

Two Awarded Prizes for Solution of Chess Problems

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Task No. 76, presented in today's column, is the eleventh in our "Ritz Special" contest.

For full credit on this problem you should give, in addition to the key move, all significantly different variations leading to mate.

Harry Hokensen of Santa Rosa and Henry W. Newcomb of San Francisco are each awarded a prize for their solutions to the end-game by I. A. Horowitz, published in this column three weeks ago. Their solutions were so complete that both are winners. Congratulations!

We deeply regret to record the deaths last week of two of San Francisco's best known chess figures.

Peter Prokoodin, who founded the Russian Chess Club in 1931, and who served as its president for 20 years, passed away on Monday, Dec. 6, age 66.

Prokoodin was an enthusiastic player and organizer. For the last 28 years he had been chess

Task No. 76—"Ritz Special"



White Mates in Three Moves
(Value eight points)

Answer to Task No. 75: The main line is 1 R-Kt6, B-Kt1; 2 B-R4 and mate next move.

editor of the Russian newspaper, "Russian Life."

On Friday, Dec. 10, the chess fraternity lost James C. McCready, who had been a member of the Mechanics' Institute for

45 years. He was 80 years of age.

The readers of this column have met McCready many times, under the pseudonym of "Col. Mulberry Sellers." McCready was an enthusiastic problem-solver, and supplied us with many miniatures, which he particularly enjoyed.

We hope soon to be able to announce memorial contests perpetuating the memory of two of our closest friends.

The Dodds miniature, published in this column two weeks ago, is solved by 1 R-R8, P-B3; 2 B-Kt8 and mate next move. Correct solutions were received from:

Vasili Bassalaeff, Paul Bercovici, Karl Bopp Jr., Wilber Leeds, Henry M. Newcomb, John F. Yale, all of San Francisco; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

The Chess Friends of Northern California announce that their annual two-day Swiss tournament will be held Jan. 8-9 at Moose Hall, 859 O'Farrell-st.

Play starts at 1:00 p.m.

There will be three divisions of play, according to strength of players, with prizes in each section. Entry fee is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members. Applications should be sent to Charles McGinley, 2763 Chelsea-dr, Oakland. Section A, B or C should be specified.

An important meeting of the Russian Chess Club, Russian Center, 2450 Sutter-st, is scheduled for tonight at 8 p.m. Acting president of the club, A. Palmin, urges all members and interested persons to attend.

A very interesting tournament begins next Sunday in New York. Six of the strongest players in the country will play a double-round tournament at the Marshall and Manhattan chess clubs. This is the first in a proposed series of tournaments to help restore the United States to its earlier supremacy in international team play, by providing a lot of hard practise for strong players.

Participants in the tournament

are Samuel Reshevsky, Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, George Kramer, Donald Byrne and Robert Byrne. They will be competing for the Rosenwald trophy, as well as cash prizes.

Godfrey Lutz, secretary of the Bay Area Industrial Chess League, sends us the following results in the latest team match:

FLUORESCENT FIX.	PARCO PROD.		
1 E. Anders	0	1 W. Costellano	1
2 G. Carroll	1	2 P. Kelly	0
3 E. Brant	1	3 F. Wood	0
4 P. Van Der Leest	1	4 L. Beck	0
5 J. Haber	0	5 J. Phelps	1
6 Default	0	6 I. Valdovino	1
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We have received for review a copy of "The Game of Chess," by H. Golombek. Published by Penguin Books Inc., Baltimore. Price 65 cents.

Golombek is a well-known English international master, and games editor of the venerable British Chess Magazine. This book of 255 pages will be of value to every player, although primarily written for one wishing to learn the game, or to improve his play.