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GREETINGS!

With this issue, the reader will note a definite improvement in the presentation of the CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS. This is only one step forward in the many plans we are formulating. Naturally, having it printed would be the only good, presentable form....but at the beginning we prefer walking instead of running.

The new section "Games By Californians" makes its initial bow in this issue and will be enlarged as we go along. To further this end, we want your support, which means sending in games for publication, so keep 'em coming in!

As a special supplement, the reader will find the first games of the World's Championship now being played in The Hague. The next issue will contain more of these games and we intend to publish all of them. This in itself is worth the price of the yearly subscription to the CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS!

This is definitely the last issue, which will be sent free to non-subscribers. Do you want a better magazine? Do you want to support my effort? If so, send in your subscription, which is one dollar (\$1.00) yearly to the CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS. If you are a subscriber, get your friends to subscribe, too.

The second list of the HONOR ROLL is shown in this issue. Is your name mentioned therein? The third list will appear next month.

To all clubs in California, I reiterate -- you are invited to send in news, games, stories and local chess gossip. This is your periodical. Let's hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE KOLLANOWSKI

CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS

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ODDS and ENDS

Chess Master Denies Moscow Radio Report

Moscow radio reports that Reuben Fine, Los Angeles chess master, was forced by economic circumstances to refuse a world chess tournament invitation to The Hague. Fine said the entire story is false. "As a matter of fact," added Fine, "the trip wouldn't have cost me a cent. The Dutch Chess Federation offered me \$2000.00, but I didn't want to leave my research work."

Questions and Answers Department

Question: by Capa Brown, Santa Rosa:

"What becomes of gifted chess children?"

Answer : THE GIFTED CHILD GROWS UP!

Next question?

Question: by Yanke! Schlemiel, Timbuctoo:

"How can I win with a Rook down?"

Answer : "Our expert, he says, hasn't the faintest idea."

Tournament Book

The Capital City Chess Club, Sacramento has published in mimeograph form a well done tournament of the 1945-46-47 club championship, with a resume of all the interclub matches. Can be ordered from J. B. Gee, 5425-8th Avenue, Sacramento 17. The price is only 25 cents!

Directory

The president of the Fresno Chess Club has brought out a 1948 directory of chess players in the Fresno area. A splendid idea and deserves copying by all other clubs. Congratulations Wesley!

FLASH!

On Sunday afternoon March 7th, Fresno entertained the Kern County Chess Club at Hart's Cafeteria. A return match will be played later in the spring at Bakersfield. The standing of the players follows:

<u>Fresno</u>				<u>Kern County</u>			
Kvindesland	0	Cook	1	Smith	1	Hoar	0
Pelouze	1	Stagg	1	Eddy	0	Slitor	0
Bird	1	Beck	$\frac{1}{2}$	Chamberlain	0	Rettick	0
Bradfield	1	Cartt	1	Zook	0	McDonough	$\frac{1}{2}$
Olland	0	De Wolfe	1	Petersen	1	Day	0
Poulsen	1		$\frac{8\frac{1}{2}}$			Johnson	0

Here'Tis - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

The "Y" Chess Club - Y. M.C.A. 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco by Elmer Andersen, Program Secretary

A provisional organization of the "Y" Chess Club was formed on February 26th, 1948 and the following officers were elected:

President	Robert A. Burnight
Vice President	W. L. Burnham
Sec-Treasurer	F. D. Gilman
	Roscoe Kingman
	David E. Gavitt

The Executive Committee agreed to have a meeting on Sunday, February 29th, to consider matters relating to the club dues, meetings, membership, tournaments, matches, etc.

Newell Banks gave an exhibition at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, January 4th, playing 24 boards simultaneously and 1 board blind-fold. Results were as follows:

Chess	-	13 wins	2 draws	1 loss
Checkers	-	7 wins	2 draws	

Ly Cobb attended this exhibition and lent an air of sportsmanship to the gathering. Cobb took a draw on one of the checker games.

An East Bay Area Chess Association is being formed.

Petaluma Chess Club - by Harold Jaroske

The trouncing that the Petaluma Chess Club took from Vallejo on February 13th, by a score of 10½-3½, was probably the best thing that happened to the club in a long time. Petaluma has now decided to improve its player strength. Beginning February 27th, club tournament games are to be held and each member will be required to annotate his game. Gus Wollman will then analyze all lost games by means of a large chess wall set specially constructed some time ago by Dr. Harold Tower. This class room instruction is a good thing for all clubs to adopt because the more one learns about chess, the more is his desire to become a regular club member. Poor attendance of any club can easily be attributed to the losers staying away. It is quite natural for those who do not improve their play to drop out of chess clubs. After all, there isn't much pleasure in losing game after game.

