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MONTEREY: SCHMITT, EVANS, YARMAK TOP CALIFORNIA OPEN

CLEVELAND: FISCHER, BISGUIER WIN U.S. OPEN

YANKTON: BERLINER, BRASKET WIN TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The largest (109) California Open in history saw a three-way tie for first place between Jim Schmitt of San Francisco, Larry Evans of New York, and Saul Yarmak of Los Angeles. The tie was broken in favor of Schmitt, who won the California State Chess Federation trophy and the right to be seeded into the state championship finals on Solkoff tie-breaking points.

In Cleveland, 14-year-old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, whose 1957 U.S. Junior victory in San Francisco was reported in the last issue of THE REPORTER, beat out U.S. Champion Arthur Bisguier of the Bronx on "median" tie-breaking points. In Yankton, South Dakota, the first annual Tournament of Champions was won by Hans Berliner of Washington, D.C., who tied with Curt Brasket of Minnesota and won on tie-breaking points. The California Champion, Gil Ramirez of San Francisco, placed in a six-way tie for fifth.

THE CALIFORNIA OPEN, ROUND BY ROUND

The California Open was held in Monterey this year, and by all accounts was the best and most enjoyable of the series. No doubt the lovely Monterey Peninsula was responsible to a large extent, but equal credit belongs to the excellent playing arrangements made by the San Carlos Hotel, the fine staff work by Sergeant Robert A. Karch of the Presidio of Monterey and his committee, and the publicity and promotional work of Lyn Henderson, CSCF publicity chairman, and George F. Goehler, president of the CSCF.

This Open was certainly the biggest. The turnout of 109 players eclipsed the record-breaking attendance of 96 at Santa Barbara, 1956.

With so large an entry list, we realized we needed an early start with the registration, so an hour before the announced sign-up time of 9:30 the business of getting the contestants listed began. While Lyn Henderson and Bob Karch took names, addresses, entry fees and CSCF memberships, the tournament director, Guthrie McClain, sorted out the pairing cards. A serious setback occurred when there were more names on the sign-up sheets than there were pairing cards, but in spite of having to go through every name again and tick off the matching card (it developed that several names had been entered twice, once on a mail entry and once in person) plus the annoying discrepancy caused by the fact that Sergeant Karch had been too busy to sign his own name on the entry sheet) the players had been ranked and the pairings announced by about 10:30 A.M.

Round I - 10:30 A.M. August 31: The first round was a pairing of the top half vs. the bottom half at a rate of 30 moves per hour. After a very noisy fifteen minutes during which the pairings were read off over the public address system, the large playing room settled down to the unnatural hush which always seems to preface the first round of a California Open. The pairings went as expected; the "sheep" and "goats" did what they were supposed to do with few exceptions. There were the usual few upsets: young Rex Wilcox of Salinas held the redoubtable Dr. Peter Lapiken of Los Angeles to a draw; John Jaffray of Los Angeles defeated Alfred Coles III of Encinitas; Tom Tracy of Fullerton beat Bill Adams of San Jose; M.K. Saca of Sacramento upset Joe Mego of Los Angeles; and high school student Art Wang of Berkeley upset Frank Hufnagel of Los Angeles. The nearest thing to a sensation was the stout defense put up by Don Maron of Beverly Hills against international grandmaster Larry Evans of New York; Don seemed to have a draw until the late stages, when Larry pulled the game out of the fire. There was a bye in

this round, and the tournament director exercised his right to play favorites by giving the free point to Spencer Van Gelder of San Francisco. But it wasn't just that Van had been our roommate at Cleveland or other personal reasons; Van had just married off a son and we felt the circumstances were extenuating enough to let him go back to the wedding reception and have some more champagne.

Round II - 3:30 P.M. August 31: This round was again played at 30 moves per hour. There were still supposed to be "sheep" and "goats" but some of the pairings were, unavoidably, evenly matched. Under the circumstances, the favorites had a rougher go than in the first round. The big upset was when Larry Evans failed to beat Emil Bersbach. Bersbach, who moved from Los Angeles to Kokomo, Indiana, following the California Open of 1951 and recently moved back, evidently has not been wasting his time in Indiana. Evans arrived at somewhat the same position as in the first round, but this time technique wasn't enough. Bersbach refused to be beaten and the odds-on favorite to win the tournament had suffered a serious setback. Other upsets: Dr. Kenneth Colby of Mill Valley drew with Irving Rivise of Los Angeles; John Jaffray (again!) upset Sam Geller of Los Angeles; young Ralph Clark of Long Beach drew with Henry Cross of San Francisco; M.K. Saca (again!) drew with Ronnie Gross of Compton.

Round III -- 9:30 P.M. August 31: This round was postponed an hour because some long games, plus the time required to pair so many players, had set back the starting time of the second round. The time seemed apropos to take up, reluctantly, various proposals to split up the Open. The scheme which was adopted by the players was one which was presented in the last issue of THE REPORTER: Those players with one point or less were placed in the Reserves, to compete for a separate trophy. Those remaining in the championship flight, numbering approximately four-sevenths of the contestants, would enjoy a slight improvement in accuracy of determining the prizewinners (probably only significant on or about the twentieth place, however) and all players would enjoy the great benefit of having the pairings more quickly. It turned out, subsequently, that pairing two separate tournaments speeded up the mechanical work of pairing by a remarkable degree; and this, we feel, made the tournament more enjoyable for everybody.

Round Three reverted to the normal rate of 40 moves in two hours. At the end of the round the leaders were Almgren, Smook, Simon, Yarmak, Pruner, Schmitt, and Smith. The two most notable upsets were registered by Sven Almgren of Los Angeles, who defeated

Jim Cross of Los Angeles, and Roger Smook of Berkeley, who beat Bill Addison of San Francisco. A rarity (fortunately) in the California Open, the adjourned game, had come up in three games in Round Two, and during the evening all three were settled without the need to adjudicate.

