	10-2 52 84
5 Arturo Pomar, Madrid	W38	D15	W33	W25	W8	L1	W13	W7	W3	D2	W11	L6	L4	W24	10-4 954
6 James T. Sherwin, N.Y.	W31	L4	W27	W43	W68	D11	D17	L2	W8	W19	D1	W5	D3	W16	10-4 894
7 Isaac Kashdan, Tujunga	W12	W11	L1	W51	W14	D4	W18	L5	D19	L27	W28	W34	W2	D3	9-3 42 88
8 Jack Moskowitz, L.A.	D25	W39	W59	W36	L5	L13	D31	W20	L6	W30	W16	W19	W27	L1	9-5 75
9 Peter P. Lapiken, L.A.	L11	W12	L68	L57	W63	W51	W61	W16	D22	W28	L17	D26	W34	W18	9-5 72
10 Harry Borochoff, L.A.	L57	W24	W32	L17	W43	L16	W53	D45	W29	W13	L4	D12	D25	W26	8-2 52 71
11 Irving Rivise, L.A.	W9	L7	W23	*	W19	D6	W27	L1	W36	W26	L5	L2	W12	L4	8-2 52 70
12 K.M. Grover, Taholah, Wash.	L7	L9	W64	D49	W40	W44	D35	W32	L28	W23	W13	D10	L11	W25	8-2 52 68
13 Shelby Lyman, Boston	W68	W14	W51	L1	D18	W8	L5	W34	L2	L10	L12	W45	W37	W27	8-2 52 67
14 O.L. Ulvestad, Seattle	W71	L13	W49	W20	L7	W36	D15	W25	W33	D3	L2	L24	D26	W31	8-2 52 66
15 Amos Kaminski, N.Y.	W56	D5	W43	L4	W55	D34	D14	L19	L18	D29	W40	D33	W42	W17	8-2 52 62
16 E.T. McCormick, E Orange, NJ	L50	D44	W39	D28	W46	W10	D19	L9	W45	D34	L8	W30	W33	L6	8-6 66
17 Ross Siemms, Toronto	*	W72	L2	W10	W50	W25	D6	L3	L4	W18	W9	L1	D22	L15	8-6 63
18 Allen J. Kaufman, N.Y.	L30	W65	W67	W41	D13	W31	L7	L4	W15	L17	D20	W21	W19	L9	8-6 61
19 Eugene Levin, Van Nuys	W73	W37	W55	L2	L11	W24	D16	W15	D7	L6	W25	L8	L18	W38	8-6 61
20 Sven Almgren, L.A.	W22	L3	W54	L14	W60	W55	L34	L8	W50	L25	D18	W29	D31	W35	8-6 61
21 Ray Martin, L.A.	W48	D35	L25	W38	L31	D42	L36	W59	L30	W50	W39	L18	W49	W41	8-6 61
22 Charles Kalme, Phila.	L20	L49	W29	W52	L41	*	W59	W30	D9	W33	W26	L3	D17	L2	8-6 60
23 John Penquite, Des Moines	W24	L69	L11	W63	L28	L45	W52	D53	W43	L12	W57	W41	D35	W34	8-6 59
24 Saul Yarmak, Passaic	L23	L10	W48	W59	W70	L19	W37	W50	L27	W36	W31	W14	L1	L5	8-6 58
25 Roger Smook, Berkeley	D8	W40	W21	L5	W42	L17	W41	L14	D34	W20	L19	W49	D10	L12	7-2 62 61
26 V. Pafnutieff, S.F.	W63	W45	W60	L3	D34	D41	W28	D33	W1	L11	L22	D9	D14	L10	7-2 62 59
27 Henry Gross, S.F.	L2	W29	L6	*	W33	W30	L11	W47	W24	W7	D3	L4	L8	L13	7-2 62 58
28 W.F. Kaiser, Minneapolis	L37	W70	D38	D16	W23	W61	L26	W35	W12	L9	L7	L31	D30	W42	7-2 62 56
29 George Humnax, Elsinore	L42	L27	L22	W64	W52	W46	D32	W41	L10	D15	D58	L20	W43	*	7-2 62 55
30 Robt.G. Cross, Sta. Monica	W18	L51	L31	W66	W58	L27	W68	L22	W21	L8	W54	L16	D28	W46	7-2 62 54