Highlights of the match between Vallejo and Petaluma on February 13th were the lost games of Petaluma chess champion Gus Wollman, his runner up Lionel Wolfson and such top ranking local player as Dr. C. A. Stimson, Dr. Harold Tower, J. Hyland, A. Eisenstein, S. Goertzel, A. Koch, J. Hines and J. Renner. Brand Johnson, Joe Lesh and Walter Novak secured wins and Harold Jaroske secured a draw.

The Petaluma Chess Club meets every Friday evening at Donia Hall and all those interested in chess are very welcome at all times.

More - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Redwood Empire Chess League - by Harold Jaroske

A special meeting of the Redwood Empire Chess League was held in Petaluma on February 20th.

A new schedule of tournament matches was formulated up to and including the month of May.

A decision was also reached about dropping Ukiah from the second round of play as that team was unable to participate in any of the first round matches. It is hoped that Ukiah will enter the second year of play, beginning next September, for the Gold Cup Trophy, which was presented to the League by Mr. C. J. Wood of the Caspar Lumber Company of San Francisco. Sonoma, Napa and other cities are expected to join the League for the winter matches.

A suggestion was taken into consideration about choosing four of the best players from each team for the purpose of flinging challenges at powerful San Francisco, Oakland and other city clubs.

Agreement was reached on assessing each member club \$5.00 to defray expenses of the Redwood Empire League for postage, insurance on the gold cup and six replicas, and other incidental expenses.

San Rafael Chess Club News - by Robert Upham

The San Rafael Chess Club has finished its initial round of team matches with the other Redwood Empire Chess League clubs. We came out much more successful than we had originally anticipated. Following an opening debacle versus Petaluma (they won 11 to 1!) we beat Vallejo 4 - 2 and then defeated Santa Rosa by the close margin of 6½-5½. This marks a definite improvement over last year's poor showing in our team matches.

We have been conducting an intensive campaign to recruit new members for the club. Moore's Stationery Store in San Rafael and the local newspapers have been especially helpful in this membership drive. During the last couple of weeks we have already obtained three new members by means of this publicity. May more still come in the near future.

We noted in the last issue of California Chess News that several of the other California clubs have been very active in the way of tournaments, exhibitions, etc. Although our club hasn't measured up to the others in this respect, we do run a perpetual rating system which seems to hold the interest of all and spurs on the feeling of competition. The rating system used by Chess Review (in its correspondence chess contests) is employed.

Match played January 16, 1948.

<u>San Rafael</u>			<u>Santa Rosa</u>		
Upham	1	½	Jenkins	0	½
Howe	0	0	Sherman	1	1
Southerland	0	1	Raule	1	0
Allison	½	½	Somerville	½	½
Yates	1	0	Schneider	0	1
Knowlton	1	1	Watson	0	0
		Total 6½			Total 5½

Even More- NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Fresno Chess Club by C. Wesley Bird

On January 11th, the Salinas team of five men came to Fresno and played in Hart's Cafeteria against the Fresno team. Here following the result:

<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Salinas</u>	
F. Pelouze	0	Dr. D. Malig	1
J. Kvindesland	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Oakes	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. W. Bird	1	F. H. Clark	0
E. Cook	1	V. W. Pope	0
S. Poulsen	0	Dr. V. J. Ayres	1
	<u>2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Arrangements were made for a return match to be played in Salinas. Consequently, the Fresno Club played the Salinas Club on February 8th in the Salinas Y.M.C.A. building and won the match. Here follows the result:

<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Salinas</u>	
F. Pelouze	0	G. Oakes	1
E. Cook	0	F. Clark	1
C. W. Bird	1	F. Wymen	0
I. M. Bock	0	V. W. Pope	1
A. G. Wahlberg	1	Dr. V. J. Ayres	0
S. Poulsen	1	Carl Taylor	0
Dr. H. Kallmann	1	Sam Lowe	0
Clarence Candy	1	John Douglass	0
	<u>5</u>		<u>3</u>

