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EDITORIAL

Chess Marches On!

The success of an organization is directly proportional to the quality of its leadership and the extent to which its officers and active workers promote the best interests of that organization. That Chess Friends of Northern California is a successful organization there can be no doubt. Its continued growth and increase in number and type of activities promoted attest to the excellent job accomplished by your retiring president, Tom Tripodes, the officers and several people who have worked closely with him. They have given unselfishly of their time and energy to the promotion of chess and CFNC and have done a fine job. May we express our sincere appreciation. And let us not forget that CFNC would never have attained its status were it not for our most capable Field Director, our own George Koltanowski. His energetic and enthusiastic stimulation of chess at all levels has continuously spurred our organization on. Consider the frequent, large-scale, tournaments sponsored successfully by CFNC - and now the National Junior Championship coming up in S.F. - and you must agree that our organization has had effective and active leadership.

As a charter member I have watched CFNC grow from an idea that five people shared in early 1952 to an organization today over 400 strong. Our strength derives from the philosophy that chess is a game for all, the beginner as well as the expert. To provide for the active participation of the beginner - who has interest but finds opportunities for competition limited - is an objective we must continue to emphasize. Encourage the novice and he will soon give the upper class player some real competition.

On this occasion of the election of new officers in your organization it is well to review our basic goals: 1) To promote the organization of clubs and groups within CFNC and organize friendly inter-club matches and activities; 2) To provide for frequent tournaments and exhibitions where players of all classes can get together for some real chess enjoyment; - already plans are well under way for the "biggest and best" tournament yet this coming fall; 3) To provide a publication that will be interesting and instructive, giving the latest chess news, match and tournament results, ratings, annotated games, etc. - specific action is now under way for an improvement in our official organ, "Chess in Action"; 4) To furnish a resource facility for those who need assistance with their chess problems, and 5) To increase our ranks and present a united front for chess that will rank second to none. To work for these objectives I, and your other new officers, pledge ourselves earnestly.

But we need your help. CFNC belongs to its members. Your suggestions and ideas will always be appreciated and will be given prompt and careful consideration. Let us hear from you.

Please address all correspondence concerning membership and general information to Chess Friends of Northern California, 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette, California.

Sincerely yours,
Jens L. Lund
President

SPRING CHESS FESTIVAL

Ben Zeiler of San Francisco won the first Spring Tournament sponsored by Chess Friends of Northern California by defeating Robert Dickinson of Redwood City in the final round. It was Ben's first victory of some importance and it shows that our youngsters are coming to the forefront. This is due to the fact that CFNC is setting its goal on having more tournaments for its members all the time, and by putting emphasis on our youngsters, it is helping to put Chess on the map in Northern California! The Spring Tournament was a successful event in spite of the fact that a day before its start San Francisco had its worst earthquake since 1906.

Dan McLeod of San Bruno deserved winning the Trophy in the B division and Colonel L. J. Fuller of Palo Alto was best in the C division. He also won a special trophy donated by A. Radinsky of Stockton for the shortest game. A win in seven moves.

Our special Sunday four-man tournament met with success and the Junior had 12 youngsters under 14 participating.

Once again the help rendered by Mesdames Florence Stevens, Lee Pattullo and Leah Koltanowski, Charles McGinley, William Stevens and Henry King (Signs) was invaluable. A special vote of thanks goes to Mr. Edward A. Eggers, superintendent of James Allan & Sons, San Francisco, who donated meat products which were raffled off, the proceeds of which went to the Chess for Youth Fund. The Sterling Furniture Company donated a gift. The Red Cross allowed us the use of its Cafeteria and the Committee of CFNC is indebted to the Red Cross for its kind hospitality.

Next important event: THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES Co-sponsored by CFNC and the United States Chess Federation, (See special announcement) from July 8 - 14 in San Francisco; the SEVENTH ANNUAL CHESS FESTIVAL in SONOMA (See special

announcement) and our first AUTUMN OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL on September 21 - 22 in San Francisco. (More on that in our next issue!!!)

Here follows the full result of the Spring Chess Festival:

A Group

1.	Ben Zeiler	5
2.	Mike Bredoff	4
3.	Robert Dickinson	4
4.	Henry King	4
5.	Steve Joplin	3½
6.	Mansur Saca	3½
7.	William Stevens	3½
8.	Ronald Thacker	3½
9.	Don Taggart	3
10.	Claude Scheuerman	3
11.	Eric Brent	3
12.	Chester Gall	3
13.	Dr. Ben Gross	2½
14.	James Schmerl	2½
15.	Harold Edelstein	2½
16.	Ralph Lamon	2½
17.	Arthur Wang	2
18.	Norman Morey	2
19.	David Hardy	2
20.	William Rebold	2
21.	Louis Tomori	2
22.	Carl Hunske	1½
23.	Milo Nekvasil	1½
24.	Heinz Loewy	1
25.	William Haines	1
26.	Robert Byrne	1
27.	Alex Parvu	0
28.	Mel Carter	0
29.	E. Edward Rupp	0