Round IV - 12:30 P.M. September 1: Sunday morning was free of play, the only break in three days of hard chess, and many of the contestants drove over to Carmel and other nearby tourist spots for a bit of fresh air. The featured pairings were Yarmak-Schmitt, Pruner-Almgren, Simon-Smith, Barnes-Smook, and Evans-Gross. Schmitt, Pruner, Simon and Smook became the leaders at the half-way mark with four points, while Evans won from Henry Gross to head those with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points. There were five Grosses in the tournament: Henry (San Francisco), Ronald and his father Leon (Compton), Dr. Benjamin (San Francisco) and Fletcher (La Canada). There was some talk of having a Grossmeisternschaftskampfen, but nobody was willing to donate a trophy. There were also two Evanses, but the second, Joseph, from Los Angeles, spelled his name with two "n's."

Round V - 7:30 P.M. September 1: Laszlo Simon, Hungarian-born master who now hails from Los Angeles, took over first place by beating Smook. The other 4-pointers, Jim Schmitt and Earl Pruner of San Francisco, drew, while Larry Evans was held to a draw by Jim Cross. This put Evans a full point behind Simon. Schmitt and Pruner were second with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points, and there were several players with 4: Evans, Addison, Neil Falconer of Lafayette (1951 Open Champion, who hasn't played in an Open since), Rivise, Yarmak, Alex Suchobeck of Monterey, Pete Lapiken, Bersbach, Charles Bagby of San Francisco, Almgren, John Barnes of Fort Ord, and Sergius von Oettingen of Monterey. In the Reserves, Evans was tied for first with three points (this caused no little merriment because the "one n" Evans was trailing). Because of the congestion, a head table had been set aside for the three top games, and when the tournament director took a little time out to introduce the stars at this table over the p.a. at the beginning of the round, an amazing thing took place: the players gave him (the T.D.) a standing ovation!

Round VI - 9:30 A.M. September 2: Labor Day dawned on a serious group of chessplayers. The first round had been advanced, as usual, for an early getaway; and some of the players had had little sleep (the T.D. too; he had been up until four A.M. on three consecutive nights). The championship flight featured Schmitt vs. Simon, Pruner vs. Evans and Almgren vs. Addison. Other critical

games were Falconer-Bagby, Rivise-Smook, Yarmak-Coles, von Oettingen-Suchobeck and Lapiken-Bersbach. When Schmitt drew with Simon while Pruner lost to Evans, the stage was set for the last-round climax. Also in contention were Bagby, Rivise, Yarmak, Suchobeck and Lapiken. Almgren and Addison had dropped back amongst the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -pointers with their draw. The Reserves had an interesting climax, too; Evanns and Leonard Frankenstein of the University of Chicago led with four points, but they had already met (with Frankenstein the winner) and so the title depended upon how they would do against others.

Round VII - 4:00 P.M. September 2: The critical pairings were Simon ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) and Evans (5); Bagby (5) and Yarmak (5); Schmitt (5) and Suchobeck (5); and Lapiken (5) and Rivise (5). As the pairings were being made, the rules called for Simon, with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points, to play the top player with 5 points. On ratings the top player was obviously grandmaster Evans, and on both Sonnenborn-Berger and Solkoff, the other two methods of determining the top player, Evans was also tops (except for Schmitt, who had already played Simon). So Simon had to play Evans, and when he was unfortunate enough to draw the Black pieces he went down to defeat. But Simon had led the field for two and a half days, and this must go into the records as an outstanding achievement. Evans was the first of the 5-pointers to win, which meant that any winner of three other games could tie him for first. After some hours' play, it was incredibly seen that all three looked like draws! If this had materialized, Evans would have had the great good fortune to have backed into first place after having been a full point behind. First, the Lapiken-Rivise game was drawn. It looked good for Evans, but as time went on it became clear that here were four determined players: Schmitt, Suchobeck, Bagby and Yarmak. Schmitt had an undeniable advantage, but Suchobeck had lots of play and for a long time it looked as though he might draw, or even win the game. Bagby and Yarmak had a most interesting game; at first Yarmak had the better-looking game, but now Bagby had recovered and was playing for a win. At long last, somewhere between ten and eleven o'clock that night, Schmitt finally beat Suchobeck and Yarmak outlasted Bagby. (It is no accident that both were younger than their opponents.) At such a late hour, there normally would be very few spectators left, but such was the tension and excitement that there was still quite a crowd.

In the Reserves, a fine victory was scored by Frankenstein. After losing two out of the first three games, he scored four straight points to end up with 5-2. Fletcher Gross took second

It was so late that the customary ceremony of handing out the prizes was cut short. A number of spectators were flushed out of the bar downstairs, to watch, but there were no speeches. The prizes:

1 - \$125 and trophy	7 - \$25
2 - \$ 85	8 - \$20
3 - \$ 60	9-10 - \$15
4 - \$ 40	11-13 - \$10
5 - \$ 35	14-24 - \$ 5
6 - \$ 30	Reserves - Trophy

Because of the ties, Schmitt, Evans and Yarmak received \$90 each, Addison, Lapiken, Rivise, Simon and Weinbaum \$30, Adams, Bagby, Bersbach, Coles, Cross, Mego, Pruner, Rubin, Smith and Suchobeck \$8.50, and Almgren, Brieger, Clark, Geller, H. Gross, R. Gross, D. Foley, Rosenbaum and von Oettingen \$3.33. The total prize money was \$535 - all the entry fees except for \$10 expenses.

The festivities concluded with the usual (usual to California Opens, at least) presentation of a purse to the tournament director by the players in appreciation of an enjoyable tournament. (While this is a touching gesture and much appreciated by the director, it is sometimes embarrassing and we respectfully suggest that in future Opens, no matter who is the director, a small charge be added to the entry fee. One dollar, for example, would take care of both the T.D.'s expenses and whatever rating fees are payable.)

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE CSCF

On Friday evening before the Open at Monterey the directors and committee members of the California State Chess Federation held a business meeting to discuss the promotional plan which is now under way. A report on the Cleveland meetings of the U.S. Chess Federation was also heard and the national chess situation was discussed.

