

# Chronicle Chess Festival

## Coming Attack on World Chess Record

Plenty of exercise is scheduled for chess players during The Chronicle Chess Festival December 4.

That's when George Koltanowski will take on all comers in an attempt to set a new world record endurance chess record.

Chess players up and down the Pacific Coast are planning to pack their boards, pawn and bishops into overnight bags and head for San Francisco for the affair.

Applications for participants' tickets indicate this. They've come from as far north as Oregon and as far south as San Diego.

The Festival will be studded with special events held concurrently with Koltanowski's world record attempt. The tournament is slated to

be televised over KPIX.

There will be a problem-solving contest; also a speed contest between the San Francisco Mechanic's Institute team and that of the Castle Chess Club of Berkeley. In this event, for which the Castle Club holds the Northern California championship, moves must be made at intervals of ten seconds or less.

A four-handed chess game will be played during the afternoon. Multiple exhibits will be displayed by prominent Pacific Coast Chess players, among them California Champion George E. Croy.

### ALL CAN PLAY

This is no process of elimination, however, for participants who wish to play Koltanowski. On the con-

trary, everyone who holds a participant's ticket must play Koltanowski to be eligible to take part in the rest of the tournament.

Among contest judges will be Alan Atkins, president of the Redwood Empire Chess League; Guthrie McClain, head of the Bay Area Chess League, and Tom Shoemaker, president of the Santa Rosa Chess Club.

Official scorekeepers for Koltanowski's exhibition will be Allen Kelley of Santa Rosa and Joshua Torczyner of San Francisco.

The site of The Chronicle Chess Festival will be the ballroom of the Marines' Memorial Club, Sutter and Mason streets. It will be cleared and readied next week for the event.