

# California Chess Federation in Action to Promote Playing of Game

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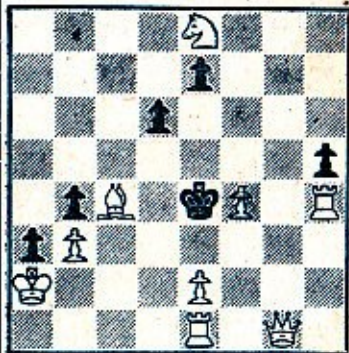
We should like to spend a little time today talking about the California State Chess Federation.

The CSCF was formed in the Spring of 1952, during the annual North-South match in San Luis Obispo. The purpose of the Federation is to promote chess in California. It does so by sponsoring various tournaments and matches, and by publishing the "California Chess Reporter."

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Task No. 16—By H. D. Bernard



White Mates in Two Moves  
(Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 15: R-Kt3

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The October issue of the "Re-

porter" has just appeared. It contains a detailed account of the recent California State Championship, the California State Open Championship, games from those events, news and problems. We urge our readers to support California chess by subscribing to the "Reporter," or, better still, by joining the CSCF.

We have received a letter from Samuel Reshevsky, the great American chess master, stating that he will make a transcontinental tour beginning Jan. 1. Present plans call for appearances on the Pacific Coast during the period Feb. 2-15.

In years past, Reshevsky has given simultaneous exhibitions at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco. It is to be hoped that this and other clubs in the Bay Area will invite Reshevsky to give exhibitions. His fee is \$100 for 40 boards. Reshevsky's ad-

dress is 396 Montgomery-st, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Several readers have written to us, politely protesting against our method of awarding credit for Task No. 13. We were to blame, no doubt, in not specifying that a whole continuation should be given, rather than just a key-move, but it never occurred to us that solvers would send in only one move for a multiple-move problem.

In view of the fact that a number of solvers did send in a complete solution, we feel that it would not be fair to them to give them no more credit than solvers who sent in only the key-move.

Inasmuch as every solver on the chess ladder will win a prize, sooner or later, we don't believe anyone should get too worked up over losing a few points. In the last analysis, "the play's the thing."

The great Candidates' Tournament in Zurich is now in its most exciting phase, and is hotter than a fire-cracker. Kotov of Russia defeated his countryman, Smyslov, in the 21st round, and then Reshevsky of the United States came through with a win over Boleslavsky of Russia in the 22nd round.

This put Reshevsky in the lead—but only for a moment. In the 23rd round, Kotov defeated Reshevsky, dropping him back into a tie for second.

Kotov's victory over Smyslov would indicate that the Russians are really fighting each other. It had been feared that they would play easy draws with each other, as they did in the interzonal tournament in Sweden last year. If they continue to make a fight of it among themselves, it will give Reshevsky a chance to gain his legitimate place.

It looks now like one of the following four players will win the tournament: Smyslov, Reshevsky, Keres, Bronstein. At the 23rd round they had pulled well ahead of Najdorf, who was in fifth place.

Chess players in the Western world are rooting for Reshevsky. A world championship match between the Russian, Botvinnik, and the American, Reshevsky, would be of simply stupendous interest.