The regional tournament project was received favorably and a number of chess centers in California reported on plans to hold CSCF-sponsored events. While southern California was off to a head start, central and northern California also have scheduled regional tournaments. The project is presently spearheaded by the ten directors who represent geographical areas of the state, but numerous local secretaries will soon be appointed to act for the CSCF. The first tournaments will be announced shortly.

## CALIFORNIA OPEN - Monterey, California - August 31-September 2, 1957

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts. (4 Rds.)	Solkoff
<b>"CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT"</b>									
1 James N Schmitt, SF	W30	W61	W36	W3	D9	D4	WL3	6	21½
2 Larry Evans, New York	W48	D10	W47	W20	D11	W9	W4	6	20
3 Saul Yarmak, LA	W98	W37	W27	L1	W55	WL6	WL4	6	19
4 Lazlo Simon, LA	W85	W50	W24	WL2	W28	D1	L2	5½	21
5 Irving Rivise, LA	W80	D38	W8	D51	WL5	W28	D6	5½	17½
6 Dr Peter Lapiken, Vallejo	D60	D34	W80	W52	W51	WL0	D5	5½	16½
7 William G Addison, SF	W77	W45	L28	W61	W24	D19	W20	5½	16
8 Sidney Weinbaum, LA	W93	D29	L5	W56	W34	W22	WL9	5½	16
9 Earl Pruner, Berkeley	W83	W49	W55	WL9	D1	L2	D11	5	21½
10 Emil Bersbach, Kokomo, Ind.	W96	D2	D57	W39	WL2	L6	W28	5	18½
11 James Cross, LA	W86	W44	L19	W45	D2	W30	D9	5	18½
12 Phil D Smith, Fresno	W89	W90	W35	L4	L10	W32	W31	5	18½
13 Alex Suchobeck	W72	W52	D51	D31	W35	W21	L1	5	18½
14 Charles Bagby, SF	W88	D40	D62	W54	W32	W29	L3	5	17
15 Joe Mego, LA	L108	W94	W89	W48	L5	W33	W38	5	17
16 Alfred P Coles, Encinitas	L47	W79	W92	W62	W31	L3	W30	5	16½
17 W T Adams, San Jose	L57	WL06	W83	W40	L29	W44	W36	5	15½
18 Gene Rubin, LA	W91	D57	D23	L30	W47	W35	W29	5	15½
19 Sven Almgren, LA	W71	W59	WL1	L9	W23	D7	L8	4½	20½
20 Henry Gross, SF	W73	D26	W60	L2	W46	W43	L7	4½	18½
21 S von Oettingen, Monterey	W79	D23	W26	D29	W33	L13	D24	4½	17½
22 Robert Brieger, San Diego	W84	D62	D40	W34	D43	L8	W41	4½	17
23 Herbert Rosenbaum, SF	WL01	D21	D18	W42	L19	D25	W43	4½	16½
24 D J Foley, San Jose	W76	W33	L4	W53	L7	W52	D21	4½	16
25 Sam Geller, LA	W94	L47	L30	W26	W62	D23	W49	4½	15
26 Ralph Clark, Long Beach	W99	D20	L21	L25	W67	W58	W45	4½	13½
27 Ronald Gross, Compton	W81	WL08	L3	L33	D53	W54	W46	4½	13½
28 Roger Smook, Berkeley	WL06	W64	W7	W32	L4	L5	L10	4	20
29 Neil Falconer, Lafayette	W92	D8	W38	D21	WL7	L14	L18	4	19½
30 David Krause, Palo Alto	L1	W95	W25	WL8	W49	L11	L16	4	18½
31 S H Van Gelder, SF	Bye	W74	D42	D13	L16	W55	WL2	4	18
32 John Barnes, Fort Ord	Bye	W91	W88	L28	L14	L12	W53	4	17
33 Syverts Poulsen, Berkeley	W69	L24	WL07	W27	L21	L15	W52	4	17
34 Leighton Allen, SF	D58	D6	WL05	L22	L8	W56	W55	4	16
35 E H Mueller, Campbell	W56	WL03	L12	W57	L13	L18	W59	4	16
36 Lev Beliavsky, Monterey	W97	W66	L1	D47	W59	D38	L17	4	15½
37 George F Goehler, LA	W75	L3	D56	D41	D39	W47	D42	4	15½
38 Dr K M Colby, Mill Valley	W87	D5	L29	W63	W60	D36	WL5	4	14½
39 William Rebold, Berkeley	Bye	L46	W50	L10	D37	D53	W34	4	14½
40 Fred Falkowitz, Anaheim	WL09	D14	D22	L17	L44	W61	W51	4	14
41 Robert Seaman, Monterey	L50	W72	D49	D37	W61	W51	L22	4	14
42 Harry Hindman, Sta Clara	W82	L51	D31	L23	W68	W50	D37	4	13