B Group

1.	Dan McLeod	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Leonard Hill	4
3.	William Joplin	4
4.	Norman Buder	4
5.	Louis Osternig	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Amos Knack	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	Roy Hoppe	3
8.	Robert Gieger	3
9.	Leighton Allen	3
10.	Peter Cleghorn	3
11.	John Van Tielen	3
12.	Rudy Duering	3
13.	A. Castellanos	3
14.	David Bogdanoff	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.	William Wolff	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
16.	Elena Daniloff	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
17.	Wes Nelson	2
18.	Leslie Wheeler	2
19.	E. Bartholomew	2
20.	John Carson	2
21.	L. Rosenstein	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
22.	Douglas Willis	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
23.	William Rawley	1
24.	C. Hathway	1
25.	John Lasich	1
26.	Dr. J. Robinson	1
27.	Quentin Isely	0

Four Man Sections

1.	John Akins
2.	Rolland Fournier
3.	Gordon Cleaveland
4.	Marian Schwartz
1.	William Pattullo
2.	Emile Raynal
3.	Jerry Schloemer
4.	Mrs. Bartholomew
1.	E. T. Dana
2.	David Jacobson
3.	Carl Spitz
4.	John Brown
1.	N. Newcomer
2.	J. P. White
3.	M. Kramer
4.	B. Burford

C Group

1.	Lawrence Fuller	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Stan Shapiro	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.	David Krause	4
4.	George La Brash	4
5.	Carl Barton	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Ben Wong	3
7.	A. Radinsky	3
8.	Ted Smith	3
9.	Mowley Cox	3
10.	John Rexinger	3
11.	Don Dalessi	3
12.	Louis Ingram	3
13.	Robert Turner	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
14.	Calvert Cottrell	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.	Don Sutherland	2
16.	Leonard Edwards	2
17.	John Kreft	2
18.	William Moyer	2
19.	Arden Hill	2
20.	Charles Crayne	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
21.	Lowell Tullis	1
22.	Embree Reynolds	1
23.	Don Nance	0
24.	Richard Finnegan	0
25.	Maxman Worth	0

Juniors (12 players)

1.	Allan Haley
2.	Janet Pattullo
3.	Ivan Vegvary
4.	Michael Cooper
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The results of the Bay Area Industrial Chess League final standings are as follows:

	Points
1. U.C. Radiation Laboratory	
Berkeley	52
2. Shell Development	51
3. Pacific Gas & Elect. Co.	48 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Livermore Chess Club	45 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Fluorescent Fixtures	43 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. California Research Corp.	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Bank of America	31
8. Crockett Club	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Kaiser Engineering	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Standard Oil Home Office	7
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GAMES

SMALL SELECTION FROM THE SPRING CHESS FESTIVAL

White: Parvu

Black: Hardy

1.P-K4	E-QR3	17.B-B2	R-B2	34.K-N1	P-N4
2.P-Q4	P-QN4	18.QR-Q1	B-Q4	35.K-B2	K-N2
3.N-KB3	B-N2	19.P-QN3	QR-B1	36.P-N3	P-KR4
4.B-Q3	N-KB3	20.P-KB4	QRxP	37.K-K3	K-N3
5.P-K5	N-Q4	21.PxN	RxB(B2)	38.K-Q4	P-QN5
6.O-O	P-K3	22.NxR	RxRch	39.R-R4	P-N6
7.QN-Q2	P-QB4	23.RxR	Q-B2	40.R-N4	B-Q4
8.P-QB3	B-K2	24.Q-R6	QxN	41.K-B5	K-B4
9.N-K4	PxP	25.Q-R3	B-B4	42.K-Q6	P-QR4
10.NxP	O-O	26.BxB	QxBch	43.R-N5	P-QR5
11.Q-N4	P-B4	27.K-R1	Q-QB7	44.KxP	P-R6
12.PxPe.p.	NxKBP	28.Q-N4	QxRP	45.RxB	PxR
13.NxNch	RxN	29.Q-N3	Q-K7	46.P-K6	P-N7
14.Q-R5	P-N3	30.Q-B2	QxQ	47.P-K7	P-N8=(Q)
15.Q-R3	N-B3	31.RxQ	BxP	48.P-K8=(Q)	Q-N4ch
16.B-K3	N-K4	32.R-B3	B-Q4	49.Resigns	
		33.R-QR3	B-N2		
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White: Gall

Black: Taggart

1.P-Q4	P-Q4	8.O-O	P-QB4	14.BxB	QxB
2.P-QB4	P-K3	9.R-B1	B-N2	15.P-Q5	N-B5
3.N-QB3	N-KB3	10.Q-B2	QPxP	16.K-R1	Q-R5
4.B-N5	QN-Q2	11.BxP	BxN	17.Q-K4	N-B3
5.N-B3	B-K2	12.PxB	PxP	18.Q-K5	N(3)-R4
6.P-K3	O-O	13.PxP	N-R4	19.PxP?	Q-R6
7.B-Q3	P-QN3			20.Resigns	
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White: Rawley

Black: Wood

1.P-K4	P-K3	6.N-N5	BxBch	11.P-QN4	PxP
2.P-Q4	P-Q4	7.QxB	N-K2	12.PxP	Q-B2
3.N-QB3	B-N5	8.N-Q6ch	K-B1	13.Q-B3	N-Q2
4.P-K5	P-QB4	9.PxP	NxP	14.QxNPch	KxQ
5.B-Q2	QN-B3	10.B-Q3	P-QN3	15.Resigns	
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White: Nelson

Black: Castellanos

1.N-KB3	N-KB3	6.P-K4	B-N2	11.Q-Q2	Q-K2
2.P-KN3	P-QN3	7.N-B3	O-O	12.B-N5	N-Q5
3.B-N2	B-N2	8.N-K1	P-K4	13.P-K5?	QxP
4.O-O	P-N3	9.P-B4	PxP	14.BxN	BxB
5.P-Q3	P-Q3	10.BxP	N-B3	15.BxB and wins	
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GAMES (Cont'd.)