And now, some High School Chess News of Fresno

In a match played on Thursday, February 20th, in the Fresno High School, the Fresno High School Chess team beat the Roosevelt High School team with a score of 5-2. Here follows the result:

<u>Fresno H.S.</u>		<u>Roosevelt H. S.</u>	
Gonos	0	D. G. Hoffman	1
Griffiths	0	Lamkin	1
Secret	1	D. M. Hoffman	0
Hannheimer	1	Combs	0
Bock	1	Schwabonland	0
Osborn	1	Haslett	0
Morgenstern	1	Kochian	0
	<u>5</u>		<u>2</u>

The Fresno Chess Club meets every Monday night at Hart's Cafeteria. Mr. C. Wesley Bird, 617 Pine Avenue, Fresno is president of the Club.

On March 1st, George Koltanowski gave a simultaneous exhibition here in Fresno and won all 19 games. At noon, he was guest speaker at the local Rotary Club.

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More, More - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Salinas Chess Club news by George Oakes - President

Our club meets Tuesdays at 7 P. M. at the Y.M.C.A. We have just concluded an informal round robin tournament to determine the relative strength of the members and the following show the results:

	W	L	D		W	L	D		W	L	D
Oakes	15	2	1	Pope	8	7	1	Hafner	2	7	0
Wyman	15	4	2	Taylor	10	10	1	Lowe	3	8	1
Clark	15	6	1	Andersen	3	5	0	Douglass	3	12	1
Ayers	12	10	0	Coe	4	6	0				

In our inter-city matches we have broken even so far, tying Fresno the first match, winning from San Jose the second match, and losing to Fresno the third match. We are looking forward to a return match with San Jose in the near future.

January 18th at Salinas

<u>Salinas</u>			<u>San Jose</u>				
Oakes	1/2	Taylor	0	Adams	1/2	Maeller	1
Ayres	0	Wyman	1	Daugherty	1	Buschine	0
Ayres	1	Clark	1/2	Daugherty	0	Malig	1/2
Skillicorn	1	Pope	1	Maeller	0	Shaw	0
			<u>5</u>				<u>3</u>

The third Tuesday of each month has been set aside for 10 second chess tournaments. Mr. Taylor won the one in January with Phil Wyman coming in second. All members are urged to be present for an evening of fun!

San Jose Chess Club News by Harry Shaw

Our local tournament to determine how the club members will represent the club in inter-club matches has been completed with the following results:

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost		
Adams	1	30	0	Malig	6	19	11
Daugherty	2	23 1/2	6 1/2	Villarruz	7	15 1/2	14 1/2
Levin	3	23 1/2	6 1/2	Kirby	8	15 1/2	14 1/2
Maeller	4	20	10	Elock	9	15 1/2	14 1/2
O'Shaughnessey	5	20	10	Wooster	10	15	15

On January 18th, our teams visited Salinas for an inter-club match, which we lost. (see report above)

The officers of the club have some very interesting plans and events scheduled for this coming year. We will try to have at least one special event for every month. Inter-club matches, rapid (ten second) chess tournaments, instructions in chess and special exhibitions are some of the things to look for. We play chess every Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. Come down and meet the chess players and get back to and enjoy the finest game of them all!

Still More - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Santa Rosa, California

Here follows results of match played at the Santa Rosa High School on Tuesday, February 17th:

<u>S. Rosa</u>				<u>Sonoma</u>	
Olson	1	Cutter	1	Land	0
Goudswaard	1	Gates	0	Green	0
Holten	1	Baumgarten	0	McVeigh	0
			4	Dubs	1
					2

San Diego, Cal.

The San Diego Chess Club meets at the Sandford Hotel Lounge, 1323 Fifth Avenue San Diego daily. Mr. A. G. Karn is Secretary-Treasurer.

Stockton, Calif.

The San Joaquin Chess & Chess Club was organized in January and is meeting weekly on Mondays at the Stockton Y.M.C.A. Newell Banks gave a chess and checker exhibition there on December 30th. Mr. M. A. Sanders, Route 2, Box 7-C, Manteca, Calif. is the secretary-treasurer.

Santa Monica, Cal.

The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club meets at the Miles Playhouse in Santa Monica. Write Mr. George A. Steven, 1617 Bay Street, Santa Monica for further information.

Coronado, Calif.

