

At long last, I arrived in Los Angeles. Los Angeles was a breathing spell for me, for I stayed a week and played only twice. And the weather was favorable.

I believe Los Angeles has the largest chess club in point of membership, in the world. The roster, I am told, records the names of over 400. And at the opening gong at nine, forty to fifty men assemble for combat and sociability. It is no particular miracle that the club is successful. For E. P. Elliot, champion of the American Chess Federation in the early 1900s, has devoted his full time and effort to building the club.

I played at the L. A. Club and also at the home of Gottfried Reinhardt. We topped off the evening at the latter's home with a brand of New York rapid transit. It was fun.

My old teammate, Herman Steiner, did most of the honors at L. A. We visited Hollywood, and watched Fred Astaire rehearse, and saw them shoot a few scenes. We met actors and artists. Incidentally, Steiner is forming a new club to cater to these people. It was the particular delight of Mrs. Steiner to see that I regained the weight lost by the arduous labors of a tour. And I did. I must have gained six or seven pounds gorging at the Steiner household.

Simultaneous performance at the home of
Gottfried Reinhardt.

January 26, 1939

SICILIAN DEFENSE

I. A. Horowitz

G. Reinhardt

White

Black

1 P-K4	P-QB4	21 B-K3	B-R1
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	22 Kt-Q4	Q-B5
3 P-Q4	PxP	23 PxP	KtxP
4 KtxP	Kt-B3	24 Kt-B5	KR-K1
5 Kt-QB3	P-K3	25 KtxBch	RxKt
6 B-K2	B-K2	26 RxP	BxP
7 O-O	O-O	27 P-KR3	B-Kt2
8 Kt-Kt3	P-QKt3	28 KR-Q1	Q-QKt5!
9 P-B4	PQ3	29 B-B1	R-B5
10 B-B3	B-Kt2	30 P-R3	RxPch!
11 Q-K2	P-QR3	31 PxR	QxPch
12 B-K3	Q-B2	32 K-R2	Q-R4ch
13 Q-B2	Kt-Q2	33 K-Kt3	Kt-Kt4!
14 QR-Q1	QR-B1	34 BxKt	QxBch
15 P-KKt4	P-B3	35 K-R2	Q-R3ch!
16 P-B5	Kt-Q1	36 K-Kt3	R-K6ch
17 R-Q2	Kt-K4	37 QxR	QxQch
18 B-K2	Kt-B5	38 K-R2	Q-B7ch
19 BxKt	QxB	39 K-R3	Q-B6ch
20 BxP	Q-B3		Resigns

Then I made the trek up the West Coast. From L. A. to Seattle, taking in Carmel, Frisco, Portland, I rode and played. Again I met many friends. There were Work and Whitman, and Clarke and Smith and Bagby and Boyette and Fink, and Chapman and Pelouse, and another of my old teammates, Arthur Dake. All made it a point to ease the tension of the grind. Then in Seattle there were Bourne Smith and Bart Bowen, and a host of others.

Occasionally I'd find time to meander. And at Santa Cruz, with Reynolds and Miller as guides, I visited the "Big Trees". Gigantic Redwoods towering into the sky, and broad.

Clock Game—San Francisco, Calif.

January 31, 1939

RUY LOPEZ

I. A. Horowitz

White

A. J. Fink

Black

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 B-B2	Kt-B4
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	12 Kt-Kt3	Kt-Q2
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3	13 R-K1	R-K1
4 B-R4	Kt-B3	14 QKt-Q4	KtxKt
5 O-O	KtxP	15 KtxKt	Kt-B1
6 P-Q4	P-QKt4	16 P-KB4	P-QB4
7 B-Kt3	P-Q4	17 KtxB	PxKt
8 PxP	B-K3	18 R-K3	P-B5
9 P-B3	B-K2	19 R-R3	B-B4ch
10 QKt-Q2	O-O	20 B-K3	Q-Kt3

20 . . . BxBch followed by . . . Q-Kt3 was better.

21 B-Q4	R-K2	25 R-KB1	Kt-Q2
22 K-R1	BxB	26 P-KKt4	QR-KB1
23 PxB	R-B2	27 P-B5	K-R1
24 Q-Q2	P-Kt3		

If instead 27 . . . KPxP; 28 PxP, PxP; 29 R-R6 followed by 30 P-K6!

28 R-KKt1
29 PxP
30 Q-R6

KPxP
RxP
Resigns