White: W. Stevens

Black: H. Edelstein

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1.P-Q4	N-KB3	9.NxKP	N-Q4	16.P-KB4	P-KB4(f)
2.N-KB3	P-KN3	10.B-R6	BxB(d)	17.P-R5	Q-B2
3.N-B3	B-N2(a)	11.QxB	NxN	18.R-R3	Q-R2
4.P-K4	P-Q3	12.PxN	B-N2	19.PxP	QxQ(g)
5.B-KB4	O-O	13.B-Q3(e)	N-Q2	20.RxQ	PxP
6.Q-Q2	P-QR3(b)	14.P-KR4	NxN	21.RxPch	K-R2(h)
7.P-KR3	P-QN4	15.PxN	Q-Q4	22.R-N5	P-K3
8.P-K5(c)	PxP			23.K-B2	Resigns(i)

(a) Prefer 3...P-Q4 here. (b) Seeks counter-play on the Queen's side, even before White has castled that side. Better would be 6...R-K1.
 (c) White changes tactics. More usual would be 8.B-Q3 or 8.P-B3.
 (d) 10...P-KB3; chasing the W. Knight from its stronghold was best.
 (e) Well played. The K-side attack will do the trick. (f) After 16...QxNP; 17.O-O-O and P-R5 should decide. (g) First 19...PxP was needed. (h) Leads to mate, but after K-B2; 22.BxP, it doesn't look good either. (i) R-R1 mate cannot be avoided. Bill Stevens in fine form!

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White: H. Edelstein

Black: B. Zeiler

FRENCH DEFENSE

1.P-K4	P-K3	6.B-KN5	O-O	10.O-O?	P-B5
2.P-Q4	P-Q4	7.Q-B2(b)	P-KR3	11.B-R7ch	K-B1
3.PxP	PxP	8.B-R4	P-QB4	12.B-B5	BxB
4.B-Q3	B-Q3	9.N-K2	R-K1	13.BxN	QxB
5.P-QB3(a)	N-KB3			14.Resigns.	

(a) Prefer 5.N-K2 here. (b) Forces his opponent to make the best moves. N-K2 and O-O was best here.

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White: D. Taggart

Black: H. King

FOUR-KNIGHTS

1.P-K4	P-K4	6.P-QR3	PxP	10.O-O?	NxN
2.N-KB3	N-KB3	7.NxPK4	BxBch	11.PxN	QxQ
3.N-B3	N-B3	8.QxB	B-N5	12.NxQ	BxB
4.P-Q3(a)	B-N5	9.B-K2	O-O	13.KR-K1	B-R4
5.B-Q2	P-Q4			14.Resigns.	

(a) Not the best. 4.B-N5 is usual here.

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White: A. Wang

Black: L. Tomori

1.P-K4	P-K3	11.NxB	QxN	20.Q-R5	B-B2
2.P-Q4	P-Q4	12.B-K3	Q-R4ch	21.Q-N4	Q-B2
3.N-Q2	P-QB4	13.P-B3	O-O	22.N-B4	P-KR4
4.KPxP	KPxP	14.O-O	P-KR3	23.NxRP	BxN
5.B-N5ch	N-B3	15.P-KR3	QR-B1	24.QxB	R-K3
6.Q-K2ch	B-K3	16.KR-Q1	P-QR3	25.QxP	R-K1
7.KN-B3	Q-N3	17.B-Q4	N-K5	26.R-K1	K-B1
8.PxP	BxP	18.N-K5	P-B3	27.P-B3	R-Q3
9.BxNch	QxB	19.N-N6	KR-K1	28.Q-KR5	R3-K3
10.N-N3	N-B3			29.RxN	Resigns

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PORTRAIT OF THE NEW WORLD CHAMPION

World Chess Champion Strolls Mile an Hour Between Moves -- MOSCOW, April

Vassily Smyslov walked a mile an hour for 100 silent hours to become the new world chess champion.

A tall, gangly man, he paced the length and width of the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall stage between moves of his games against Mikhail Botvinnik in the series, which he clinched tonight. Botvinnik had held the title for ten years. If for the moment his strategic position on the board was good, his thoughts, as he strolled, were "almost lyrical" as befits a baritone whose ambition still is to appear on that stage in the role of a singer.

When his position was bad, his thoughts were devastating. "Why did I ever start playing chess?" he repeatedly would ask himself.

