

Bay Area Chess Meet Readied

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

We present today the ninth problem in our "Ritz Special" contest.

For full credit on Task No. 73, you should give, in addition to the key-move, four distinct variations leading to mate.

As announced in this column last week, play in the finals of the state chess championship is scheduled for this weekend.

Tonight, play will be at the Golden Gate Chess Club, 555 Post-st. Tomorrow afternoon, games are to be played at Mechanics Institute, 57 Post-st, and tomorrow night at Golden Gate.

The final round is set for Sunday at Golden Gate, after play-off of any adjourned games. It looks like a busy weekend!

Open To Visitors

Visitors will be welcome at both clubs during the championship tournament.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League will be held at the Golden Gate Chess Club on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 7 p. m.

This will be an important meeting, and it is hoped that all club representatives will attend. The agenda includes scheduling of team matches in the "A" and "B" divisions, and election of officers for 1955.

The tournament committee of the U. S. Chess Federation announces that the U. S. Open for 1955 has been awarded to Long Beach, Cal.

\$3500 in Prizes

The Lincoln Park Chess Club of Long Beach has guaranteed \$3500 in prizes.

Here is the opportunity so many California players have been awaiting, to play in the big tournament of the year.

Herman Steiner, in his chess column in a Los Angeles newspaper, states that a U. S. chess team will travel to Moscow in May, 1955, for a return match against the USSR. No official confirmation of this report has as yet been provided by the U. S. Chess Federation.

The contest problem published in this column last Friday was composed by the Slavic problemist, L. I. Zagoruiko. It was a

Chess

first-prize winner a year or so ago.

We regret that the miniature by Heathcote, published in this column two weeks ago, was incorrectly stated. So, we shall pass that one by—except to say that everybody and his brother called our attention to the error in no uncertain terms!

When we were in New York last summer, our good friend I. A. Horowitz, editor of "Chess Review," gave us the following end-game position, composed by himself:

White (three men): King on KB8; Knight on Q2; Pawn on QKt2. Black (two men): King on QKt4; Pawn on QR3. White to play, and win.

For the best analysis of this position, postmarked not later than Dec. 2, we offer a year's unbound copies of a leading chess magazine, selected from our personal library.

Amsterdam Game

The following game, played in the recent international team tournament in Amsterdam, can

only be described in Hollywood terms such as "terrific" or "sensational."

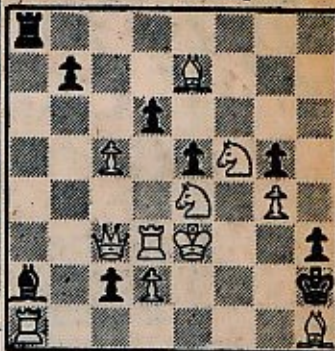
The world champion, Botvinnik, hangs on to the ropes for 60 moves, under the blows of the German grandmaster, Unzicker. But Unzicker finally goes wrong, permitting the champion to draw.

FRENCH DEFENSE

1 P-K4	P-K3	38 PxB	R-Kt4ch
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	39 K-B2	K-B2
3 Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	40 P-Kt8/QKxQ	
4 P-K5	P-QB4	41 RxB	K-B1
5 P-QR3	B-R4	42 R-K77	R-K4
6 P-QKt4	PxQP	43 K-Q2	K-Q1
7 Q-Kt4	K-B1	44 R-KB7	R-KB4
8 PxB	PxKt	45 K-K2	K-K1
9 Kt-B3	Kt-K2	46 R-QR7	R-K4ch
10 B-Q3	Kt-Q2?	47 K-B1	R-QKt4
11 Q-QKt4	Q-B2	48 P-R4	P-B4
12 O-O	Kt-QB4?	49 P-Kt3	K-B1
13 QxBP	B-Q2	50 R-Q7	P-K4
14 P-QR4	R-B1	51 K-Kt2	K-Kt1
15 B-R3	KtxB	52 P-R5	R-R4
16 QxQ	RxQ	53 P-R6	R-Kt4
17 PxKt	P-B3	54 R-Kt7ch	K-R1
18 KR-B1	RxRch	55 R-K7	R-R4
19 RxR	K-B2	56 K-B3	R-Q4
20 R-B7	R-Q1	57 P-Kt4	P-K5ch
21 BxKt!	KxB	58 PxB	PxKtPch
22 RxP	R-QB1	59 K-K2	P-Q6ch
23 K-B1?	P-QR3	60 K-Q2	R-Q5
24 R-R7	R-B7	61 R-K8ch?	K-R2
25 RxP	R-R7	62 R-K6	R-R5!
26 R-R7	RxRP	63 KxP	R-R6ch
27 K-K2	P-Q5	64 K-K2	R-KB6
28 Kt-Q2	R-R7	65 P-K5	R-B4
29 K-Q1	K-Q1	66 K-K1	R-B5
30 PxB?	PxB	67 R-B6	R-K5ch
31 Kt-K4	B-B3	68 K-B1	RxP
32 Kt-B5	B-Q4?	69 K-Kt2	R-QR4
33 P-R6	R-R8ch	70 K-Rt3	R-KKt4
34 K-B2	R-R6	71 K-R6	R-Kt1
35 K-Kt2	R-R7ch	72 K-R5	P-Kt6
36 K-Kt1	R-R4		
37 Kt-Kt7	BxKt		

Draw agreed.

Task No. 73—"Ritz Special"



White Mates in Three Moves
(Value seven points)

Answer to Task No. 72: The key-move is 1 B-B7, threaten 2 Q-B6ch.