

CHIESS

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There have been tournaments of sorts before this, but actually for the first time the Chess Congress of 1932 gives California chessists the "real McCoy." In a large hall of the Maryland Auditorium, 389 East Colorado Street, Pasadena, twelve Masters compete daily — headed by Dr. Alexander Alekhine, the World Champion, and including the best rising players of America.

Take the opening for instance, on Monday night. Hard battles, sterling Chess and the starting of drama that promises grand thrills as the race lengthens and the more resourceful gradually draw away from their antagonists.

In the first five hours of play Borocho, California's ace, defeat-

ed Araiza of Mexico, Dake, Pacific Coast champion, won from Factor of Chicago, and our ex-champion Fink succumbed to Reinfeld, the New York State protagonist. The Bernstein-Alekhine, Kashdan-Steiner and Fine-Reshevsky parties were adjourned for Friday night play-offs. Tuesday afternoon the minor tournament started auspiciously, and on Wednesday ditto the women's tourney swung into action.

Arrangements have been nicely contrived by Alex. V. Taylor, the director, and his assistants to put on an interesting show.

A scoring committee chairmanned by Norman R. Jaffray of Santa Barbara keeps the Master games moving on each of six well-planned great wall boards. The referee, Dr. Robert B. Griffith is right on the job. George W. Sullinger of the equipment committee and his aides provide pieces, squares and clocks

in good order. The Master tables were roped in an island space. You can enjoy the games from a comfortable parquet seat in front of the big boards, or circulate at option around the "island," watching the Masters at their tables.

The first victory of the Tourney was scored by Harry Borocho, opening P to K4 and pressing Senor Araiza's Caro-Kann Defence until White's two Rooks and Queen enfiladed the Black monarch's position. Loss of the exchange by Araiza led to such a sequel, and questionable capture of pawns furthered the debacle. The gallant Mexican Captain was obliged to resign at the twenty-third move.

Dake developed the Reti system versus Factor, and for a long time the positions looked perfectly even. Ultimately Queen's side trades left the Portland matador with passed pawns and a fighting King and Bishop supporting them. Factor, unable to stop the onslaught, gave up at the fifty-eighth move.

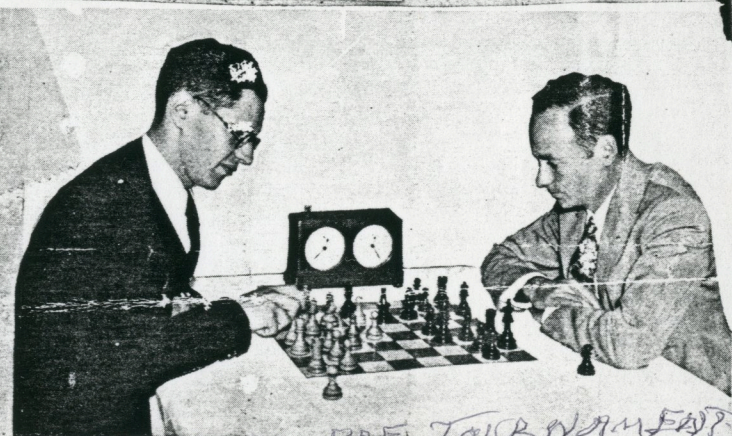
With a characteristically Dutch Defence Fink built a stone wall against Reinfeld's advancing Reti. At his fourteenth move Fink sacrificed a Knight for a Pawn. He got in further difficulties when at Move 32 White Rook took command of the seventh rank. His pawn position got disorganized, his King was in flight, and this time the Dutch didn't take Holland, for at the 42d move he was obliged to quit.

Meantime lively things were also happening at the other three boards. After the opening manoeuvres of Bernstein's Queen's side attack, Alekhine captured a pawn.

Kashdan and Steiner developed a thoroughly orthodox Colle system, and Fine and Reshevsky an equally orthodox Reti. Games otherwise neutrally dull sprang into life through time exigency. To complete his 40 moves in two and a half hours, Sammy Reshevsky had to make the last ten moves in two and a half minutes. Everyone crowded around the Fine-Reshevsky board intensely, the little fellow came under the wire of time requirement by at least 5 seconds, and so the remaining three parties of the evening were adjourned to be played off tomorrow night.

Score of the Borocho-Araiza game:

White-Borocho	White-Araiza
1. P-K4	1. P-QB3
2. P-Q4	2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	3. PxP
4. KtxP	4. Kt-B3
5. KtxKt ck	5. KPxB
6. P-QB3	6. B-Q3
7. B-Q3	7. O-O
8. Kt-K2	8. R-K
9. Q-B2	9. P-KR3
10. O-O	10. Q-B2
11. Kt-Kt3	11. Kt-Q2
12. B-K3	12. Kt-B
13. QR-K	13. B-KKt5
14. P-KB4	14. RxP
15. RxR	15. BxP
16. R-K4	16. Kt-K3
17. P-KR3	17. BxP ?
18. Kt-R5	18. B-Kt4
19. PxP	19. P-KKt3
20. KtxP ck	20. BxKt
21. RxB	21. Q-Kt6 ck
22. Q-Kt2	22. QxB
23. R(B6)xKt	23. Resigns.



THIS WAS THE FOURTH GAME OF THE CONGRESS WITH WHITE
Kashdan and Borocho Play Their Game in the Chess Congress