Smyslov played his first game at the age of 6 in 1927. His father, one of Russia's leading chess strategists, had taught the boy the basic rules, and arranged regular handicap encounters, the father spotting his son "quite a few pieces."

For perhaps another year, young Vassily was a carefree lad with merely a playful interest in the game. One day, however, Vassily's uncle, whom he recalls as also "a pretty good player," spoke the magic words during a non-handicap match: "I resign."

Vassily's reward for that victory was a book entitled "My Best Matches" by A. A. Alyokyn. It was inscribed "To the Future Champion" and it roused the boy.

However, Vassily still had six more years before he was

seized by the compulsion to become a champion. That was the day when his father, now playing with all the pieces, suddenly shuffled the chessmen on the board, and so ruined a game. Not a word was spoken, but young Smyslov knew he had beaten his first master.

A year later, at the age of 14, Vassily was entered in a tournament.

He trained at one of the after-school centers for uniformed Soviet youth in Moscow. For the next three years he read every available book about chess.

By playing hundreds of games each year, young Smyslov developed what he calls "a mystic or creative approach to chess."

His feverish desire to experiment conquered even his ambition, and Soviet commentators who have watched him over the years note that he often suffered defeat simply because he experimented.

The challenge of chess, as Smyslov defines it, lies in the ideas that are generated by the contrary intentions of two players. The players, he maintains, "should strive for paths that will move chess forward, and release it from the elements of dogmatism alien to the Soviet chess school."

The encirclement of the other man's king, of course, remains the supreme object of chess. Smyslov's idealized approach does not cloud his fierce application to the task at hand. But his remarkable self-control and endurance during a match unquestionably stem from his subdued ambition. His apparent indifference has unnerved many an opponent.

PORTRAIT (Cont'd.)

Smyslov's first try at the world title was against Botvinnik three years ago. They split twenty-four games, leaving Botvinnik as champion.

"That was no tragedy as it might have been for someone else," says Smyslov. "I don't expect more from fate than it gives me."

In the twenty-four-game series just clinched by Smyslov, he gained an early lead and found the champion smarting under the assault.

With two men serving as seconds -- a tactical and a theoretical coach -- Smyslov each day planned attacks that would yield the initiative to him. He moved in half the time of his opponent and paced, paced, paced. He would shake his shock of red hair and tug confidently, once after each move, at his double-breasted suit.

The pressure on Botvinnik never ceased and long before the end of the two-month match, the champion was a depressed man.

As one of the Soviet Union's prize possessions, Smyslov lives with his wife and her 18-year-old son in a pleasant Moscow apartment.

Because of his continuing music training, he is listed as a student, but his income is derived from exhibition chess matches and the sale of books on chess. Smyslov tries hard to elude challenges from his stepson, and often leaves home for some skiing, swimming or fishing.

However, he admits chess has become part of his existence. The growing popularity of the game, he feels, justifies his devotion to it as a career.

Smyslov explains the supremacy of Soviet chess players by saying they all learn from common traditions and from each other. Some Americans maintain it can be attributed more to a subsidy by the Russian Government. This makes it possible for a full time study of the game.

The new champion says he is eager to meet the best player in the world in order to promote ideas for the game.

He doesn't expect a woman to be among his challengers because, he says, she would find it impossible to sit in silence for five hours a day.

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MEMBERS ANNOTATE!!

Hats off to Phil Foley!

Here are two games he sent in. He lost them both! The notes are his. Here's hoping more members will forward their games for publication - be they wins, losses or draws!

Board 1

White: R. Goodwin (Morphy Red)

Black: P. Foley (Euwe)

1.P-Q4 N-KB3
 2.N-KB3 P-Q4
 3.P-K3 P-B4
 4.P-B3 QN-Q2
 5.B-Q3 P-FN3
 6.O-O B-N2
 7.QN-Q2 O-O
 8.PxP Nxp
 9.B-B2 P-N3
 10.R-K1 B-N2
 11.N-Q4 P-K4
 12.N4-N3 Q-B2
 13.P-B3 KR-Q1
 14.Q-K2 QR-B1
 15.NxN Pxn
 16.P-K4 P-B5
 17.Q-B2 B-B1
 18.K-R1 P-Q5
 19.P-QN3 PxNP
 20.BxP QxP
 21.N-B4 QxR
 22.B-N2 QxRch
 23.QxQ N-Q2
 24.Q-N3 B-N2?
 (24....R-B4 was necessary)
 25.N-Q6 N-B4
 26.BxPch?
 (26.NxP seems much stronger)
 26. ... K-B1
 27.NxR KxB
 28.NxP P-Q6
 (28....R-QR1 allows White a probable draw after 29.BxP,RxN (or 29....PxB; 30.Q-B7ch,K-N1; 31.QxN); 30.BxN)
 29.Q-K1 P-Q7
 30.Q-Q1 N-Q6??
 (Black is having hallucinations, thinking that the exchange which follows leave him a piece ahead for two pawns. Instead, B-QR3 wins outright.)
 31.QxP N-B7ch

32.QxN R-Q8ch
 33.Q-N1 RxQch
 34.KxR
 and White won in 58 moves.