31	Martin Harrow, Jamaica, NY	L6	W46	W30	D42	W21	L18	D8	L36	W58	W35	L24	W28	D20	L14	7 1/2	6 1/2	534
32	R.W. Banner, Orange, Cal.	L69	W66	L10	L53	W62	W60	D29	L12	W57	L41	W52	D38	W36	D33	7 1/2	6 1/2	51
33	Phil D. Smith, Fresno	W62	L1	L34	*	W44	W50	W47	D26	L14	L62	W41	D15	L16	D32	7 1/2	6 1/2	503
34	Robert M. Jacobs, L.A.	L35	W48	W33	W47	D26	D15	W20	L13	D25	D16	W49	L7	L9	L23	7-7	57 1/4	
35	Meyer Schleifer, L.A.	W34	D21	L5	L44	W49	W38	D12	L28	W40	L31	W46	D42	D23	L20	7-7	55 1/4	
36	Charles Hidalgo, N.Y.	L60	W61	W45	L8	W51	L14	W21	W31	L11	L24	L42	W40	L32	W49	7-7	53	
37	Tom Fries, Fresno	W28	L19	W53	L68	L61	W58	L24	W46	L49	L40	W60	W54	L13	W55	7-7	50	
38	Sanford Greene, Mt. Vernon	L5	W56	D28	L21	W54	L35	D44	W68	L39	W47	D29	D32	*	L19	7-7	49	
39	Morris Gordon, L.A.	D58	L8	L16	L40	L65	W54	W66	W56	W38	D45	L21	W59	D46	D48	7-7	47 1/2	
40	Frank Hufnagel, L.A.	D52	L25	L44	W39	L12	D49	W56	W61	L35	W37	L15	L36	W59	D47	6 1/2	7 1/2	46 1/2
41	Mark Eucher, Van Nuys	W66	L43	W57	L18	W22	D26	L25	L29	W53	W32	L33	L23	W61	L21	6 1/2	7 1/2	46 1/4
42	J. Kagetsu, Toronto	W29	L2	W72	D31	L25	D21	L50	W55	W47	L49	W36	D35	L15	L28	6 1/2	7 1/2	45 1/2
43	Norman Goldberg, Inglewd	W46	W41	L15	L6	L10	L59	D57	W44	L23	W61	L55	W68	L29	W51	6 1/2	7 1/2	45 1/4
44	Geo.R. McMahon, Van Nuys	L54	D16	W40	W35	L33	L12	D38	L43	D52	L57	L51	W64	W65	W58	6 1/2	7 1/2	44 1/2
45	John Keckhut, L.A.	W47	L26	L36	L70	W72	W23	W55	D10	L16	D39	D53	L13	L51	W61	6 1/2	7 1/2	44 1/2
46	G.K. Fielding, Saskatoon	L43	L31	W56	W54	L16	L29	W63	L37	*	W55	L35	W53	D39	L30	6 1/2	7 1/2	42
47	Mrs. Nancy Roos, L.A.	L45	W63	W52	L34	W57	W68	L33	L27	L42	L38	L50	W62	W53	D40	6 1/2	7 1/2	40 1/2
48	Don Maron, L.A.	L21	L34	L24	D65	W71	D56	D51	L58	D61	D66	W64	D57	W63	D39	6 1/2	7 1/2	36 1/2
49	Mrs. Mary Bain, N.Y.	L3	W22	L14	D12	L35	D40	W62	W60	W37	W42	L34	L25	L21	L36	6-8	45 1/2	
50	Dr.G.A.Koelsche,Rochester	W16	W57	L3	W58	L17	L33	W42	L24	L20	L21	W47	W55	*	*	6-8	44	
51	Hyman Gordon, L.A.	W65	W30	L13	L7	L36	L9	D48	L57	W56	L52	W44	D60	W45	L43	6-8	42 1/2	
52	Donald Young, SanGabriel	D40	D58	L47	L22	L29	W64	L23	W63	D44	W51	L52	L61	W54	D56	6-8	39 1/2	
53	Orlo M. Rolo, Long Beach	*	W74	L37	W32	L27	W57	L10	D23	L41	W58	D40	L46	L47	W63	6-8	36 1/2	
54	Chas.Henderson, Bev.Hills	W44	L55	L20	L46	L38	L39	W67	W62	W59	W60	L30	L37	L52	W65	6-8	35 1/2	
55	Samuel Geller, L.A.	W74	W54	L19	W60	L15	L20	L45	L42	W66	L46	W43	L50	W57	L37	6-8	33	
56	Charles Namson, L.A.	L15	L38	L46	*	W67	D48	L40	L39	L51	W71	L58	W66	W64	D52	6-8	24 1/2	
57	Louis Persinger, N.Y.	W10	L50	L41	W9	L47	L53	D43	W51	L32	W44	L23	D48	L55	D59	5 1/2	8 1/2	44 1/2
58	Mrs. Lena Grumette, L.A.	D39	D52	*	L50	L30	L37	D65	W48	L31	L53	W56	L43	W60	L44	5 1/2	8 1/2	33
59	Alex. Einhorn, N.Y.	W61	L60	L8	L24	W66	W43	L22	L21	L54	W67	W62	L39	L40	D57	5 1/2	8 1/2	31 1/2
60	Geo. Steven, ShermanOaks	W36	W59	L26	L55	L20	L32	*	L49	W65	L54	L37	D51	L58	*	5 1/2	8 1/2	30 1/2