The Coronado Chess Club meets at the Library Park Clubhouse on Thursday nights. There are no dues and everyone is very welcome. Mr. Walter C. Michael is president.

Pasadena, Calif.

For further information in connection with the Pasadena Chess Club, write to Mr. R. P. Smith, 375 S. San Rafael Avenue, Pasadena

Van Nuys, Cal.

The Van Nuys Chess Club meets every second Tuesday at the Van Nuys playground. Mr. Matt Nesale, 14317 Haynes Street, Van Nuys is president of the club.

South Gate, Calif.

For information in connection with this club, contact Mr. Loren Barton, president, 1655 E. 71st Street, Los Angeles 11.

Bakersfield, Calif.

For information in connection with this club, contact Mr. H. G. McDonough, Box 387, Bakersfield.

San Pedro, Calif.

Mr. H. J. Boyer is president of the San Pedro Chess Club whose address is P.O. Box 8, San Pedro.

Oakland, Calif.

Oakland Chess & Checker Club meets from noon on at 387 12th Street, Oakland.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS!

A regional tournament to pick two contestants for the 1948 U. S. National Chess Championship tournament next summer will be held in Los Angeles March 27th to April 3, inclusive. Tournament is open to any resident of the 11 states in the sixth region, as follows: California, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Montana, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada.

A five dollar (\$5.00) entrance fee should be sent in with application to Dr. Ralph Kuhns, Los Angeles Athletic Club, Seventh and Olive Streets, Los Angeles.

Games will be played at the headquarters of the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 N. Formosa Avenue. The tournament is open only to citizens of the United States.

Of interest!!

In April, the Correspondents Chess League of Pacific Coast is running a LEADERSHIP TOURNAMENT. Seven players to a section. One game with each opponent. White in 3 games and black in 3 games. All games played to a finish. There are 3 cash prizes as follows: 1st \$1.50, 2nd \$1.00, 3rd .50. Entry fee to one section .50. Entries can be sent to J.E. Orr, Box 241, Georgetown, California

HONOR ROLL! Second list of subscribers to the California Chess News.

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Marion A. Sanders	Manteca	Herb Betker	Riverbank
H. O'Shaughnessy	San Jose	E. H. Mueller	Campbell
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Ernest J. Clarke	San Francisco	J. E. Orr	Georgetown
Sen Rafael C.Club	San Rafael	S.Kondrashoff	S.Francisco
Walter Novak	Cotati	Walter Sherman	Cotati
S. Goertzel	Penngrove	Joe Lesh	Cotati
Gus Wollman	Petaluma	Lionel Wolfson	Sebastopol
Brand Johnson	Petaluma	A. Tillen	Petaluma
J. Hyland	Petaluma	R. Koch	Petaluma
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Fresno High School	Fresno	Fresno S.College "	
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Bill Adams	San Jose	San Pedro C.Club	S.Pedro
Roy Wilkins	San Jose	L.Daugherty	San Jose
Mrs. Ida Zimmerman	Saretoga	Eugene Henkel	San Jose
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G. Lutz	S. Francisco	Frank Weinberg	Oakland
		Sherman Walker	Sonoma

LETTERS to the EDITOR!

A worthwhile idea!

From Dr. J. M. David Malig, San Jose -
"...I believe that one effective way to popularize chess in California and build up local clubs is to ask club members to advertise the club by attaching on their cars printed or hand painted cardboard, whichever they prefer, on which name of the club, location, day and time of meeting and the wording "members wanted-visitors welcome". Such printed advertisement could easily be attached and removed easily on the front and rear bumpers. The following is an example: SAN JOSE CHESS CLUB

At the Y.M.C.A. every Tuesday Night at 7:30.

New members wanted - Visitors are welcome

Always yours for Caissa,

J. M. David Malig, M.D."

Wonderful Mexico!

From Ted Dana, Palo Alto -

Dear George:

Your letter and card were forwarded to me on our way home from Mexico. Thanks for sending me the clipping from the Boston Herald. I was very glad to see this. Boston is my old home town.

We enjoyed our Mexican trip very, very much. Visited Fortin, Baxaco, Guadalajara, Cuernavaca and Tuxco. Was in Acapulco five weeks and had a wonderful time swimming. Also had much chess there.