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43 Robert Baker, Fresno	D63	D58	W73	W65	D22	L20	L23	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
44 Dr T Bullockus, Palo Alto	W74	L11	W68	L50	W40	L17	D48	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
45 Ray Cuneo, Oakland	W70	L7	W108	L11	D54	W60	L26	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
46 Frank Hufnagel, LA	L78	W39	D67	W58	L20	W57	L27	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
47 John Jaffray, LA	W16	W25	L2	D36	L18	L37	W66	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
48 Don Maron, Beverly Hills	L2	W96	W99	L15	L52	W62	D44	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
49 C R Wilson, Berkeley	W107	L9	D41	W67	L50	W63	L25	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
50 Al Raymond, Lancaster	W41	L4	L39	W44	D57	L42	W63	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
51 W A Hendricks, So SF	W102	W42	D13	D5	L6	L41	L40	3	19
52 Dr Ben L Gross, SF	W95	L13	W87	L6	W48	L24	L33	3	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
53 Francis Crofut, San Jose	L103	W97	W69	L24	D27	D39	L32	3	17
54 Arthur Critchlow, L Gatos	L66	W102	W103	L14	D45	L27	D57	3	16
55 Lars N Enequist, LA	W65	W78	L9	W68	L3	L31	L34	3	15
56 Eugene Lien, Berkeley	L35	W82	D37	L8	D65	L34	W68	3	14
57 Tom Tracy, Fullerton	W17	D18	D10	L35	D50	L46	D54	3	14
58 Howard Chamness, Wlmngtn	D34	D43	D59	L46	W66	L26	D60	3	13
59 A W Markus, Garden Grove	W68	L19	D58	W84	L36	D66	L35	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
60 Rex Wilcox, Salinas	D6	W63	L20	W66	L38	L45	D58	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
61 Charles Henderson, B Hills	W67	L1	W78	L7	L41	L40	D62	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
62 Sgt Robt Karch, Monterey	W105	D22	D14	L16	L25	L48	D61	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
63 Earl Yaggie, SF	D43	L60	W106	L38	W64	L49	L50	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
64 Arthur Stobbe, San Luis O	W100	L28	D66	L59	L63	W68	L39	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
65 Robt Seiden, Glendale	L55	W81	W90	L43	D56			2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
66 John Blackstone, San Jose	W54	L36	D64	L60	L58	D59	L47	2	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
67 George Powers, SLO	L61	W86	D46	L49	L26			1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
68 Thomas Kimball, San Jose	L59	W84	L44	L55	L42	L64	L56	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
<b>"RESERVES"</b>									
69 L Frankenstein, LA	L33	W71	L53	W79	W72	W81	W77	5	14
70 Fletcher Gross, LaCanada	L45	D77	D91	D86	W82	W76	W71	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
71 Joseph Evanns, LA	L19	L69	W101	W90	W83	W73	L70	4	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
72 Dan McLeod, San Bruno	L13	L41	W74	W108	L69	W87	W81	4	13
73 Bob Harshbarger, StaMca	L20	W109	L43	W98	W89	L71	W83	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
74 Alan Carpenter, SoPasadna	L44	L31	L72	W109f	W107	W84	W88	4	9
75 Phil Foley, San Jose	L37	L92	D85	W107	W97	W94	D80	4	9
76 Dale Gillette, SLO	L24	L99	W93	D77	W78	L70	W97	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
77 Nathan Robinson, LA	L7	D70	D94	D76	W88	W86	L69	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
78 Arthur Wang, Berkeley	W46	L55	L61	W80	L76	W89	D79	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
79 Dave Nieder, SF	L21	L16	W104	L69	W103	W95	D78	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
80 Ostap Bender, Sacto	L5	W93	L6	L78	W105	W96	D75	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$



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81 Eliot D Bean, LA	L27	L65	W109	W103	W87	L69	L72	3	13
82 John Thompson, Torrance	L42	L56	W97	D88	L70	W91	D85	3	12½
83 Russ Freeman, Oakland	L9	W104	L17	W95	L71	W102f	L73	3	12
84 Leon H Gross, Compton	L22	L68	L95	W93	W99	L74	W96	3	9½
85 Alex Parvu, Monterey	L4	L105	D75	D94	D104	W88	D82	3	8½
86 George B Oakes, Salinas	L11	L67	W102	D70	W91	L77	L74	2½	14
87 Gerald Castleberry, LA	L38	W98	L52	W92	L81	L72	D89	2½	12
88 Jerry Havill, Palo Alto	L14	W101	L32	D82	L77	L85	W103	2½	11
89 Carl Huneke, SF	L12	W100	L15	W105	L73	L78	D87	2½	11
90 Robert Barringer, SF	W104	L12	L65	L71	L96	D103	W94	2½	9½
91 Chris Fotias, Visalia	L18	L32	D70	W99	L86	L82	W104	2½	8½
92 Charles Torrance, PacGr	L29	W75	L16	L87	L95	W99	D93	2½	8½
93 Mrs E Torrance, Pac Gr	L8	L80	L76	L84	W109f	W104	D92	2½	8
94 Virgil Mitchell, SanJose	L25	L15	D77	D85	W100	L75	L90	2	11
95 Don Stewardson, Monterey	L52	L30	W84	L83	W92	L79	L98	2	10½
96 Burt Thach, Long Beach	L10	L48	L98	W100	W90	L80	L84	2	10½
97 Douglas Willis, Oakland	L36	L53	L82	W101	L75	W106	L76	2	10½
98 Harold Edelstein, SnCrls	L3	L87	W96	L73	L102	W105	L95	2	9½
99 Dick Purvis, Bakersfield	L26	W76	L48	L91	L84	L92	W106	2	9
100 Frank Baker, Lancaster	L64	L89	Bye	L96	L94	L101	W107f	2	7
101 Elmo Stephens, Palmdale	L23	L88	L71	L97	L106	W100	W105	2	5½
102 Larry Zipfel, Redding	L51	L54	L86	W106	W98			2	3
103 Gregory Kern, Htgtn Park	W53	L35	L54	L81	L79	D90	L88	1½	11½
104 Mrs L Simon, LA	L90	L83	L79	Bye	D85	L93	L91	1½	8
105 Kyle Forrest, Manhattan Bh	L62	W85	L34	L89	L80	L98	L101	1	10
106 Edward Rupp, Los Altos	L28	L17	L63	L102	W101	L97	L99	1	8½
107 Mrs L Henderson, BevHills	L49	Bye	L33	L75	L74			1	7½
108 M K Saca, Sacramento	W15	L27	L45	L72				1	4
109 Edwin Slade, NoHollywood	L40	L73	L81					0	0

U.S. WOMEN'S TOURNEY IN LOS ANGELES

The 1957 U.S. Women's Championship Tournament will be held at the Herman Steiner Chess Club from Nov. 3 to 16, according to Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky, chairman of the tournament committee. Invitations are being sent to the 12 leading women players in accordance with the latest rating list of the U.S. Chess Federation. In addition to deciding the U.S. title, the two first prize winners will qualify to compete for the women's world championship.

A fund is being raised to help defray the cost of the tournament and transportation expenses for the out-of-town players. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should make checks payable to U.S. Women's Chess Championship of 1957 and send them to Irving Rivise, treasurer, 3157 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 34, Calif.

