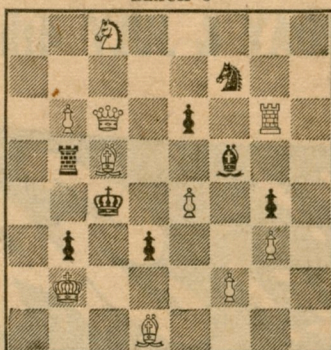


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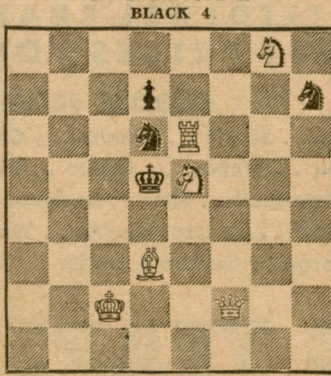
BY J. C. J. WAINWRIGHT (1st Pr.)  
BLACK 8



WHITE 10

White mates in two.

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BY S. M. JOSEPH  
BLACK 4



WHITE 6

White mates in three.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2661: Q-Q4.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2662: B-B.

The following have sent in solutions: J. J. MacFarlane, J. H. Mosher, E. E. Hetherington, T. Seidel, J. P. Walsh, L. M. Satterlee, C. S. Alms, D. G. Bransby, R. H. Bayne, Dr. R. Madison, J. Austel, C. R. Ford, N. Lesser, W. B. Tudor, J. R. DeWitte, J. J. Adams, T. Rothman, B. McGuire, S. W. Nay, M. Everitt, H. Fisher, R. Dodson, J. Kaufman, J. C. Dickson, D. H. Hosea, R. B. Carmichael, Dr. J. A. Healy, H. E. Huntington, B. Smith, M. Morris, A. D. Mosher and L. Harvey.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Results of the June problem solving contest are not published today due to the editor's absence in Russia where he is playing in the U.S.-U.S.S.R. match. Two winners will be announced Aug. 7. Names of solvers are published each week as usual.

### LACC RAPID TRANSIT

The Los Angeles Chess Club will have a rapid transit tournament next Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome. The entrance fee is 50 cents and prizes will be awarded. The club is on the 10th floor of the Embassy Hotel, 851 S Grand Ave.

### RAPID TRANSIT RESULTS

The Tuesday evening Rapid Transit Tournament played at the headquarters of the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 N Formosa Ave., was won by Sven Almgren with 12½ points. Second place went to Hyman Rogosin with 11½ and third to Sam Geller with 10½. The tournament is open to nonmembers also. For further information call Webster 18317 or Webster 93510. The headquarters is open nightly, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and visitors are welcome.

### U.S. OPEN IN LONG BEACH

The U.S. Chess Federation and the Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club of Long Beach have announced the holding of the 56th U.S. Open Chess Championship at Long Beach Aug. 8-20. This will be a 12-round Swiss System tournament, open to all chess players who pay the required entry fees and USCF dues.

Play will be held at the Municipal Recreation Center Building, 350 E Ocean Blvd., daily from 7 p.m. to midnight. A total of more than \$5000 in prizes will be given, including a Ford or Mercury for first place, \$1000 for second place, \$750 for third. Other prizes range down to \$50 each for 15th to 20th places.

The winner will be acclaimed U.S. Open champion, and the highest-ranking woman entrant will be titled woman's open champion and given a special cash prize.

The \$15 entry fee plus \$5 USCF membership fee should be mailed to Orlando M. Rolo, tournament director, 3745 Lime Ave., Long Beach 7. For other information contact John Looney, president, Lincoln Park Chess and Checker Club, Long Beach 2. San Diegans may contact USCF Director John Alexander at 1176 Loring St., HU-8-7370.

### BOBBY CROSS SIMULTANEOUS

The simultaneous exhibition of Robert Cross at the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club last Monday resulted in 15 wins and four drawn games. Tom Campbell, 10, a paraplegic in a wheel chair, achieved a draw. The others were D. Hubbard, H. Clark and J. Hatfield.

A purse of \$60 was presented to Bobby Cross and all wished him good luck for his trip to Lincoln, Neb., where he will compete in the 10th U.S. Junior Chess Championship July 15-24.

The Swiss-type tournament is open to all chess players in North America who will not have reached the age of 21 when play begins. There is no entry fee but membership in the U.S. Chess Federation is mandatory.

Entries are being handled by A. Liepnicks of 135 N 14th St., Lincoln, Neb., and Kenwood Opp, 2112 S 9th St., Lincoln.

The Van Nuys Chess Club will sponsor a simultaneous for Bobby at the home of G. A. Steven, 3759 Longview Valley Road, Sherman Oaks, next Sunday at

1 p.m. All chess players regardless of strength are invited to play. Players must take their own boards and men. For reservations phone SI-91419. The cost is \$1.25 a board and any additional donations will be appreciated.