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SECOND PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Game	S-B
61 Peter Meyer, Van Nuys	L59	L36	W71	W67	W57	L28	L9	L40	D48	L43	W66	W52	L41	L45	5- $\frac{1}{2}$	8- $\frac{1}{2}$
62 George Coady, Toledo	L33	L67	L70	*	L32	W65	L49	L54	Bye	*	L59	L47	W66	L64	5-9	17
63 Mrs. C. Henderson, Bev Hills	L26	L47	*	L23	L9	*	L46	L52	L64	Bye	*	W65	L48	L53	5-9	11- $\frac{1}{2}$
64 Robert G. Reese, L.A.	L72	L73	L12	L29	Bye	L52	D71	L66	W63	W65	L48	L44	L56	W62	4- $\frac{1}{2}$	9- $\frac{1}{2}$
65 E. Forry Laucks, Orange NJ	L51	L18	L66	D48	W39	L62	D68	W71	L60	L64	W67	L63	L44	L54	4-10	21- $\frac{1}{2}$
66 Mrs. Frances Frazier, LA	L41	L32	W65	L30	L59	W67	L39	W64	L55	D48	L61	L56	L62	*	3- $\frac{1}{2}$	10- $\frac{1}{2}$
67 R. A. Sanford, L.A.	L1	W62	L18	L61	L56	L66	L54	Bye	W71	L59	L65	-	-	-	3-8	-
68 Bernard Madrid, Norwalk	L13	W71	W9	W37	L6	L47	L30	L38	*	*	-	-	-	-	3-7	-
69 Louis Spinner, L.A.	W32	W23	L4	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-2	-
70 Martin Altshiller, Tujunga	L4	L28	W62	W45	L24	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-5	-
71 Ellis Levy, Beverly Hills	L14	L68	L61	*	L48	Bye	D64	L65	L67	L56	*	-	-	-	1- $\frac{1}{2}$	9- $\frac{1}{2}$
72 Daniel Karpilowsky, L.A.	W64	L17	L42	*	L45	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-5	-
73 Ronald Gross, Compton	L19	W64	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	-
74 Fred Goetze, L.A.	L55	L53	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-4	-

Tournament Director - Charles E. Kodil

* Forfeit

GAME OF THE MONTH - by Valdemars Zemitis

In the following game, the older and younger generations cross swords over the board: Kashdan, a grand-master candidate over 20 years ago; Bisguier, on his way to that title. The newly crowned U.S. Champion and ultimate winner of the Second Pan-American Tournament, Arthur adopts the seldom played Four-Pawn Attack against Kashdan's King's Indian Defense. On move six, Kashdan deviates from the beaten path to a thorny by-way, but still manages to walk safely. Then Bisguier offers a Pawn sacrifice, the ramifications of which carry far into the endgame. The result is a tribute to the subtle imagination of the younger master.

Game No. 244 - King's Indian

White Black
A.B. Bisguier I. Kashdan

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| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2 |
| 4. | P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-B4 | O-O |
| 6. | Kt-B3 | |

In the same tournament, Ulvestad played against Smock 6. B-Q3, with the idea that after 6... P-B4; 7. P-Q5, P-K3; 8. Kkt-K2 (instead of Kt-B3), the usual reply 8... P-Qkt4 would not be possible.

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| 6. | ... | Kkt-Q2 |
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The attempt to play P-K4 instead of P-B4 is not satisfactory, as the course of the game shows. The usual line here is P-B4; 7. P-Q5, P-K3; 8. B-Q3, PxP; 9. BfxP, P-Qkt4, when both BxP and KtxP lose to KtxKP!

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| 7. | B-Q3 | P-K4 |
| 8. | BfxP | PxP |
| 9. | P-Q5! | Kt-B4 |
| 10. | B-B2 | P-QR4 |
| 11. | B-K3 | Q-K2 |

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| 12. | O-O | QKt-R3 |
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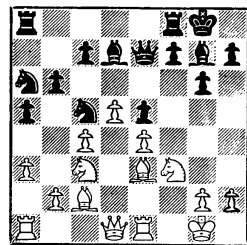
The mobility of the Knights is essential to the King's Indian Defense. Therefore, the more elastic B-Kt5 followed by QKt-Q2 was to be preferred. The Knights could then find squares on KB3, KR4 and KB5.

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| 13. | P-QR3 | B-Q2 |
| 14. | R-K1! | |

Against the threatened P-B4.

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| 14. | ... | P-Kt3 |
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For now P-B4 is refuted by the simple 15. PxP, PxP; 16. B-Kt5.



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| 15. | P-Q6! | |
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An ingenious breakthrough reminiscent of some of Capablanca's famous "exchanging combinations." White gains strong pressure on

the Queen file and eventually regains the Pawn with the better endgame.

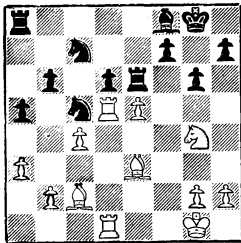
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| 15. ... | QxP |
| 16. QxQ | PxQ |
| 17. QR-Q1 | B-K3 |
| 18. Kt-Q5 | BxKt |

After QR-Kt1, Kt-K7ch leads to the win of the Queen Pawn anyway.