Found the wealthy man on the hills you mentioned -- Ingeniero Garcia. He was very friendly and we played chess about twice a week. He invited me to the annual banquet of the Acapulco Chess Club. There were twenty chess players there. The invitation was for 8 P. M. I made the bad social error of arriving at 8 P. M. in my ignorance of Mexican customs. No one else arrived till 10 minutes to 9 P. M.! Highballs were served till 10 P. M. when we first started to eat. There were 7 courses and new plates and new sets of knives, forks and spoons for each course! As I remember, it started with ham, then chicken and potatoes; third came fish with vegetables, big salad, meat with vegetables, big fresh fruit cup, cream cake -- beer all through dinner. At about 11:30 P. M. they started playing chess. At midnight imported champagne was served. Quite a wonderful evening -- but I'm afraid the chess was far from wonderful.

Mrs. Dana joins me in best wishes to both you and Mrs. K.

Sincerely,
Ted Dana

More LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

One of many!

From Mr. H. D. Heyer, San Pedro:

Dear Mr. Koltanowski:

Please find enclosed subscription to California Chess News for our club....Am wondering if there aren't enough clubs in California to form what would be known as the California Chess Federation, which in turn would be affiliated with the U.S.C.F. Such a federation should be formed in order to conduct a California Chess Championship tournament to determine a state champion. The rules for such a tournament should be such that only the various club champions only would be eligible to play in this tournament. Let me know what you think of the idea.

Very respectfully yours,
H. D. Heyers, President
San Pedro Chess Club

(Editor's reply - A California State Association exists. The officers are in Los Angeles. I have asked them to write each month in the California Chess News so that everyone will know what their aim is. That is all I know about the State Association. To make it successful, it would be necessary to have directors from most of the clubs from all over the State, who could then work locally to make chess stronger through organization.)

He wasn't there!

From Harry Shaw, San Jose:

Hello Leah:

"...The picture on the envelope is the champion of the Calaveras (a nearby mountain village -means skull in Spanish) who will play board number 13 in our San Jose exhibition. He has a shot gun alongside of his chair and if he is about to lose a game he always shoots his opponent. Nice guy! Kolty will like him....."

Best regards.
Harry Shaw

(Editor's note - We came, played and survived in San Jose. Played 31 boards; won 26, drew 4 and lost 1...but Calaveras wasn't anywhere in sight. They tell me that he had been picked up by Federal men for running a still. Que lastima! I had a surprise up my sleeve for him!)

Here's something interesting!!

1. Read the chess column each Sunday written by J. B. Gee in the Sacramento Union.
2. Chess Column on Sundays written by George Koltanowski in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.
3. Chess Column on Sundays written by Herman Steiner in the Los Angeles Times.

GAMES
by
CALIFORNIANS

Following is a typical example of our club play: an inexact but entertaining brand of chess!

White: W. Knowlton
Black: R. Upham

King's Indian Defense.

- 1.PQ4 N-KB3
2.P-K3 P-Q4
3.B-Q3 P-KN3
4.N-KB3 B-N2

I have found the KB-fianchetto to be particularly effective against the type of opening adopted by White.

- 5.QN-Q2 O-O
6.P-B4

An alternate method of development is the Colle System: 6.P-B3 followed by Castling and an early advance of the King's Pawn.

- 6... P-B4

More forceful than P-B3, and quite in the spirit of this defense

- 7.PxQP

Unnecessary breaking of the tension in the center. I would have preferred 7.O-O.

- 7... NxP
8.P-QR3 Q-R4

Time-wasting. 8... N-QB3 would have been better.

- 9.O-O PXP

- 10.N-N3 Q-N3
11.KNxP N-Q2
12.B-Q2 N-K4
13.B-K2

Black's position appears to be very imposing. White, however, plays correctly and proves this to be a false assumption.

- 13... B-Q2
14.B-QR5 Q-KB3
15.N-B3 N-R3

By this sharp move Black inaugurates a short series of simplifying moves.

- 16.QxN B-K3
17.Q-QN5 BxN
18.B-B3 Q-K3
19.BxB KxB
20.KR-B1

Threatening QxP as well as B-B4

- 20... B-Q4
21.Q-B5

Intending either N-Q4 or B-N5

- 21... P-N3
22.Q-B3ch Q-B3

Attempting to neutralize White's concentration on his (White's) K4 square.

- 23.Q-Q2

Here White blunders badly. The exchange of Queens was necessary and good. Now Black quickly brings his Rooks to the scene of action.