CLEVELAND: THE U. S. OPEN AND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE USCF

Bobby Fischer tied with Arthur Bisguier, 10-2, and won the 1957 Open Championship on tie-breaking points. Donald Byrne was third,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and four tied for fourth with 9-3 scores: Robert Byrne, Walter Shipman, Edmar Mednis and Anthony Santasiere. Gil Ramirez scored  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to lead the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -pointers, and the second Californian was Bill Addison with 8, also leading the players with similar scores. Henry Gross had 7, Guthrie McClain  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , Allen Leighton  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , Sonja Graf 6, Spencer H. Van Gelder 5, William Rebold  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and James B. Reynolds 4.

The business meetings were characterized by a heart-warming show of confidence in the new administration and the enlisting of regional leaders from all over the country in a program of more and better chess events and the lifting of the U.S. Chess Federation out of the financial red ink. In fact, it seemed that all the recent wranglings had been of some use after all; capable organizers everywhere were coming into action. The Secretary of the USCF, Marshall Rohland of Milwaukee, stepped out of character while reading his reports to comment on this: "The worst thing the USCF has had to combat is apathy. None of the quarrels and disputes of recent years has done a fraction of the damage to the USCF that apathy has been responsible for."

Jerry Spann of Oklahoma City was elected President. Three vice-presidents were elected: Dr. Erich Marchand of Rochester, Edward McCormick of New Jersey, and Mrs. G. Gresser of New York (woman's vice-president, a new office). (Irving Rivise of California was a strong fourth amongst nine men candidates for the two men vice-presidents.)

President Spann took over the gavel from retiring president Frank Graves at the end of the first directors' meeting and presided over the second meeting. This was a long meeting and Spann was weary when it was over, but it was doubtless the best such meeting ever held by the Federation. The exchange of ideas was stimulating, and the presence of a large and representative group of directors, including ex-president Harold Phillips of New York who is always very expressive, made the meeting a great success.

The two most controversial matters were (1) a proposal that in the future no tournaments would be USCF-rated unless all contestants were members and (2) the renewal of contracts for the Business Manager and the Editor. In the first, general approval was won, but it was brought out that California tournaments would suffer. This proposal will not go into effect until March, 1958. The second

matter cannot be settled finally until the end of the year, but a resolution was unanimously passed that "Taking note of Mr. Montgomery Major's announced intention to resign, the Directors express gratitude and commendation for his eleven years' hard work on the official organ of the USCF, Chess Life." The renewal of the Business Manager's contract was placed in the hands of a special committee.

#### MECHANICS' INSTITUTE OPEN

Richard Plock of the U.C. Radiation Lab., Livermore, and Edvins Simanis of Berkeley tied for first and second places in the Open held in May, June and July, in connection with the "Invitational" as reported in our last issue. The tournament was remarkable in that there was not a single draw. Nick Henwood and Robert Barringer were forced to withdraw, but their results are recorded below.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score
1. R. Plock	X	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-2
2. E. Simanis	1	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	8-2
3. D. Nieder	1	0	X	0	1	0	0	1f	1f	1	1	6-4
4. S.H. Van Gelder	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	0	1f	1	1	6-4
5. R. Freeman	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1f	1f	1	0	5-5
6. R. Trenberth	0	0	1	1	0	X	1	1	1	0	0	5-5
7. H. King	0	1	1	0	0	0	X	0	1f	0	1	4-6
8. N. Henwood	0	0	F	1	F	0	1	X	1	1	F	4-6
9. R. Barringer	0	1	F	F	F	0	F	0	X	1	1	3-7
10. R. Cuneo	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	X	1	3-7
11. A. Wang	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1f	0	0	X	3-7

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPERTS CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

Robert Seltzer of Santa Monica won this title in August by defeating B. Kakimi of the City Terrace club in a play-off match, 1½-½. In a play-off for third, R. Clark of City Terrace and I. Szafir of Santa Monica tied, 1-1. The play-offs were the culmination of two sections played in June, July and August at the Santa Monica and City Terrace clubs:

##### SANTA MONICA SECTION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	S-B
1. R. Seltzer	D3	W18	W24	W21	L4	W2	W6	W7	6½	27½
2. I. Szafir	W20	L17	W18	W7	W11	L1	W9	W6	6	26
3. P. Wrangell	D1	D7	W22	L6	W8	W21	W11	W4	6	25¾
4. R. Harshbarger	W12	W22	W25	W17	W1	L6	W5	L3	6	23
5. R. Sale	W24	W23	D21	W13	L6	W17	L4	W11	5½	17

## SANTA MONICA SECTION (Continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	S-B
6. A. Michaelson	W16	W13	L17	W3	W5	W4	L1	L2	5	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. G. Palmer	D18	D3	W9	L2	W21	W13	W17	L1	5	20 $\frac{1}{4}$
8. C. Lowery	L17	W20	L13	W26	L3	W18	W16	W12	5	16
9. N. Vatsos	L21	W27	L7	W22	W12	W10	L2	W13	5	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. A. Kempner	L26	W16	W23	W25	D17	L9	L12	W19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
11. A. Cherestes	D19	D25	W12	W15	L2	W14	L3	L5	4	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. B. Mintz	L4	W19	L11	W23	L9	W20	W10	L8	4	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. G. Olson	W28	L6	W8	L5	W15	L7	W14	L9	4	13
14. J. Gish	L25	L15	W19	W24	W16	L11	L13	W21	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. A. Diamond	L22	W14	W26	L11	L13	L16	W23	W17	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
16. L. Narens	L6	L10	W27	W20	L14	W15	L8	W22	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
17. J. Jaffray	W8	W2	W6	L4	D10	L5	L7	L15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
18. K. Forrest	D7	L1	L2	W19	W25	L8	D21	D20	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
19. T. Campbell	D11	L12	L14	L18	W23	W24	W22	L10	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
20. G. Anderson	L2	L8	W28	L16	W27	L12	W24	D18	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
21. B. Collins	W9	W26	D5	L1	L7	L3	D18	L14	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. J. De Briac	W15	L4	L3	L9	L24	W23	L19	L16	2	6
23. W. Barham	W27	L5	L10	L12	L19	L22	L15	W24	2	2
24. G. Castleberry	L5	W28	L1	L14	W22	L19	L20	L23	2	2
25. W. Holmes	W14	D11	L4	L10	L18	F	F	F	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
26. G. Kern	W10	L21	L15	L8	F	F	F	F	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
27. C. Carlson	L23	L9	L16	F	L20	F	F	F	0	0
28. J. Loos	L13	L24	L20	F	F	F	F	F	0	0