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| 19. RxB | KR-Q1 |
| 20. KR-Q1 | B-B1 |
| 21. KtxP | R-K1 |
| 22. Kt-Kt4 | R-K3 |

White manages to maintain the delicate balance despite the resourcefulness of Black's defense.

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| 23. P-K5 | Kt-B2 |
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| 24. RxP! |
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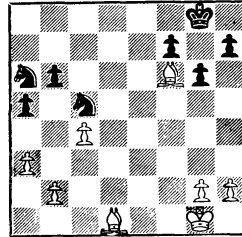
Another positional combination, the object of which is to gain the advantage of two Bishops! All this had to be calculated exactly.

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| 24. ... | BxR |
| 25. PxB | Kt/2-R3 |

The other crucial variation was 25... P-R4; 26. PxKt, PxKt; 27. BxKt, PxB; 28. B-R4! when R-Q8ch is a deadly threat.

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| 26. P-Q7 | R-Q1 |
| 27. B-Kt5 | RxP |
| 28. Kt-B6ch | RxKt |

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| 29. BxR | RxRch |
| 30. BxR | |



This is the end-product of the complications. A Queenside Pawn advantage and two Bishops in an open position provide Bisguier with the opportunity of exhibiting his endgame technique.

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| 30. ... | Kt-Q2 |
| 31. B-Q4 | K-B1 |
| 32. K-B2 | K-K2 |
| 33. K-K3 | Kt/3-B4 |
| 34. P-QKt4 | PxP |
| 35. PxP | Kt-K3 |
| 36. B-R4! | Kt/3-B1 |

After KtxB, the White King penetrates to support the outside passed Pawn.

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| 37. K-K4 | K-Q3? |
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Hastening the end, but P-B5 was unavoidable.

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| 38. BxKt | KtxB |
| 39. BxP! | P-B4ch |

Of course after KtxB; 40. P-B5ch, etc., the Pawn endgame is won for White.

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| 40. K-B4 | P-R3 |
| 41. B-Q4 | K-K3 |
| 42. P-R4 | Kt-B1 |
| 43. B-Kt7 | P-Kt4ch |
| 44. K-B3! | Kt-Kt3 |
| 45. P-R5 | Kt-K4ch |
| 46. BxKt | KxB |
| 47. P-Kt3 | Resigns. |

SONOMA CHESS FESTIVAL, August 16, 1954

Dave Peizer of San Francisco and Charles Fontan of Oakland tied for the Class A title, both receiving trophies. In Class B Don Taggart of San Francisco won the trophy, and Arthur Atkins of Santa Rosa was the Class C winner. Best game awards were won by Ernst O. Anders and William Stevens, both of San Francisco. Mrs. S. Morrison of Brisbane won the women's championship.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. H. J. Ralston, newly-elected vice-president of the USCF, writes us regarding the events which took place at the USCF annual meeting:

"In my opinion Mr. John Alexander of San Diego did a lot of harm at New Orleans, not only to Chess Life and the United States Chess Federation, but also to the California State Chess Federation. Without going into details, I want to go on record as deploring Mr. Alexander's activities at New Orleans.

"What Mr. Alexander failed to realize, in all probability, is that he became the dupe of a handful of malcontents who never miss an opportunity to damage the USCF and the editor of Chess Life, Mr. Montgomery Major. I urge all members of the USCF to take immediate steps toward undoing, so far as possible, the damage done."

Mr. E. P. Elliott of Los Angeles, former Western Champion and a man whose opinion should be valued since it might logically be construed that he was the founding father of the USCF, writes:

"I am absolutely opposed to the California State Chess Federation becoming affiliated with the United States Chess Federation on any basis whereby our State Federation pays more than a small portion of its receipts to the national organization. No state in the Union has made as much progress in the last two years as California in promoting and arousing interest in the wonderful game of chess. All praise to The California Chess Reporter and the host of lovers of the game who, by their unselfish efforts, have made the California Chess Federation such a fine organization.

"In the year 1900 I organized the Western Chess Association, and conducted fifteen annual tournaments in August each year, nearly all being held at Lake Minnetonka, one of the most beautiful lakes in America with 168 miles of shore line, a few miles west of Minneapolis. Restricting membership to Ohio on the east, chess players and their families came from every state in the middle west

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Arthur B. Bisguier, Pan-American winner.
(photo by Nancy Roos)

Isaac Kashdan vs. Larry Evans (second prizewinner),
with Nicolas Rossolimo in the background.





ABOVE: Arturo Pomar
and kibitzer
Antonio
Espinosa,
Spanish Consul.

BELOW: Herman
Steiner and
Toscha Seidel.



(both photos
by Nancy Roos)



Jimmy Sherwin, who doesn't believe in shaving during a tournament.

(both photos by Nancy Roos)

Mr. & Mrs. George F. Goehler, Irving Rivise, and Henry Cross' son and severest critic, Peter.





Harry Borochoff.

Randolph Banner, Jack Moscovitz, and Dr. Kurt Lowenstein.