- 23... KR-Q1
24.Q-B2 QR-B1
25.B-R6 N-Q5

A very difficult move for White to meet. In fact, it could be called the winning move.

- 26.QxR NxNch
27.PxN RxQ
28.BxR BxP

The endgame is reached. White has two Rooks for a Queen, but his king is in a horribly exposed condition. Black creates an outside passed Pawn and races it up the file before the white Rooks can do anything about it.

- 29.P-N4 Q-N4ch
30.K-B1 Q-N7ch
31.K-K1 QxPR7
32.B-R6 Q-N3ch
"The chess that binds."
33.B-B1 P-KR4
34.R-B4 P-KN4
35.QR-B1 P-R5
36.K-Q2 QxPch
37.K-Q3 P-R6
38.R4-B2 Q-N6
39.B-K2 B-N7
40.R-KN1 P-R7
White resigns.

Up to his 23rd move, a very creditable game by White. Black's 25th move brought about a surprisingly sudden termination to hostilities.

Notes by R.Upham (Son Rafael C.C.)
Especially for CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS.

Game played in the 8 board blindfold exhibition in Modesto, Feb. 25, 1948 (Won 6 drew 2)

White: George Koltanowski
Black: "Monty" Jackson

French Defense

- 1. P-K4 P-K3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. PxP

This is called the drawing variation of the French. Why did the blindfold player choose this tame (?) line of continuation?

If during an eight board blindfold exhibition there are more than one who play say the French Defense, then to facilitate the remembering of the boards, I always choose different continuations. That evening two boards played the French. In one I played 3.N-QB3 in the other 3. PxP. Had there been a third French I would have played there 3. P-K5.

All this, to differentiate the boards as soon as possible--- even at the cost of choosing "tame" or "dangerous continuations

- 3... PxP
- 4.B-Q3 B-Q3
- 5.N-K2 N-K2
- 6.B-KB4 QN-B3
- 7.P-QB3

Black threatens 7...BxB
8.NxB, NxP;

- 7... B-KB4
- 8.O-O O-O
- 9.R-K1 Q-Q2

Black is better developed than White.

- 10.BxB5 NxB
- 11.N-Q2 NB3-K2
- 12.N-B3 N-N3
- 13.BxB NxB

This is much stronger than taking back with the Queen. The Knight dominates two important squares QB5 and K5. White has to do some careful planning now.

- 14.Q-B2 QR-K1
- 15.N-N3 P-KB4
- 16.Q-N3 P-B3
- 17.N-K5 NxN
- 18.PxN N-B5
- 19.P-KB4 Q-K2!

Threatens Q-B4ch;
20.K-R1 (K-B1?, N-Q7ch)
Q-B7! with a terrific pull.

- 20.N-K2 P-KN4!!
- 21.PxP

Couldn't see a better way out. After 21. P-N3, PxP; 22. PxP, Q-R5; 23. R-KB1, N-Q7 wins.

- 21... NxKP
- 22.N-B4 Q-B4ch

Better was QxP.

- 23.K-R1 N-N5
- 24.P-KR3

Stops 24...N-B7ch;
25.K-N1, N-R6 d.ch;
26.K-R1, Q-N8ch; 27. RxQ, N-B7 mate.

- 24... N-B7ch

If 24...RxRch; 25. RxR, Q-B7; 26.N-Q3, 27. PxN, QxN; 28. PxP with an equal game.

- 25.K-R2 Q-Q3

- 26.P-N3 R-K5
- 27.K-N2 RxR

If 27...RxN, 28. PxR, QxP; 29. R-KB1 etc. He could draw easily with 27...KR-K1. But Black wants to win! More power to him!

- 28.RxR N-K5
- 29.QxNP R-N1
- 30.QxRP RxPch
- 31.R-K2 RxRch
- 32.NxR NxPN4
- 33.Q-K3 N-K5
- 34.N-Q4 Q-KB3
- 35.Q-B4 NxBP
- 36.NxKBP N-K5

Threatens Q-N7ch

- 37.Q-N8ch K-B2
- 38.Q-B7ch K-N3
- 39.N-R4ch K-R3
- 40.Q-B4ch QxQ
- 41.PxQ P-Q5?

Black overreaches himself. He has at least a draw, if he plays carefully possibly a win. With the text move he still has a draw but has to play correctly from now on.