White: N. Guinasso (Staunton Black)
 Black: P. Foley (Euwe) Board 1

1.P-K4 P-QB4
 2.N-KB3 N-QB3
 3.B-K2 P-K4
 4.P-QB3 N-B3
 5.Q-R4 P-QR3
 6.P-Q3 P-QN4
 7.Q-B2 P-Q4
 8.O-O B-K2
 9.P-QR4 B-N2
 10.QN-Q2 O-O
 11.R-Q1 R-B1
 12.N-B1 Q-N3
 13.N-N3 P-B5?
 (better was 13....KR-Q1)
 14.PxQP PxQP
 15.QxP
 (15.BxP allows 15....N-QN5)
 15.... KR-Q1
 16.B-K3 B-B4
 17.PxP RxP
 18.BxB QxB
 19.Q-B5 RxRch
 20.RxR PxF
 21.N-N5 N-K2
 22.Q-Q3 B-B3
 23.N-R5 P-K5?
 (...N-N3 was necessary)
 24.NxNch PxN
 25.NxKP Q-B4?
 26.B-N4!
 (Obviously the Bishop cannot be taken, but the main point is 26....QxN (26....BxN; 27.BxQ,BxQ; 28.BxR); 27.QxQ,BxQ; 28.BxR,NxB; 29.R-Q8ch, winning easily)
 26..... Q-N3
 27.BxR NxB
 28.Q-Q8ch K-N2
 29.N-N3 Q-B7
 30.N-R5ch K-N3
 31.P-KN4 N-K2
 (positively forced)
 32.R-K1 Q-R5
 33.P-B4
 (33.P-R3 would have denied Black the counterplay which he now gets, but the text is sufficient)

MEMBERS ANNOTATE (Cont'd.)

33..... Q-B7
 (From this point until White's 36th move, Black was under the illusion that White had no adequate defense)
 34.P-B5ch K-N4
 35.P-R4ch KxRP
 (35....KxNP offers more fight, but White ought to win anyway after 36.NxPch)
 36.N-B4 N-N1
 (Black is stunned after realizing that his mate is gone, but his game appears hopeless anyhow)
 37.QxN Q-Q7
 38.QxPch KxP
 39.Q-R3ch K-N4
 40.Q-R5ch Resigns.

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The following game, in the Friends of Northern California team tournament, occurred in the match between Los Altos (White) and Los Gatos teams. It has several rather unusual features: Neither king is attacked or exposed to attack until very late in the game. The pieces remain even throughout. There are no sacrifices or subtle combinations. Just a whittling away at pawns until enough fall to show a lost game.

It might be called a "Game of Falling Pawns". It seems like a safe, though unspectacular, way for Black to respond to the opening--just maintaining a rather safe position while seeking to undermine White's pawn structure--and then, when the pawns begin to fall, exchanging pieces to hasten the final outcome. It is, of course, just amateur play, but seems rather instructive, especially the manner in which the first advantage is obtained and held.

--Dallas Burch, Los Altos

White: Virgil Mitchell, Los Gatos
 Black: Dallas Burch, Los Altos
 IRREGULAR
 1.N-KB3 N-QB3

2.P-KN3
 (Better is 2.P-Q4 immediately)
 2..... N-KB3
 3.P-Q4 P-Q4
 4.B-N2 B-B4
 5.B-B4 P-K3
 6.P-QR3 B-K5
 (Seems like a loss of time. The Bishop is much better placed where he is.)
 7.QN-Q2
 (Simply 7.O-O avoids all possible pitfalls. Black now makes a combination that should have given White the far better game.)
 7..... NxP
 8.NxB NxNch
 9.BxN
 (Why not 9.PxP? If then 9...PxN; 10.PxP, and White's game is preferable: control of the center and two bishops)
 9..... PxN
 10.B-N2 B-Q3
 11.B-KN5 P-B3
 12.O-O
 (Why not 12.BxP? Because of 12...Q-R4ch; 13.B-Q2, Q-K4, etc.)
 12..... Q-B2
 13.Q-Q4
 (With 13.PxN, PxB; 14.BxP, White has nothing to fear.)
 13..... B-K4
 14.Q-N4 N-Q4
 15.Q-N3 P-KR3
 16.B-B1 N-B3
 17.Q-K3 Q-N3
 18.Q-Q2 R-Q1
 19.Q-K1 O-O
 20.R-N1 R-Q2
 21.B-K3 B-Q5
 22.Q-N4 QxQ
 23.PxQ BxB
 24.PxB R-Q7
 (It's easy sailing after this. A rook on the seventh is always strong.)
 25.R-B4 RxBP
 26.BxP NxB
 27.RxN RxKP
 28.R-R1 R-Q1
 29.R-KB4 RxNP
 30.RxQP R-Q8ch
 31.R-B1 RxRch
 32.KxR RxNP
 Resigns