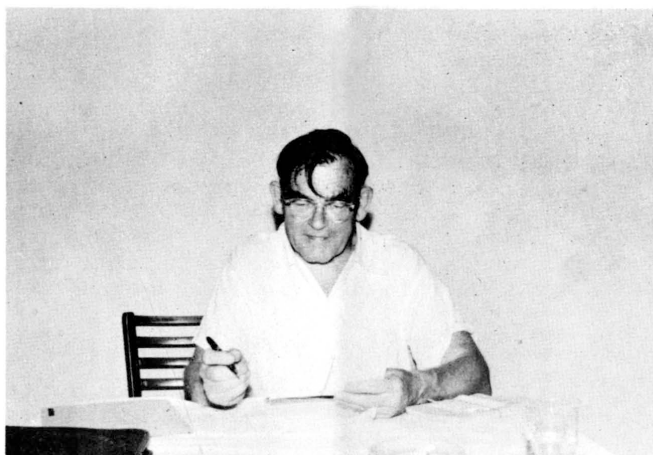




Phil Smith and Olaf Ulvestad.

Henry Gross being kibitzed by James Dunn (a bridge champ), Hyman Gordon, and Sven Almgren.





Tournament Director Charles E. Kodil.

Tom Fries vs. Charles Henderson,
with Lyn Henderson looking on.



to enjoy the week's outing at unbelievably low cost. Bathing beaches, steamboat excursions, yachting and speed boating and fishing made these tournaments memorable affairs. Shortly after the fifteenth tournament in 1914 my wife died and I took no further part in chess for many years. All these years of the Western Chess Association tournaments I was solicited to admit the money players of New York but would not consider it because I firmly believed, and still do, the greatest enemies the game has are the players who try to make money out of chess. About two years after my retirement the name of the Western Chess Association was changed to the United States Chess Association, the money players admitted, and the fine spirit of good fellowship was a thing of the past.

"The Chess Reporter has done a great and continuing service to chess in California and I heartily commend Dr. Ralston and you, Mr. McClain, for your untiring efforts. Am sure every California chess player thinks likewise."

Irving Rivise, President of the Los Angeles County Chess League:

"Your letter hits the nail squarely on the head. I personally agree with it 100% and the L.A. County League at its meeting of July 27, 1954, came to virtually the same general conclusions...."

Elmer F. Achterberg of Visalia says:

"I was wondering if it would be possible for the CSCF to put out a rating sheet on all members, say once a year or twice a year in The Reporter. Since the State Federation and the USCF can't get together, wouldn't something like rating our own players increase interest?

"This is just an idea I thought I'd express to you. Keep up the good work on The Reporter and I'll see you at Santa Barbara."

Kenneth B. Thomas, Mt. Hermon, writes:

"...Is there a package deal which covers membership in the CSCF, subscription to the California Chess Reporter, membership in the USCF and subscription to Chess Life?...I belong to the Santa Cruz C.C...and my aim is to stir up more interest. The Monterey Bay Area Chess League died...We have an occasional match with Salinas, and that's about it. The work you are doing for chess in California is appreciated."

GAMES (Annotated by Bob Burger)

PAN-AMERICAN OPEN, Hollywood 1954

Game No. 245 - Sicilian Defense

White	Black
H. Gross	L. Evans
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	P-QR3
6. P-KKt3	

A strong alternative which has had popularity lately is P-B4 followed by Kt-B3 and B-Q3, a line Evans has lost against in the past.

6. ...	P-K4
7. KKt-K2	P-QKt4
8. B-Kt2	B-Kt2
9. Castles	QKt-Q2
10. P-B3	

With the idea of protecting the center so that Kt-Q5 is not forced when Black plays P-Kt5, and also threatening P-KKt4 and Kt-Kt3.

10. ...	B-K2
11. B-K3	O-O
12. Q-Q2	R-B1
13. QR-Q1	Q-B2

The trouble with White's strategy is that QB2 needs protection and the natural removal of the Queen's Kt followed by P-B3 would permit P-Q4, because of his 10th move. But P-Q4 was bound to come anyway, with the result that his last two moves are a waste of time.

14. P-QR3	KR-K1
15. Q-K1	Kt-Kt3
16. P-KKt4	P-Q4
17. PxP	KKtxP
18. B-B1	P-Kt5

Suddenly Black swarms all over the Queenside and disaster seems to threaten.

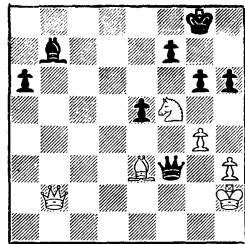
19. PxP	KtxP
20. Q-Kt3	KtxP
21. Kt-K4	Kt-B5
22. KKt-B3	Kt/7-K6
23. RxRch	RxR
24. R-K1	KtxB
25. QxKt	B-B4ch
26. KtxB	QxKtch
27. Q-B2	Q-B3
28. Kt-K4	P-R3
29. K-Kt2	R-Q5

In spite of his Pawn deficit, White is entrenched and can simply wait and see how Black will win.