## CITY TERRACE SECTION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. B. Kakimi	W9	W2	W11	D5	W6	W2	W4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. R. Clark	W10	L1	W3	D4	W11	D6	W5	5-2
3. E. Amdon	L6	W16	L2	W9	W14f	D5	W8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. L. Thompson	W16	L5	W15f	D2	W10	W7	L1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. D. Young	W13	W4	W6	D1	D8	D3	L2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. J. Zizda	W3	W8	L5	W7	L1	D2	W9f	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. G. Erus	L8	W13	D9	L6	W12	L4	W14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. J. Hamilton	W7	L6	W12	W11	D5	L1	L3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. W. Irwin	L1	W10	D7	L3	W13	W14f	L6f	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. E. Norman	L2	L9	W16	W13	L4	W11	L12f	3-4
11. L. Hillman	W14	W12	L1	L8	L2	L10	L13	2-5
12. B. Ponce	W15	L11	L8	L14	L7	L13	W10f	2-5
13. H. Rader	L5	L7	L14	L10	L9	W12	W11	2-5
14. D. Robbins	L11	L15f	W13	W12	L3f	L9f	L7	2-5
15. D. Molina	L13	W14f	L4f	-	-	-	-	1-6
16. W. Pietri	L4	L3	L10	-	-	-	-	0-7

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE

Fairfax has won the high school county championship in May, reports Stephen Sholomson in The Adjudicator, official publication of the league. Fairfax scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in the finals to edge University, which finished second with a 3-1 score. Other teams in the finals were Canoga Park, Leuzinger, Fremont, Verdugo Hills and Excelsior.

University won the "B" team championship with a 5-0 score in the finals. In second place was Fairfax, 3-1. Other teams in the finals were San Fernando, Verdugo Hills, Huntington Park, Excelsior, Leuzinger, Banning, North Torrance and Santa Monica.

The All-City chess tournament sponsored by the Youth Services Organization, completed on May 16, was also won by Fairfax. Second was San Fernando, and Dorsey and San Pedro tied for third. Qualifying for the finals were: Stephen Sholomson, Dennis Busch, Bruce Margolin and Michael Samson from Fairfax; Ken Hense of Dorsey, Ken Cantrell of Polytechnic, Dennis Ikenberry of Verdugo Hills, Benjamin Loveless of North Hollywood, and Richard Villanueva of San Fernando.

In the finals Sholomson took first, Samson second, Ikenberry third, Cantrell fourth, Loveless fifth, Hense sixth, and Villanueva seventh. Busch and Margolin were unable to play.

HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB - 50-50 TOURNAMENT

Lazlo Simon, a strong Hungarian player who recently settled in Los Angeles, proved the master in the 50-50 tourney completed in August at the Herman Steiner Chess Club.

Simon scored  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , defeating Charles Henderson, Charles Gibbs, Saul Yarmak, Steven Mazner and Sven Almgren and drawing his game with Peter Kelemen. In second place was a relative newcomer, Louis Rojas, who won five and lost only to Yarmak in the first round. Mazner took third with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Fourth place was a four-way tie at 4-2 among Almgren, Ralph Clark, Stephen Sholomson and Yarmak.

The tournament, played at the special time limit of 50 moves in 50 minutes, proved very popular and similar events will be scheduled by the club from time to time.

<u>Final Standings:</u>	S Sholomson	4-2	S Geller	3-3	A Gates	2-4	
L Simon	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	S Yarmak	4-2	C Henderson	3-3	C J Gibbs	2-4
L Rojas	5-1	L Johnson	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	N Robinson	3-3	T Golden	2-4
S Mazner	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	P Kelemen	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	H Rogosin	3-3	J Lividary	1-5
S Almgren	4-2	W Wheeler	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	L Grumette	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs L Simon	1-5
R Clark	4-2	L Domanski	3-3	T Arken	2-4		

SAN JOSE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Bill Adams is the 1957 San Jose club champion, scoring a fine 13-1 in a round robin to beat out Bert Mueller by half a point. Don Foley and Art Critchlow were tied for third and fourth, 11-3 - scores good enough to win most tournaments, but Adams and Mueller always make it tough. The cross-table:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Score
1. Bill Adams	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13-1
2. Bert Mueller	1	X	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Art Critchlow	0	1	X	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-3
4. Don Foley	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11-3
5. Francis Crofut	0	0	1	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Phil Foley	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Tom Kimball	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-6
8. Virgil Mitchell	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Ronnie Fournier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	0	1	1	6-8
10. John Blackstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	4-10
11. Chuck Hathaway	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	1	4-10
12. Jim Iwashita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	X	0	1	0	4-10
13. Ken Kerner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	2-12
14. Ralph Pearson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	2-12
15. Bob Bailey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1-13

TEAM MATCH: San Jose defeated Sacramento in a warm-up match at Vallejo on August 18.

<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>	
1 L Remlinger	1	W Haines	0	8 P Foley	1	J Celle	0
2 W T Adams	1	M K Saca	0	9 K Chapman	1	G Vlack	0
3 E H Mueller	0	O Celle	1	10 V Mitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$	Chesney	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 E Hindman	0	J Bender	1	11 J Blackstone	1	Brifman	0
5 F Crofut	1	J Mitchell	0	12 R Sommers	0	Eakes	1
6 A Critchlow	$\frac{1}{2}$	N T Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$	13 M Astrahan	<u>1</u>	Gallagher	<u>0</u>
7 L Daugherty	0	E Edmondson	1		8		5

CAPITAL CITY CHESS CLUB, SACRAMENTO

The customary summer doldrums have been shaken up by an energetic promotion program, Capt. E. B. Edmondson reports. The club has moved from Turn Verein Hall to the City Recreation Department's Clunie Hall, on the corner of Alhambra and F - meetings Wednesday nights. Four exhibitions in high and junior high schools averaged over 30 children apiece.



