Chess Editors Swap Trade Secrets

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

YORK, Sept. 10. - We spent a brief holiday in the Big City looking up some of the more famous editors in the chess world.

Herman Helms, dean of American chess writers, is 84 years old, but is still sharp as a tack. Helms has had a chess column in the Brooklyn Eagle for over 50 years. He has been editor and publisher of the "American Chess Bulletin" for about the same length of time.

Of great interest to us, however, was the fine column which Helms publishes each Saturday in the New York World Telegram and Sun, a Scripps-Howard newspaper.

Taking No Chances

We quote a couple of interesting items from Helms' column:

"Russia is taking no chances in preparing to defend the Hamilton-Russell trophy in the biennial international team tournament, which starts Sept. 4 in Amsterdam with an entry list in excess of 25 nations.

'Mikhail Botvinnik, the world champion, will be the No. 1 player on the Soviet team. He will have the support of Vassily Smyslov, David Bronstein and Paul Keres. There is not a weak spot in this notable quartet."

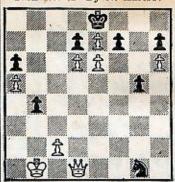
"Eric Lundin, a member of the triumvirate of Scandinavian grandmasters, has set a notable precedent. Sweden, like other opposing countries, knuckled under to the all-conquering Soviet tourists. In the match, which Russia won from Sweden 13-3, Lundin alone stood the test. As No. 2 in the lineup, he encountered the invincible David Bronstein, who scored 4-0 right here in New York. Eric, the Brave, scored 11/2-1/2 over Bronstein!'

Pleasant Sessions

Helms is the chief supplier of chess news to the New York Times. The Times does not have a regular chess column, but gives chess a great deal of space in the sports pages.

I. A. Horowitz, editor and publisher of "Chess Review," monthly chess magazine, was also on our list of chess editors. We had several pleasant sessions with Horowitz. As usual, we could not resist the attraction of old chess books, so came away from the offices of "Chess Review"

Task No. 62-By N. Kartsev



White Mates in Three Moves Answer to Task No. 61: The main line is 1 P-Kt4, RxBP; 2 P-R5 and make next move. The composer was A. Galitzky.

has many fine old chess books, some of them very rare, and is in the process of liquidating them. "Dealing in rare books is too much hard work," says Horowitz.

Before we come home, we shall spend an afternoon with Montgomery Major, editor of "Chess Life," official organ of the United States Chess Federation. Major lives in Chicago. We have never met him, but have heard so much about him that we are very anxious to talk with him. We are informed that he is skilled in the classical languages, among a number of other attainments.

Precious Little Gem

Just before we left San Francisco, our old friend, Col. Mulberry Sellers, sent us the following precious little gem, a threemove miniature by the famous old composers, Kohtz and Kockelkorn. So, till we meet agai, you can keep busy!

White (five men): King on King Knight seven; Queen on King Knight six; Knights on King four and King six; Pawn on King Bishop two, Black (one man): King on King four. White mates in three moves.

At Santa Barbara

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, California state chess champion and former U.S. champion, won the California Open at Santa Barbara by defeating Isaac both wiser and poorer. Horowitz | Kashdan, Tujunga, in the seventh

and last round. Steiner's score was 61/2-1/2. Kashdan tied for third - through - sixth, 51/2-11/2. University of California student Jim Schmitt, San Francisco, won second prize with a 6-1 score.

Tied with Kashdan were Valdemars Zemitis, Berkeley; Sven Almgren, Los Angeles; and Vladimir Pafnutieff, San Francisco. In a 7-way tie for seventh-through-tenth prizes were: Dr. Peter Lapiken, Los Angeles; Irving Rivise, Los Angeles; Henry Gross, San Francisco; Eugene Levin, Pacific Palisades; Larry Remlinger, Long Beach (13 years old); Ray Martin, Los Angeles; and Jerald Slavich, Salinas. A record turnout of 81 players

competed in the three-day tour-

nament. W. G. McClain of San

Francisco was tournament direci cooree follow:

1	Final Scores follow		
		Score	8-1
À	1. Herman Steiner	614-14	27.7
	2. Jim Schmitt	6-1	24
ı	3. Valdemars Zemitts	556-156	24.5
i	4. Isaac Kashdan	539-139	23.7
ı	5. Sven Almgren	556-154	22.2
	6. Vladimir Pafnutieff	515-116	22
	7 Dr Peter Lapiken	5-2	20.2
	8, Irving Rivise	5-2	20
	9. Henry Gross	5-2	19
	10. Eugene Levin	5-2	18.7
	11. Larry Remlinger	5-2	17
	12. Ray Martin	5-2	, 15.5
	13. Jerald Slavich	5-2	15
	(Competitors included:	Nevada	Cham

pion Maurice Gedance (Las Vegas). 412-214 and former Washington State Champion Charles Joachim (Seattle). 4-3)