30. P-R3	Q-Kt4
31. Kt-Kt3	Q-Kt6
32. Kt-B5	R-Q3
33. RxR	QxR
34. B-K3	KtxP!?

Evans is not afraid to gamble, especially when Gross is in time trouble. As a matter of fact, Black would have had difficulty making his Pawn advantage tell any other way.

35. QxKt	QxPch
36. K-R2	Q-R8ch
37. K-Kt3	Q-B6ch
38. K-R2	P-Kt3



39. Kt-Q6?

Without time to consider the possibilities of KtxPch, White simply secures his piece. But there was a draw after KtxPch, K-R2; 40. KtxP, when Black's K is also denuded.

- 39. ... QxB
- 40. KtxB P-K5!

The slim margin of victory.

- 41. Kt-R5 Q-B5ch
- 42. K-R1 Q-B8ch
- 43. K-R2 P-K6
- 44. Kt-B6 P-K7
- 45. Q-Kt8ch K-R2
- 46. Resigns.

Game No. 246 - King's Indian

White	Black
I. Kashdan	L. Evans

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| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2 |
| 4. | P-K4 | O-O |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. | P-KKt3 | P-B4 |

Recently analyzed by Evans in "Chess Life."

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| 7. | B-Kt2 | Kt-B3 |
| 8. | P-Q5 | Kt-QR4 |
| 9. | Q-Q3 | P-QR3 |
| 10. | O-O | R-Kt1 |
| 11. | R-Kt1 | P-QKt4 |
| 12. | P-Kt3 | P-Kt5. |
| 13. | Kt-K2 | KtxKP!? |

Again an Evans' gamble.

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| 14. | QxKt | B-B4 |
| 15. | Q-R4 | BxR |
| 16. | B-Kt5 | BxP |
| 17. | BxP | Q-Q2 |
| 18. | Kt-Kt5 | P-R3 |
| 19. | Kt-K4 | P-B4 |

After R-K1, White's attack would proceed rapidly with Kt-B6ch, BxKt; 21. BxB, Q-B4; 22. Kt-B4, etc.

- 20. Kt-B4

White throws everything into the attack.

- 20. ... P-Kt4
- 21. BxKtP PxB
- 22. KtxKtP B-B3

- 23. Kt/4-K6 R-B2

- 24. R-K1

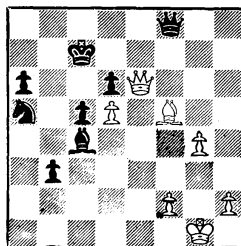
A whole Rook down and his house in flames on the Queenside, White develops his remaining piece!

- 24. ... BxP
- 25. Q-R6 BxKt
- 26. QxBch R-Kt2
- 27. KtxR QxKt
- 28. Q-R5 Q-B2
- 29. Q-Kt5ch Q-Kt2
- 30. Q-R5 BxP
- 31. R-K8ch RxR
- 32. QxRch K-R2
- 33. Q-R5ch K-Kt1
- 34. Q-K8ch Q-B1
- 35. Q-Kt6ch K-R1
- 36. Q-R5ch K-Kt2
- 37. Q-Kt5ch K-B2

Black must allow the opening of lines for White's remaining piece if he is to escape the checks.

- 38. QxPch K-K2
- 39. Q-K6ch K-Q1
- 40. B-R3 K-B2
- 41. B-B5 P-Kt6
- 42. P-Kt4

White's last trump, his passed Pawns, are now played out....



- 42. ... Q-Kt2
- 43. P-R4 Q-R8ch
- 44. K-R2 Q-K4ch

The time pressure on Black begins to tell. Q-Q5 seems to win here,

because the King can escape to R2 when Kt-Kt2 will stop the checks, and the White King will come into danger.

45. QxQ PxB
46. P-R5 P-K5

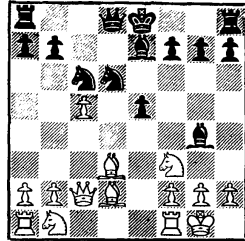
Black is lost because the only important diagonal is in White's control.

47. P-R6 and Black overstepped the time limit. This was the crucial game of the tournament, giving Bisguier his chance to overtake Evans. Though Black should have won with accurate defense, Kashdan is to be commended for his enterprising and brilliant play.

9. ... P-K4!
Black accepts the coming complications with courage.

10. Q-B2 B-Kt5!
11. P-B5

If the Knight must now retire to B1, then, with B-K4, White would justify his strategy.



Game No. 247 - Sicilian Defense

White Black
R. Smook A. Pomar

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
3. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
4. PxB

White should transpose to the usual Kt-B3 variation, since Black can now equalize easily.

4. ... KtxP
5. PxB P-K3

Q-Kt3 is also strong, but the text is livelier.

6. B-Q3 KtxP
7. O-O Kt-B3
8. P-B4

The beginning of an ill-fated maneuver intended to mobilize the Queenside and harass the well-posted Knights.

8. ... B-K2
9. B-Q2

Preventing Kt-Kt5 and threatening B-B3.

11. ... BxKt
12. PxB Kt-Q5!
13. PxB Q-Q2!
14. B-B5

White must return the piece, and even then is lost.

