

Social Scene: Party Tables Turned

Guests Surprise Mrs. Piatigorsky

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Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky's lawn fete for Grand Masters of the ancient game of chess turned into a surprise party for the hostess.

She heads the Piatigorsky Foundation, sponsoring a month-long tourney which began Tuesday in the Ambassador, and in tribute to her support of the game, members of the local chess set presented her with a specially-designed trophy.

The hostess is one of the top women players in the United States, and the tournament here, top prize of which will be the Piatigorsky Cup, is one of the most important ever to be held in this country.

Kibitzers Gather

It didn't take long after the guests convened in the hosts' Brentwood home Monday for boards and chessmen to be surrounded by the eight internationally renowned honor guests, with kibitzing part of the afternoon's fun.

The Masters attending included world champion Tigran Petrosian of the Soviet Union; Samuel Reshevsky and Pal Benko of this country; Oscar R. Panno and Miguel Najdorf of Argentina; Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia; Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland and

Paul Keres of the Soviet Union.

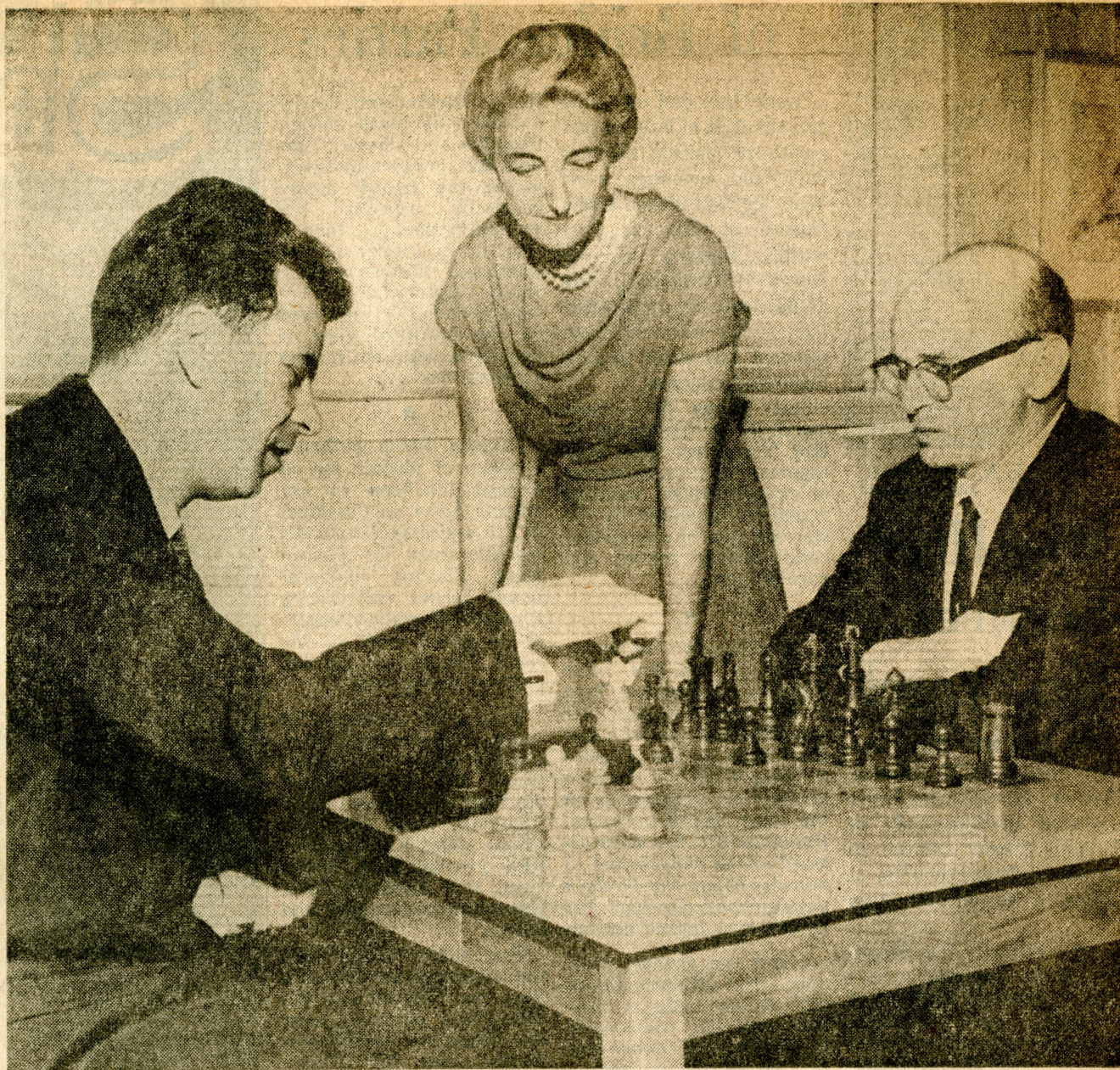
Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Coons, Maj. and Mrs. E. B. Edmundson, the Miron and Nicholas Chapros, Mr. and Mrs. Romaine Fielding, the John Greens, Dalzell Hatfields, Jascha Heifetz, Mr. and Mrs. Hart Isaacs, the Edwin Knopfs, Albert Lelands, pianist Leonard Pennario, the Joseph Schusters, Morris Stoloffs, Lawrence Weingarten, Mayor Samuel W. Yorty and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marache.

Miss Dagny Janss

Honored by Parents

Miss Dagny Janss was honoree at an evening of dancing and a buffet supper in Los Angeles Country Club last weekend, the

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WATCHING opening gambit of informal chess game between Grand Masters Pal Benko, left, and Samuel

Reshevsky is Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky, a ranking U.S. player and sponsor of the international tourney.

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