### U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

This year the Women's Tournament Committee is going all out in its efforts to make the forthcoming U.S. Championship Tournament the most outstanding event in the history of women's chess. Twelve of America's topflight players will compete this year and there are at least a half-dozen women with only marginally lower ratings who are standing by to fill any last-minute vacancies.

Though the response, money-wise, has been gratifying, more funds are still needed to insure the players respectable prizes. It is also hoped that the committee will be enabled to reimburse (in part, at least) the players who are traveling great distances.

Chess players throughout the country are asked to support this very important women's tournament. All contributions should be sent to Mrs. Lena Grumette, National Publicity Chairman, c/o Hollywood Chess Club, 108 N Formosa Ave., L.A. All money received will be turned over by Mrs. Grumette to Dr. Edward Lasker of New York, treasurer.

### JUNIOR CLUB ISSUES CHALLENGE

The first official meeting of the newly organized City Terrace Junior Chess Club, 3875 City Terrace Drive, was held recently. Several prominent chess players were present to greet the Junior Club members, and deliver inspirational messages.

The City Terrace Junior Chess Club will challenge to match play any junior chess club of Southern California, to be played in the auditorium of the City Terrace Cultural Center, 6 to 8 boards. Arrangements can be made by writing to Bernard Oak, 3875 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles 63, or by calling AN-16377. Every junior of the East Side is welcome to join the junior chess club.

### U.S. TRAILS IN U.S.S.R. MATCH

N.Y. Times News Service

MOSCOW, July 2—Samuel Reshevsky of the United States scored a clean victory last night over the chess champion of the world, Mihail Botvinnik of the Soviet Union. The Soviet grand master conceded defeat without attempting to play out the game they started on Wednesday and adjourned until yesterday.

After two games, the score between the two men, leading participants in the team match between the United States and the Soviet Union, stood at 1½ to ½ in Reshevsky's favor. They played to a draw in their second game Thursday, each winning a half point.

A lone pair of players faced each other across the board. They were the lowest ranking members of the two teams—Herman Steiner of the United States and Alexander Kotov. For five hours they worked over the board and a faithful band of a few hundred fans sat watching.

The fans saw the game come to an ironical end. Earlier Steiner had been offered a draw. The American declined and played for a victory. In the end he ran into time trouble and lost the game.

His ill luck made the score 1½ to 3½ points in favor of the Soviet chess wizard. The halfway mark in the four-round match.

This morning four games were pending, but only Steiner and Kotov actually played. Isaac Kashtan of the United States had two unfinished games listed with Mark Taimonov of the Soviet Union. Offered a draw in both, Kashtan accepted, thereby scoring a point for his team.

Donald Byrne of Brooklyn resigned his adjourned game with Efim Geller, giving a point to the Russians.

Reshevsky in his opening game with Botvinnik played the Meran variation of the queen's gambit, and Botvinnik played in what bystanders called an aggressive fighting style. In the early stages their game ran quickly—ahead of all the others. Fourteen moves were made in 40 minutes. When Reshevsky brought out his king on the 14th move there was an excited murmur among chess fans. Many sat on the edge of their seats, peering at the row of gigantic chessboards on which the moves were recorded. Some used opera glasses for a closer look.

After play ended for the day, Reshevsky said, "I played a brilliant game even if I say so myself, and I never saw anything like that."

The referee is the former world champion, Max Euwe of the Netherlands. The results of other first-round matches were as follows, with the U.S. players named first:

I. A. Horowitz ran into time trouble and lost to Tigran Petrosyan.

Arthur Bisguier failed to make the required 40 moves in two hours and a half and forfeited to Vassily Smyslov.

Larry Evans, 23, the youngest member of the United States team, had a draw with David Bronstein.

Donald Byrne resigned to Geller.

Robert Byrne drew with Paul Keres.

Steiner was defeated by A. Kotov.

Other second round results: Robert Byrne lost to Keres; Bisguier lost to Smyslov; Evans lost to Bronstein, and Horowitz lost to Petrosyan.

The eight American players, particularly Reshevsky, were mobbed by Soviet chess enthusiasts seeking autographs following the first day's matches, which drew an enthusiastic audience. Top chess players of any nationality win the hearts of the people of this country where the game is virtually the national sport.

The games were played on the stage of the Hall of Columns, former ballroom of the Moscow Nobles' Club. All tickets

for the day's play were sold out, but chess fans still hung around the box office and formed a line every time there was a rumor of tickets being returned.

Chess is played on a mass scale in the Soviet Union and Moscow is undoubtedly the world's capital of the game.

The meeting between the United States and Soviet players was the fourth post-war team match, including one played by radio. The chess group was the second U.S. sports team to come here in recent weeks; the other was a team of weightlifters.

Mammoth boards on the dais behind the players show the progress of each game. Smaller boards on easels in the corridors are constantly surrounded by enthusiasts and players.

The games are being copiously reported and commented on in the Soviet press. Copyright, 1955, by the New York Times