

BOARD SIX — HERMAN STEINER

Born in Czechoslovakia, April 15, 1905. Steiner took up chess in New York at the age of 16. He played on the U. S. team at The Hague, 1938, Hamburg 1930, Prague 1931, and was an important factor in its success. He has won many high prizes: 1st in the N. Y. State Championship, 1929; 1st in the Hastings Premier Reserve Tournament, 1929; 2nd to Kashdan at Gyor, 1930 and to Flohr at Brunn, 1931; first at Berlin, 1931; tied for 3rd with Fine and Dake, Mexico City 1935; 2nd to Polland, U. S. Open at Chicago, 1937; 2nd to Fine, U. S. Open at Dallas, 1940 and St. Louis 1941; tied for 1st with Yanofsky, U. S. Open at Dallas, 1942; tied for 3rd with Horowitz in the 1944 U. S. Chess Championship.

Steiner has edited the chess column of the Los Angeles Times since 1932, has done an admirable job of organization for the U. S. Chess Federation, of which he is a vice-president. He has promoted great chess interest in Hollywood's movie colony, runs a chess club attended by many of the movie stars. The staging of the 1945 Pan-American Chess Congress is largely due to his efforts. His infectious good humor and winning personality make friends for him wherever he goes.

Steiner lives with his wife and family in Hollywood, Calif.