- 42.N-B5ch K-N3
- 43.NxP P-B4
- 44.K-B3! N-B6
- 45.N-N3 P-B5
- 46.N-Q2 NxP
- 47.NxP N-B6
- 48.N-Q6 P-Q4
- 49.P-R4 N-Q4
- 50.K-K4 N-B3ch
- 51.K-K5 N-N5ch
- 52.K-K6 N-K6
- 53.P-B5ch K-N2
- 54.P-B6ch K-B1
- 55.N-B5

N-K4 followed by N-B5 or N5 was better.

55... N-N7
56..P-B7 N-B5ch
57.K-K5 N-N3ch
58.K-B6 NxRP

Game from the
Salinas-Fresno
match; board 2

White: Clark(S)

Black: Cook

Max Lange

Hoping for NxN
Stalemate! The
correct move was
58...N-B5; (not
N-RL; 59.N-Q6!)
59.N-Q6, N-Q4ch;
6)O.K-N5 and
White still has
some winning
chances. The final
ish is kind of
cute!

White announces
mate in two...
59.N-K7 N-B6
60.N-N6 Mate.

A grueling game
Mr. Jackson deser-
ved better.

Notes by the
Editor.

1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-QB3
3.B-B4 B-B4
4.O-O N-B3
5.P-Q4 PXP
6.P-K5 N-N1
7.R-K1 KN-K2
8.N-N5 O-O
9.Q-R5 P-KR3
10.NXP RKN
11.BxRoh K-RL
12.BxRP Resigns.

Game played

by mail.
White: P. Madrid
(Riverside)

Black: E. Treend
(Detroit)

1.P-Q4 P-Q4
2.N-KB3 N-KB3
3.P-B4 P-K3
4.B-N5 QN-Q2
5.P-K3 B-K2
6.N-B3 O-O
7.R-B1 P-B3
8.B-Q3 PXP
9.BXP N-Q4
10.BxB QxB
11.O-O N2-B3
12.B-Q3 P-KR3
13.N-K5 NxN
14.PxN Q-B2
15.B-N1 P-QN3
16.Q-Q3 P-N3
17.P-KR4 B-N2
18.P-N4 P-B4
19.P-N5 PXP
20.PxP B-K5?
21.Q-Q2 BxB
22.PxN Resigns
Black loses a
piece or gets
mated. 22..B-B5
23.P-B3, B-N2;
24.Q-R2, Q-Q1;
25.N-N4 etc. or
22..B-B4, 23.P-K4
Note by Madrid.

Played in
the Sacramento
1948 championship
White: J. Gee

Black: Kozen
Petroff Defense

1.P-K4 P-K4
2.N-KB3 N-KB3
3.NXP Q-K2
4.N-KB3 QxPch
5.B-K2 N-B3
6.N-B3 Q-KB4
7.P-QR3 P-QR3
8.P-Q4 P-Q4
9.B-K3 B-Q3
10.N-KR4 Q-K3
11.P-R3 P-R3
12.Q-Q2 B-Q2
13.P-KN4 N-K2
14.O-O-O P-KN4
15.P-B4 QxB
16.QxQ BXP
17.QxB PxQ
18.KR-B N-K5
19.NxN PxN
20.RXP B-B3
21.B-B4 R-KB1
22.P-Q5 P-N4
23.PxB PxB
24.RxKP Re

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT
THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hague, March 3, 1948

Round One of the World's Championship began at 5:30 P. M. at The Hague with Dr. M. Euwe- Paul Keres and V. Smyslov-S. Reshevsky meeting each other. Botvinnik had a bye. Before play started, the audience was cautioned not to smoke much. Reason...the Russians objected to it.

Reshevsky, by playing an inferior variation, got himself in a bad middle game, but Smyslov relented and then had to fight to hold a draw in the end game.

White: V. Smyslov Black: S. Reshevsky

Ruy Lopez

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 24. NxN | PxN |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 25. QxP | Q-R2 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 | 26. Q-Q3 | |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 | | |
| 5. Q-Q | B-K2 | | White does not care to exchange Queens. |
| 6. R-K1 | P-QN4 | 26. | B-K3 |
| 7. B-N3 | O-O | | |
| 8. P-B3 | P-Q3 | | |
| 9. P-KR3 | N-QR4 | | At this moment, Reshevsky had used two hours. Smyslov who must have known this variation, only 52 minutes. |
| 10. B-B2 | P-B4 | 27. B-N3 | Q-B4 |
| | | 28. N-Q5 | BxN |
| | | 29. PxB | R-R2 |

The preceding moves were made in quick tempo. The Russians have made a special study of this opening.