14. ... KtxB
15. PxB

White might hold out longer with B-B3, Kt-R5; 16. BxB, etc., but even then his defense is precarious.

15. ... Kt-Q5
16. Q-K4

Q-Q3 is answered by the same move....

16. ... Q-R6
17. B-B4 KtxPch
18. Resigns.

Game No. 248 - Ruy Lopez

White Black
H. Gross H. Steiner

(notes by Henry Gross)

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | Kt-Q5 |
| 4. | KtxKt | PxKt |
| 5. | O-O | P-B3 |
| 6. | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 7. | P-QB3 | Q-Kt3 |
| 8. | PxP | QxQP |
| 9. | Kt-B3 | B-Kt5 |
| 10. | P-Q3! | |

I feel that the Pawn sacrifice here is quite correct.

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| 10. | ... | BxKt |
| 11. | PxB? | |

But this move is not accurate. 11. B-K3 was the right move. It would have gained White a full tempo as can readily be seen from White's 12th move.

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| 11. | ... | QxBP |
| 12. | B-K3 | |

12. R-Kt1 followed by B-Kt2 is also quite promising.

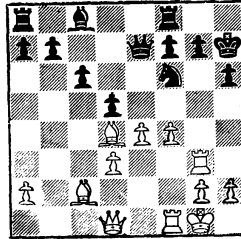
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| 12. | ... | O-O |
| 13. | R-B1 | Q-K4 |
| 14. | R-B5 | Q-K2 |
| 15. | R-KKt5 | K-R1 |
| 16. | P-B4 | P-Q3 |
| 17. | B-Q4 | P-KR3 |
| 18. | R-Kt3 | K-R2 |
| 19. | B-B2 | P-Q4 |

(see diagram)

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| 20. | P-B5 | |
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This is not bad but P-K5 seems much better. Black would be forced to play 20... Kt-K1 and White would reply 21. P-B5, with

Position after 19... P-Q4:

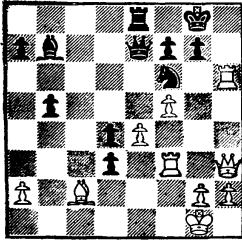


the threat of 22. P-B6. If then 21... P-B3; 22. P-K6 leaves Black with a hopelessly cramped position.

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| 20. | ... | P-B4 |
| 21. | B-Kt2 | P-Q5 |
| 22. | B-B1 | P-QKt4 |
| 23. | Q-Q2 | R-R1 |
| 24. | RxPch | was threatened. |
| 24. | R-R3 | B-Kt2 |
| 25. | R/1-B3 | K-Kt1 |
| 26. | RxPch | was again threatened. |
| 26. | Q-B4 | R-K1 |
| 27. | Q-Kt3? | |

After this White has nothing. 27. R/B3-Kt3 would, on the other hand, give him an almost irresistible attack. The threat is RxPch, KxR; 29. R-Kt3ch, K-B1; 30. QxPch, RxQ; 31. BxR mate. Also threatened is 28. RxRP. If 27... Q-K4; 28. RxRP would at least permit White to win back his Pawn with the superior position, but even better would be Q-R4 with the threats of 29. BxRP or RxPch or B-B4. Black's position would be hopeless.

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| 27. | ... | P-B5 |
| 28. | BxP | RxB |
| 29. | RxR | PxP |
| 30. | Q-R3? | |



30. BxP was necessary. If then
 30... BxP; 31. BxB, KtxB; 32.
 P-B6, KtxQ; 33. PxB, Kt-K7ch!;
 34. K-B2, PxB; 35. KxKt, RxBch
 and Black should win.

Or 31. R-R3, BxR; 32. QxB, Q-K8ch;
 33. Q-B1, Kt-Kt5, and again Black
 should win.

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| 30. ... | PxR |
| 31. QxP | Kt-Kt5 |
| 32. R-Kt3 | QxP |
| 33. Resigns. | |

Game No. 249 - Queen's Pawn

White Black
 V. Pafnutieff A.B. Bisguier

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| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. B-Kt5 | QKt-Q2 |
| 5. P-K3 | B-Kt5 |

A defense played by Spielmann and Bogoljubow in the past, and known as the Manhattan Variation. It is positionally inferior to B-K2, but enlivens the game.

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| 6. Kt-B3 | P-B4 |
| 7. BPxP | KPxP |
| 8. B-Q3 | P-B5 |

Instead of the more usual Q-R4. But with the tension on the center

relaxed, White has a free hand on the Kingside.

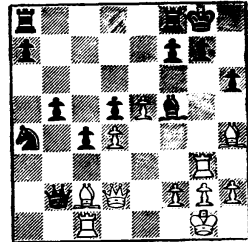
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| 9. B-B2 | Q-R4 |
| 10. O-O! | BxKt |
| 11. PxB | QxBP |
| 12. R-B1 | Q-R6 |
| 13. Kt-K5 | P-Kt4 |
| 14. KtxKt | KtxKt |
| 15. P-K4 | P-KR3 |

Black is already in difficulties, mainly because his Kingside is defenseless and his Pawn chain needs protection.