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Chess Friends of Northern California Ratings as of May 18, 1957.
 This list includes February and March Tournaments as
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Abel, Dr. M.....1900	Carson, J.....1636	Ercolini, J.....1528
Akins, J.....1622	Carter, B.....1578	Erickson, C.....1882
Albritton, T.....1650	Carter, M.....1856	Ewell, D.....1740
Allen, L.....1762	Carter, Melville.1724	Fahn, S.....1652
Ambrose, L.....1608	Castellano, W....1662	Falconer, V.....1448
Anders, E.....1814	Castellanos, A...1738	Farly, G.....2078
Anderson, L.....1622	Chapman, C.....1598	Farris, R.....1430
Anderson, R.....1694	Chapman, K.....1836	Feldmanis, A....1750
Anderson, S.....1652	Chappell, A.....1954	Fine, L.....1444
Applegate, S.....1526	Chroninger, R....1564	Finnegan, R....1408
Ausmus, R.....1638	Clarke, S.....1542	Flohr, E.....1936
Ayer, M.....1310	Cleveland, G....1526	Foley, P.....1840
Baggett, N.....1536	Cleghorn, P.....1804	Foreman, B.....1774
Barber, L.....1470	Conness, J.....1472	Fournier, R....1668
Barthel, C.....1532	Cook, J.....1718	Frandy, M.....1542
Bartholomew, E...1654	Cooper, M.....1482	Frazier, G.....1786
Bartholomew, M...1544	Cordes, C.....1536	Fuller, L.....1704
Barton, C.....1620	Costelli, F.....1540	Gaines, Dr.W....1612
Bejack, W.....1550	Cottrell, C.....1520	Gall, C.....1864
Bellinger, D.....1680	Cox, D.....1546	Garcia, G.....1696
Bellmont, D.....1620	Craig, J.....1704	Gartenhaus, S...2052
Bergman, C.....1888	Crayne, C.....1334	Garshenson, M...1664
Bigelow, G.....1502	Cummings, F....2088	Getz, W.....1560
Bignami, L.....1686	Cuneo, E.....1864	Gieger, R.....1816
Blakemore, R....1620	Cuneo, R.....2020	Goodwin, R.....1810
Boarman, H.....1466	Dallessi, D.....1644	Gorshe, D.....1540
Boehme, R.....1622	Dana, E.T.....1882	Gottlieb, F....1828
Bogdanoff, D.....1718	Daniloff, E.....1636	Gross, Dr.B....1828
Brannin, J.....1504	Deichler, H.....1500	Grosz, M.....1504
Brarens, G.....1706	DeLozier, J....1580	Guiliani, D....1582
Bredoff, M.....1966	DeVote, E.....1688	Guinasso, N....1928
Brent, E.....1892	Dickinson, R....2100	Guzman, R.....1780
Brieger, R.....2012	Dickstein, Dr.L.1630	Gwinn, W.....1322
Bristow, J.....1900	Dillon, J.....1652	Haines, W.....1812
Brown, C.....1710	Ducring, R.....1716	Hardy, D.....1740
Brown, L.....1640	Duncan, J.....1668	Hathway, C.....1542
Buder, N.....1858	Edberg, R.....1954	Hatschek, Dr.O.1392
Bullockus, Dr. T.1830	Edelstein, H....1992	Hechter, H.....1578
Bullwinkle, H....2012	Edmondson, E....1776	Helmers, W.....1596
Burch, D.....1828	Edwards, L.....1450	Henderson, H....1546
Button, R.....1468	Ellington, M....1502	Hendricks, W....2124
Byrne, R.....1768	Emory, R.....1576	Henry, J.....1658