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| 11. P-Q4 | Q-B2 | | |
| 12. QN-Q2 | BPxP | | Protects his Bishop at K2 |
| 13. Pxp | N-B3 | 30. R-Q1 | R-B2 |
| 14. N-N3 | P-QR4 | 31. B-R4 | P-N3 |
| 15. B-K3 | P-R5 | | This stops all threats on his KR2 |
| 16. QN-Q2 | B-Q2 | 32. P-R3 | QxQP |
| 17. R-QB1 | KR-B1 | 33. BxN | QxQ |
| 18. B-N1 | Q-N1 | 34. BxQ | BxB |

White threatened 19. P-Q5

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| 19. N-B1 | N-QR4 | 35. BxPQN | BxP |
| 20. RxRch | BxR | 36. R-Q3 | R-B4 |
| 21. B-N5 | P-R3 | 37. BxP | R-QR4 |
| | | 38. B-N3 | BxP |
| | | 39. B-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| | | 40. BxP | RxB |
| | | 41. RxB | Draw |

Reshevsky took 45 minutes on this move, but was not in bad time pressure in the end.

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| 22. B-R4 | N-B3 |
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The way back!

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| 23. N-K3 | NxQP |
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To the spectators, this game was very tame compared to the battle royal that went on in the Euwe-Keres game.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

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As usual, Dr. Euwe started off with an opening advantage, but slipped up on his 28th move and Keres came in with a very neat bit of brilliancy to get a won endgame.

White: Dr. M. Euwe Black: P. Keres

Ruy Lopez

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 23. Q-B3 | P-KB3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 24. P-B4 | K-R2 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 | 25. P-QN3 | Q-Q2 |
| 4. B-R4 | P-Q3 | | |
| 5. P-QB3 | | | |

Alekhine preferred here 5.
BxNch. Duras usually played
5. P-B4.

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| 5. | B-Q2 |
| 6. P-Q4 | KN-K2 |

This position is identical to the game between Lasker and Steinitz of Hastings 1895.

7. B-N3

In the aforementioned game, White played 7. O-O. Euwe gives it a modern touch.

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| 7..... | P-R3 |
| 8. QN-Q2 | N-N3 |
| 9. N-B4 | B-K2 |
| 10. O-O | O-O |
| 11. N-K3 | B-B3 |
| 12. N-Q5 | PxP |
| 13. NxQP | |

Better than 13. PxP because of B-N5.

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| 13. ... | R-K1 |
| 14. NxBeh | QxN |
| 15. P-B3 | N-B5 |
| 16. NxN | |

Stops 16...NxN? 17.PxN, QXPch
18. QXQ, N-K7ch

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| 16. ... | BxN |
| 17. B-K3 | QR-Q1 |
| 18. Q-Q2 | N-N3 |
| 19. B-Q4 | Q-K2 |
| 20. QR-K1 | Q-Q2 |
| 21. P-QB4 | B-R5 |

Very good. Black eliminates White's advantage of having two bishops.

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| 22. BxB | QxB |
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If 25. QXRP? 26. R-R1

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| 26. Q-B5 | P-QN4 |
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Keres figures it is time to start some counterattack.

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| 27. Q-Q3 | PxP |
| 28. QxP | RxP ! |

Real Keres.

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| 29. RxR | P-Q4 |
| 30. QXRP | PxR |
| 31. B-K3 | Q-N5 |
| 32. Q-B4 | R-Q6 !! |

Well played

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| 33. B-B1 | |
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- If 33. QxKP then Q-K7 wins a piece.

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| 33. ... | N-R5 |
| 34. QxKPch | P-B4 |
| 35. Q-N7 | P-B3 |

Threatens mate on N7

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| 36. QxP (B6) | R-QB6 |
| 37. Q-Q5 | R-B4 ! |
| 38. Q-Q2 | RxB! |

The key to black's combination if 39. RxR, N-B6ch wins the Queen

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| 39. P-KR3 | Q-N6 |
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- 39...N-B6ch wins immediately for Keres. Both players were short of time.

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| 40. Q-K2 | QxBP |
| 41. RxR | QxRch |
| 42. K-R2 | |

Adjourned. White has a lost game.