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| 16. B-R4 | Kt-Kt3 |
| 17. R-K1 | O-O |
| 18. P-K5 | Kt-R5 |

With his Queen out of play because of Pawn-grabbing, Black can only grab more and hope to survive to the ending.

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| 19. R-K3 | QxP |
| 20. R-KKt3 | Q-Kt7 |
| 21. Q-Q2 | B-B4 |



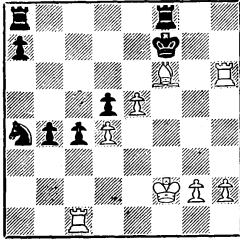
22. QxP?

White could have won quickly with 22. RxBch, KxR; 23. B-B6ch, K-Kt3; 24. Q-B4!, QxRch (forced), 25. QxQ. But he overlooks an unexpected resource.

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| 22. ... | B-Kt3 |
| 23. BxB | QxBch! |

A cute "out" in the face of disaster. Now White must "rewind" his game.

24. KxQ PxB dis ch Game No. 250 - King's Indian Defense
 25. B-B6† PxQ White Black
 26. RxPch K-B2 H. Steiner R. Siemms
 27. RxxRP P-Kt5



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| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | P-QB4 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. | Kt-QB3 | B-Kt2 |
| 4. | P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. | P-B3 | |

Favored by Steiner for some time, and quite successful.

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| 5. | ... | O-O |
| 6. | B-Kt5 | QKt-Q2 |
| 7. | Kt-R3 | |

Cf. Steiner-Currie, California Championship, 1953.

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| 7. | ... | P-B4 |
| 8. | P-Q5 | Kt-K1 |
| 9. | B-K2 | Kt-K4 |
| 10. | Kt-B2 | P-B4 |
| 11. | O-O | P-KR3 |
| 12. | B-Q2 | P-B5 |

Black's defense is novel and ambitious.

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| 13. | P-KKt3 | P-KKt4 |
| 14. | PxP | PxP |
| 15. | K-R1 | Kt-KB3 |

28. P-Kt4†
 Weaving a mating net.
 28. ... P-Kt6
 29. R-R7ch K-Kt1
 30. R-Kt7ch K-R1
 31. P-Kt5

The same sequence of moves would have followed 29... K-K1.

31. ... RxB

The threat was P-Kt6 followed by R-R7ch and R-R8 mate.

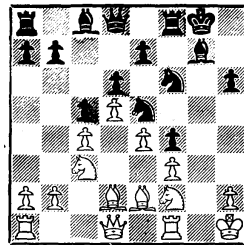
32. KtPxR R-KKt1

Or else 33. QR-KKt1 wins immediately.

33. RxRch KxR
 34. P-K6 P-Kt7

Also R-K1 wins handily.

35. R-Kt1ch
 35. ... K-B1
 36. P-B7 K-K2
 37. R-Kt8 KxP
 38. P-B8/Q P-Kt8/Q
 39. Q-R6ch Resigns.



For it is mate shortly.

The Pawn offer can hardly be accepted, as Black could regain it with KtxKP or attempt to anchor a piece at KB5 with Kt-R4.

- 16. R-KKt1 K-R2
- 17. R-Kt2 Kt-R4
- 18. Q-B2 Q-K1
- 19. QR-KKt1 Q-B2
- 20. P-Kt3 Q-B3
- 21. B-K1 Q-R5!

One must examine the try 27. RxR to appreciate the meaning of this problem move. Its purpose is to open the back rank so that RxR cannot be answered by RxR.

Black will not be dissuaded from entering, but, as Steiner demonstrates, it is a dangerous entrance.

Also tempting was R-Kt7ch, which Black would have refuted nicely with KtxR!, getting two Rooks for the Queen.

- 22. Kt-Q3 Q-R6
- 23. Q-Q1 KtxKt
- 24. BxKt B-Q5
- 25. P-K5ch B-B4
- 26. B-B1!

- 27. ... BxB
- 28. RxR Q-R5

The Black Queen's only safe square, Q2, has been cut off by the "anti-Bristol" move of the Black Bishop, prompted by White's 25th move. The whole conception is very artistic.

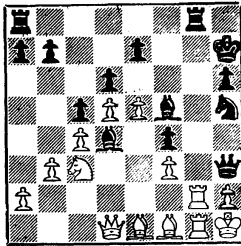
Now RxR is met by 29. BxQ, RxRch; 30. QxR, BxQ; 31. BxBch, winning a piece.

- 26. ... R-KKt1!

- 29. R/8-Kt4!

Avoiding the pitfall 29. RxR, Kt-Kt6ch; 30. K-Kt2, B-R6ch; 31. KxB, Kt-K5 dbl ch; etc.

- 29. ... R-KKt1



For the second time Black offers his Rook at KKt1, but White again refuses to play anything but a quiet move,

- 27. B-B2!!

- 30. B-Q3!

Which puts an end to a stormy battle.

- 30. ... Resigns.

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