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Hill,	1550	Lasich, J.....	1496	Nekvasil, M.....	1802
Hill, L.....	1802	Leddy, F.....	1806	Nelson, D.....	1480
Hindman, E.....	1884	Ledgerwood, L....	2120	Nelson, W.....	1632
Hirsch, F.....	1572	Leonard, L.....	1512	Newcomer, N.....	1544
Hitchcock, H.....	1550	Lieberman, J....	1854	Nielson, P.....	1848
Hofvendahl, R....	1558	Lisker, W.....	1686	Nelte, J.....	1690
Holden, H.....	1762	Loewy, H.....	1950	Nygren, R.....	1420
Holman, R.....	1436	Laney, C.....	1640	Ogilvie, D.....	1718
Holmboe, M.....	1540	Lund, R.....	1674	Oliwiecki, A....	1532
Hoppe, R.....	1744	Lusk, G.....	1526	Olvera, F.....	1740
Horowitz, M.....	1468	Lytton, A.....	1510	Osternig, L....	1724
House, C.....	1548	MacGregor, E....	1558	Parker, W.....	1636
Horvath, A.....	1626	MacNeill, A.....	1704	Partansky, A....	1658
Hufnagel, D.....	1370	McFadden, M....	1702	Parvu, A.....	1672
Huncke, C.....	1808	McGinley, C.....	1752	Pattullo, W....	1690
Hurley, J.....	1500	McLeod, D.....	1918	Pearson, R.....	1706
Hursch, J.....	2002	McLeod, N.....	1768	Perry, L.....	1628
Hutch, Dr. J....	1594	McWilliams, F....	1408	Peterson, G....	1624
Igra, Dr. L....	1662	Maguire, J.....	1748	Phillips, D....	1510
Imbuelton, S....	1480	Maier, W.....	1834	Plock, R.....	2012
Ingram, L.....	1578	Mahan, T.....	1922	Post, L.....	1632
Isley, Q.....	1508	Maloney, R.....	1424	Powers, J.....	1564
Jacob, J.....	1940	Manahan, C.....	1700	Pritchard, C....	1600
Jacobson, D.....	1762	Mann, R.....	1540	Radinsky, C....	1600
Jacoby, R.....	1542	Marcovich, J....	1380	Railey, I.....	1642
Jolly, F.....	1490	Marmour, J.....	1890	Ramirez, G.....	2216
Joplin, S.....	1868	Mathison, J....	1442	Ramirez, J.....	1544
Joplin, W.....	1718	Mci, A.....	1420	Rawley, W.....	1476
Kalmins, J.....	1806	Michaels, P....	1472	Raynal, E.....	1434
Kamenny, Dr. L..	1610	Miller, W.....	1732	Rebold, W.....	1770
Kennedy, E.....	1532	Mingus, W.....	1692	Rexinger, J....	1552
Kilkér, S.....	1626	Mitchell, V....	1634	Reynolds, E....	1414
King, H.....	1998	Montfort, W....	1804	Reynolds, J....	1826
Kirk, B.....	1366	Moreno, R.....	1476	Rivera, M.....	1388
Kline, H.....	1504	Morey, N.....	1696	Robinson, Dr. J.	1560
Knack, A.....	1778	Morgan, I.....	1516	Romander, H....	1790
Koenig, W.....	1344	Morison, H.....	1766	Rosenstein, Dr.	1598
Kondratief, A....	1790	Morrison, S....	1646	Rupp, E.....	1784
Koert, J.....	1424	Morrison, T....	1780	Russell, E.....	1532
Kupka, Dr. E....	1806	Moyer, W.....	1476	Ryan, D.....	1704
LaBrash, G.....	1636	Muller, M.....	1648	Sabin, M.....	1302
Ladd, L.....	1556	Mulligan, Maj. P.	1478	Saca, M.....	1934
Lamon, R.....	1678	Murphy, R.....	1582	Sacre, H.....	1326
Landfair, W....	2064	Murray, R.....	1506	Salatko, V....	1532
LaPlaca, R.....	1728	Mycrson, D.....	1840	Salo, E.....	1628
Larson, M.....	1680	Nance, D.....	1270	Sarafian, E....	1512

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Scheuerman, J.....1920	Vantielon, J.....1710	*****
Schmerl, J.....1878	Vargas, E.....1648	*team members and a
Schroth, C.....1962	Wang, A.....1816	*large C.F.N.C.prize is
Schwartz, M.....1594	Ward, E.....1588	*awaiting the CHAMPS
Seavey, W.....1482	Weiser, J.....1432	*of the Winter League
Shapiro, S.....1600	Wells, M.....1726	*1956-57.
Sheena, A.....1462	Wetzel, P.....1674	*****
Simanis, E.....1900	Wheeler, C.....1508	*SUMMER SCHEDULE!!!!
Slocum, L.....1558	Wheeler, L.....1610	*To stimulate interest
Smith, Jim.....1688	Whisler, W.....2026	*the Sequoia and Wal-
Smith, J.B.....1594	White, L.....1400	*nut Leagues are being
Smith, Ted.....1568	Wiebe, R.....1684	*combined in the East
Smook, G.....1660	Williams, W.....1516	*Bay and Peninsula and
Smook, R.....2038	Willis, A.....1804	*El Camino Real Leagues
Snavely, T.....1578	Willis, D.....1642	*in the West Bay for
Spears, W.....1400	Willis, R.....1700	*this summer. Games
Spitz, C.....1476	Wilson, C.....1532	*will get under way
Stegman, P.....1362	Wolff, W.....1692	*on June 13th and will
Steiner, H.....1478	Wolfson, L.....1814	*terminate September
Stenner, R.....1628	Wong, B.....1546	*26th. Trophies will
Stevens, W.....1912	Worth, N.....1400	*be awarded for first
Stichka, J.....1894	Wuershing, J.....1662	*and second places at
Strong, J.....2044	Yaeger, E.....1884	*the end of the Summer
Sutherland, D.....1444	Yaggie, E.....1870	*Schedule.
Taggart, D.....1934	Zeiler, B.....2088	*If you are interested
Talcott, L.....2008	Zucker, S.....1476	*in playing with a club
Taylor, P.....1676	*****	*near your home please
Thacker, R.....1920	TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S	*write the Tournament
Thackwell, H.....1628	NOTES!!!!	*Director of C.F.N.C.
Thomas, H.....1774	The Winter Schedule of	*William S. Stevens
Thresh, Bud.....1538	C.F.N.C. is concluding	*2005-35th Avenue
Thresh, E.....1428	with great enthusiasm.	*San Francisco 16,
Tobin, Dr.J.....1550	MURPHY RED took the	*California
Tobin, R.....1506	Peninsula League, play-	*****
Tomori, L.....1882	ing BOTVINNIK winner of	*LEST WE FORGET ---- *
Toyama, F.....1520	the El Camino Real once	*The East-West Match *
Trenbert, R.....1998	to a draw and were then	*will take place the *
Tripodes, G.....1374	shaded out the second	*early part of Octo- *
Tripodes, T.....1786	round. OAKLAND BYRNE	*ber. Results to *
Tsumori, E.....1516	victor in the Sequoia	*date: West Bay 1955,*
Tullis, L.....1384	League defeated top team	*East Bay 1956, 1957?*
Turner, A.....1790	BERKELEY of the Walnut	*????????????????????*
Turner, L.....1804	League by a score of	*Why not plan to at- *
Turner, R.....1596	4 to 2. Each league	*tend and support your*
Udman, S.....1686	winner is being awarded	*geographic location?*
VanGelder, S.....1944	a trophy plus pins for	*****