Several small signs around Sacramento called attention to the new meeting place. Attendance rose steadily throughout June and July until the average became about 30 - far better than normal, and phenomenal for the summer.

Dr. A. Janushkowsky won the 1957 club championship with the fine score of 15-2. M. K. Saca edged out Bender, Edmondson and Haines for second place.

The club had so many new members that it was decided to hold a summer "welcome" tournament. The top eight in the championship were excluded. It was a six-round Swiss and was directed by Ed Edmondson, assisted by Neil Austin and Joe Bender.

MONTEREY PENINSULA OPEN, July 5-7, 1957

Lev A. Beliavsky won the first Monterey Open by a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score, a full point ahead of five players who tied for second. Twenty-four players competed - an outstanding turnout for Sgt. Robert A. Karch of the Presidio of Monterey. Karch directed and also played in the tournament.

								Score	Median	S-B
1	Lev A Beliavsky	W18	W16	W5	W2	W4	D3	$5\frac{1}{2}$	16	
2	Rex V Wilcox	W23	W10	W3	L1	W9	D4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	15	
3	Alexander Parvu Jr	W22	W9	L2	W11	W7	D1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Don J Stewardson	W12	W13	W8	W15	L1	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$	14	
5	George B Oakes	D6	W23	L1	W8	W15	W9	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	
6	John H Gidley	D5	L15	W16	W21	W18	W10	$4\frac{1}{2}$	10	
7	Paul Jeffs	W11	D8	D15	W17	L3	W19	4	$11\frac{1}{2}$	
8	Robert A Karch	W24	D7	L4	L5	W16	W11	$3\frac{1}{2}$	14	
9	Russell Q Maeth	W17	L3	W13	W18	L2	L5	3	$14\frac{1}{2}$	
10	Thomas O Young	W21	L2	L17	W14	W13	L6	3	13	8
11	Nick Tripolski	L7	W22	W12	L3	W17	L8	3	13	$7\frac{1}{2}$
12	Ronald M Morritt	L4	W14	L11	L16	W20	W15	3	11	$7\frac{1}{2}$
13	Don K Bissonnette	W20	L4	L9	W19	L10	W18f	3	11	4
14	James Marquardt	L16	L12	W20	L10	W23	W22f	3	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
15	Alex Pavlovich	W19	W6	D7	L4	L5	L12	$2\frac{1}{2}$	16	
16	Edwin A Bumm	W14	L1	L6	W12	L8	D17	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	
17	Dan Povelaitis	L9	W19	W10	L7	L11	D16	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	
18	John G Pickering	L1	W24	W21	L9	L6	L13f	2	$12\frac{1}{2}$	
19	Esther Torrance	L15	L17	Bye	L13	W21	L7	2	10	2
20	Lucius H Smith Jr	L13	L21	L14	W22f	L12	W23f	2	10	0
21	Thomas R Balentine	L10	W20	L18	L6	L19	Bye	2	9	2
22	J W Paterson	L3	L11	W23f	L20f	Bye	L14f	2	9	0
23	Donn F Carter	L2	L5	L22f	Bye	L14	L20f	1	$11\frac{1}{2}$	
24	Nestorio Rabano	L8	L18	-	-	-	-	0	0	



GAME OF THE MONTH: NEW YORK REPORT - by Robert E. Burger

A match, as opposed to a tourney, can be highly psychological. One plays to the score - that is, he can take his time to increase it and he knows when he has to hurry to catch up. Often a player is beaten in spirit before the end of the match (as might have been the case in the recent Botvinnik-Smyslov match). In any case, an even match is doubly interesting; and in the U.S. we have been deprived of such a contest for some years - until the just-completed Reshevsky-Bisguier set-to.

Ten games were played during July, in the Manhattan Chess Club (at their new site on West 64th Street), with Reshevsky on the White side in the odd games. The result was 6-4, in favor of Mr. R. The pattern was dramatic: Reshevsky jumped to a 3-0 lead, which is practically the same as 3-0 in a World Series - for such a short match; then Bisguier snapped back with two wins and seemed to be forcing matters in the 6th and 7th games. The crusher - both psychological and mathematical - came in the 9th game; and the 10th game became the only easy draw. The drawn games 6, 7, and 8 were by no means spiritless; the quality of play, though scarred with blunders, was at least as interesting as it was high.

GAME TWOGame No. 398 - Sicilian

White	Black
A. Bisguier	S. Reshevsky

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-QB4  |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3   |
| 3. P-Q4   | PxP    |
| 4. KtxP   | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 6. B-K3   | B-Kt2  |
| 7. P-B3   | P-QR3  |
| 8. B-QB4  |        |

The Sicilian game has become so complicated lately that it's hard to criticize yesterday's move for fear it may become tomorrow's main line. White's idea here - of thorough development and control of Q5 - is non-committal anyway.

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| 8. ...   | P-QKt4 |
| 9. B-Kt3 | B-Kt2  |

## 10. Q-Q2 P-KR4

Apparently against P-Kt4; but since that move will come eventually, Black's tenth must be weakening.

## 11. P-QR4 ...

This little sally gains QKt5 and what should be laughingly called a Queen's side Pawn majority. (The pity of chess is the dearly won smidgeon of advantage that is so utterly wasted in the later course of the game.)

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| 11. ...   | P-Kt5 |
| 12. Kt-R2 | P-R4  |
| 13. P-B3  | PxP   |
| 14. KtxP  | Kt-R3 |
| 15. O-O   | O-O   |
| 16. KR-QL | K-R2  |
| 17. Q-KB2 |       |

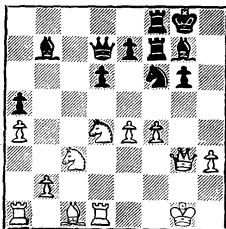
With the double threat of KKt-Kt5, B-Kt6 - and action on the Kingside.

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| 17. ... | Kt-Q2 |
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18. P-Kt4            QKt-B4  
 19. PxP             KtxB  
 Yielding a Pawn for play.  
 20. PxPch          PxP  
 21. KtxKt          Kt-K4  
 22. Kt-Q4          Q-Q2  
 23. Q-R4ch        K-Kt1  
 24. Q-Kt3         R-B2  
 25. B-B1

An elaborate preparation for driving the Knight to a better square.

25. ...            QR-KB1  
 26. P-B4          Kt-Kt5  
 27. P-R3          Kt-B3

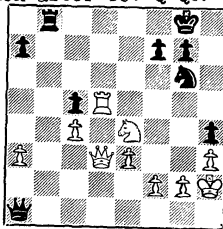


Black threatens Kt-R4 and KtxP. A good try is P-B5: If the Kt moves, then QxKtP is safe; and after PxP; 29. PxP, Kt-R4; 30. Q-Kt6, RxP; 31. KtxR, RxR the play is lively. White must avoid 29. KtxP, KtxP; 30. Kt-R6ch, K-R2; 31. Q-R4, B-Q5ch! etc. What follows is a blunder:

28. QxP            QxKRP  
 29. R-R3          Kt-Kt5  
 Resigns.

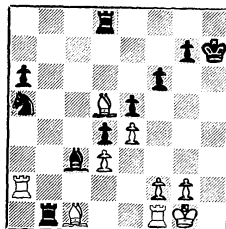
White had apparently developed such a good position in this game that Reshevsky answered with P-K4 instead of P-QB4 in the remaining games. Note also Bisguier's persistence with P-K4 at his opening choice - a new trend with many masters.

THE THIRD GAME had an even more tragic denouement - this time a case of quick death preferred to the long agony. The position after 30. Q-Q5:

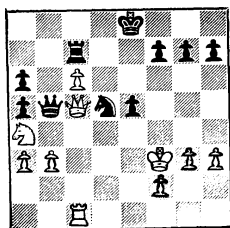


30. ...            R-Kt8  
 31. R-Q8ch        K-R2  
 32. Kt-Kt5ch     K-R3  
 33. KtxPch        K-R2  
 34. R-R8 mate.

THE WORM TURNED IN GAME FOUR when, after a hard positional fight, Reshevsky with Black overlooked the danger to his King from an obscure Rook at QR2:



35. P-B4            R-QB1  
 36. P-Kt3!        FxP  
 37. R-R2ch        K-Kt3  
 38. PxP            P-B4  
 39. R-Kt2ch      K-R2  
 40. FxP            K-Rt3  
 41. B-K6          Resigns.



IN GAME FIVE, Reshevsky again was looking at something else when he played:

37. Q-Qc

probably hoping for ...QxPch; 38. Kt-B3 with a winning advantage. Black instead played

37. ... Q-Q6ch

winning the Queen.

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**STEWART O. SAMUELS 1908-1957**

Stewart Oscar Samuels, 49, died on September 12 in San Francisco Hospital - almost three weeks after a suicide leap from the sixth floor of a San Francisco hotel. The fall from the sixth floor ended upon a glass and wire skylight, which broke the impact, but Mr. Samuels died from secondary infections, complicated by severe brain injuries. Mr. Samuels was an associate editor of THE REPORTER, and what private and personal troubles led him to take his own life were unsuspected by his fellow editors. Financial worries are believed to have been basic.

Mr. Samuels was a respected figure in San Francisco chess circles for many years. His father had been chess champion of the Mechanics' Institute and Stewart was recently team captain there. An idea of his popularity may be realized from the fact that when an appeal for blood donors was published in the newspapers, no less than 23 persons volunteered at once.

We herewith tender deepest sympathy to the bereaved family from Mr. Samuels' many chessplaying friends.

**MAX PAVEY 1918-1957**

We regret to record the death in New York in September of Max Pavey, former Scottish champion who represented the United States against Russia in 1954 and 1955. A former Manhattan Chess Club and New York State champion, Mr. Pavey's most notable game was perhaps his upset victory over Paul Keres in the USSR team match of 1954. Mr. Pavey was chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the USCF, and his death will be a great loss to the Federation.

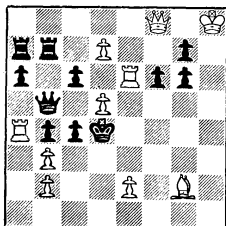
REPORTER TASKS: We open the Fall season with two three-movers, one old, the other fairly modern. Both problems gave us a good deal of trouble, hence the fairly heavy point value of eight for each one. We trust that you are ready for a rugged problem season.

Ladder standings through Task No. 116:

134 points: Sven Almgren, Los Angeles; Karl Bopp, San Francisco;  
E.C. Jonas, San Francisco; Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, San Francisco.  
119 points: R.J. Gardner, San Diego.  
118 points: Jerry Slavich, Salinas.  
115 points: D.J. Foley, San Jose.  
83 points: Prof. L.H. Daugherty, San Jose.  
76 points: Phil Foley, San Jose.  
62 points: George Goehler, Los Angeles.  
32 points: O. Bender, Sacramento.  
14 points: Hyman Gordon, Los Angeles.  
3 points: Nick Alpatov, San Francisco.  
2 points: D.H. Hosea, San Diego; Pfc. Ronald M. Morrirt, Monterey;  
L.S. Wells, Pleasant Hill.  
1 point: Steve Mann, Sun Valley.

## TASK No. 119

White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: No. 111: 1. RxP; 1. PxP; 1. R-Kt7; 1. Kt-B3.

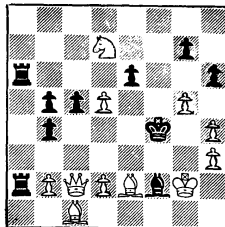
No. 112: 1. Kt-Q2.

No. 113: 1. Kt-KB5.

No. 114: 1. Q-Kt1.

## TASK No. 120

White Mates in Three



No. 115: 1. B-R2.

No. 116: 1. Q-R8.

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