CHESS IS A LIVELY SPORT IN THIS TOWN - Stroebeck, Germany

Once a year the town of Stroebeck can boast of more kings, queens and knights than any other place in Europe. This royalty isn't expected to be of the genuine stock, however, because the town of Stroebeck engages in a strange ritual.

The annual chess festival of this town requires that living chessmen play out a game.

Knights and bishops, along with all of the other "pieces" on a chessboard, assemble themselves in the town square and take their places for a game of chess that is to be played with human beings.

The huge square in which they play is sectioned off with different shades of marble so that a chessboard is easily recognizable.

The opposing teams take their positions, along with the men who act as castles (costumed in cardboard structures that resemble chopped up barrels), and the leaders of each team—the kings, of course, who direct their men into action.

Each team has its advisers who sit up in a tower overlooking the entire scene. When the move is decided, the king is notified and he, in turn, instructs his men.

The game board is too large for either king to survey from a ground position, so that to employ an adviser in a lofty place is considered fair play.

The king, of course, is seated on a throne that requires the aid of his men to move.

After the game, the entire village engages in a feast and celebration. The winning team doesn't get any special treatment, although the king is paraded around for a few minutes in a victory celebration.

The game of chess was introduced to the village of Stroebeck in the year 1011 by the Count of Gungekin, who now occupies a

place of honor in this Harz mountain community.

As the story goes, the Count was imprisoned in the village tower for some now forgotten reason. To pass away the time he carved a set of chessmen and played his right hand against his left.

The guards, who always spent their time playing games anyway, took an interest in what he was doing and learned the game. They, in turn, taught it to their families.

The game took such a grip on the town that the idea of using human chessmen in the town square was devised. Today, chess is part of the school curriculum in Stroebeck.

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ELIGIBILITY: All players who have not reached the age of 20 on or before July 14, 1957.

PLACE: Auditorium of the Spreckels-Russel Dairy Company, 1717 Mission Street.

TYPE: At least 7 Swiss. First round starts Monday, July 8, at 1 p.m.. Last-minute entries will be accepted until 12:30 p.m. at the registration desk in tournament hall.

ENTRY FEE: USCF Membership, \$5.00. The first 20 out-of-state entries will receive free housing. There is a possibility that the next 30 in line may also receive free housing. An appeal is made to all chess players and clubs to forward donations to the Chess for Youth Fund, 286 Fourth Street, San Francisco, and thus help in the good cause of chess promotion. All donations, no matter how small, will be acknowledged.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: International Chess Master George Koltanowski.

PRIZES: A large number of special valuable merchandise prizes, trophies and books will be given.

EQUIPMENT. Players are urged to bring chess sets, boards and especially clocks.

Those who intend to participate in the tournament should forward their entries right away to the secretary, Chess for Youth Committee, 286 Fourth Street, San Francisco.

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SONOMA CHESS FESTIVAL

The seventh annual Chess Festival will take place on the Plaza in Sonoma on Sunday, July 21, 1957. It will be dedicated this year to H. A. (Hutch) Whitehead, who has helped promote the yearly festival since its inception.

There will be a short tournament from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. consisting of 3 games, which may start as late as 2 p.m. and which count if all 3 games are played.

Entry fee up to and including July 17: \$1.50.

Late entry: \$2.50.

Simultaneous exhibition at 3 p.m. Fee: \$1.00 if in the Festival and \$2.00 if not playing in the Festival.

Bring Family and Friends, picnic on the Plaza and play chess! Numerous trophies, books and merchandise prizes.

Send your entry to Mrs. Lois McVEIGH, Secretary Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sonoma, California, state which class you care to play in: Expert-A, B, C, Women or Junior (up to 14 and under).

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PROBLEM CORNER

By

Herbert Holden

Not too many solutions were received for last issues problems. The solutions were #1.Q-N1 and #2.N-R1. Problem #1 was another star-flight theme because of the pattern of flight squares of the black king and #2 was a monochrome echo (the similar mates with the king standing on the same color squares in both mates).

Problem #5 will introduce another type of popular theme. In this issues problems the black pieces are circled, the white ones aren't.

All correspondence concerning problems should be sent to Herbert Holden, 420 Lake Street, San Francisco 18, California.

#5 Mate in 2 - 8 points

			N		R
		⊙		N	
⊙		⊙	⊙		
	⊙	⊙		P	K
		R	P	R	P
					⊙
			Q	P	⊙
				⊙	

#6 Mate in 3 - 6 points

			⊙		
					R
⊙					
⊙	⊙				
⊙	⊙				Q
	K				