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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION NEWS

The Southern California invitational Championship will be held in early 1979 at The Chess Set in Hollywood. All the top players in the "state" will be invited in order of rating, the top sixteen to accept will play. Also in the works, possibly, is a President's Birthday event, since the two weekends in February seem to be vacant. Perhaps a club league tournament will be held. Anyone with suggestions for that or any kind of event, please write the SCCF at P.O.Box 46101; Los Angeles, CA.90046.

Of course, the big event coming up is the American Open. Last year's total of 557 players may not be reached, but certainly 500 or more players are anticipated. As usual, some of the strongest players in the West and a smattering from elsewhere will participate. Spectators should find the top boards educational, so even if you are a non-participant come to the Airport-Sheraton Hotel over Thanksgiving weekend and learn something.

Meanwhile, the chess Olympics are now taking place in Buenos Aires. The Soviet team is playing without Karpov, so who knows what upsets might be in store? The American team is potentially the strongest in a long time, with six strong grandmasters participating for us: Kavalek, Browne, Byrne, Lein, Tarjan and Lombardy. Browne will probably be lobbying for FIDE to seed him into next year's Interzonal, although his last-place finish in a recent Dutch tournament will not help his argument. The three-time U.S. champion eschewed this year's zonal, of course, and now must try to enter through the "back door". Browne's former compatriots, the Australians, visited Southern California for a few brief hours before heading to Argentina.

In news of the USCF, the search is still on for a staff director while volunteers man the posts in New Windsor. The selection of a top administrator is scheduled for December. The other positions which were abandoned will, at least temporarily, be handled by present staff. December will also be the month when the annual rating list appears, a demand that USCF members evidently made a top priority. Also a top priority is the hiring of a qualified publicity person, it remains to be seen whether the financial situation of the USCF will allow that in the immediate future.

This month a new trivia contest will begin! Anyone getting six correct answers consecutively will get a year's subscription to RANK AND FILE. Question of the month: In a recent weekend tournament, what player participated in two different sections-and won both of them? Send answers to TRIVIA, c/o D. Savereide, 2341 Ocean Park #6; Santa Monica, Ca. 90405.

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER by John Peters

For a while I didn't think I would be able to use that title. After Lone Pine, I gave some exhibitions and commented on the games at the U.S. Championship, but played only in a weekend tournament in Tucson, Arizona where I scored 3-2. Then, thanks to Church's Fried Chicken, I went to France for two tournaments. In the first, at Bagneux (a suburb of Paris), I won some interesting games, but lost five, and ended up with a mediocre 7-6. In the second, an Open in a ski resort, I drew too many, then lost to Ostojic in the last round and finished out of the money.

Not an auspicious European debut! But at least part of the trouble was rustiness, because I must play a lot to stay in form. So I started the U.S. Open confidently. A couple of missed opportunities soon destroyed my confidence, and Perry Youngworth delivered the final blow with a crushing last-round victory.

I dreaded what might happen in the Lloyd's Bank Masters Open in London. Inexplicably, disaster never struck. I played well, and won, and I played badly and still won! With six wins and a draw in the first seven rounds I had clinched an IM norm, and led the 118-player field by a point. My luck changed, and I finished poorly, but my $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score sufficed to tie for first with Rantanen and Bouaziz. It was also enough for a GM norm, my second. I have enough norms for an IM title, but I plan to hold on to them, hoping I can make a third GM norm, which would give me the GM title immediately.

I completed the summer by tying for first in Church's Southwest Open in San Antonio, Texas. The effects of fatigue showed in my play, but I was satisfied with the result. Again my rating is hovering near 2500. Now I will embark on a moth-long exhibition tour, then relax before the American Open and Hastings.

Here are a few of my games. Three of them feature the Bb5 systems against the Sicilian Defense. I will have to change my openings soon, but I strongly recommend 3.Bb5+ as an antidote to the over-analyzed Najdorf and Dragon variations.

US Open--August 9, 1978

W-Peters B-J.Milton

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6
3.Bb5+ Nc6
4.0-0 e6

5.Re1 Nge7
6.c4!? (6.c3 d5!? is unclear)
... Ng6
7.d4 cd

8.Nd4 Bd7
 9.Nf5!? Qc7?
 9...ef 10.ef+ Nge7 11.Qd6 Bf5
 12.Bc6+ bc 13.Qc6+ Bd7 14.Qe4
 with the idea Nb1-c3-d5 and com-
 pensation for the material;
 11...a6 12.Ba4 b5 13.cb Qb8! un-
 clear.
 10.Nc3 0-0-0
 11.Ne3 Nge7?!
 Planning ...g7-g6,...f7-f5.
 11...Be7⁺.
 12.b3 g6
 13.Bb2 Rg8
 13...Bg7? 14.Bc6! bc 15.Nb5!
 cb 16.Bg7 Rhg8 17.Bf6 +-.
 14.Ba4! a6
 15.Nb5 ab
 16.cb Bg7?!
 16...Kb8 17.cb Bc6.
 17.Bg7 Rg7
 18.bc Bc6
 18...bc 19.e5!? d5 (19...de
 20.Ng4+) 20.Rc1 with the idea
 b3-b4-b5.
 19.b4! b5?
 20.Bb5! Bb5
 21.Rc1 Nc6
 21...Bc6 22.b5 Kd7 23.bc+
 Nc6 24.Nd5 +-.
 22.a4 Qb7
 22...Ba6 23.b5 Bb7 24.bc Bc6
 25.Nd5 Qb7 26.Rc6+ +-.
 23.ab Qb5
 24.Rc6+!Qc6
 25.Qa1 Qe4
 26.Qg7 Qb4
 27.Rc1+ 1:0

US Open-August 14,1978

W-Peters B-E. Burris

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.Bb5 a6
 4.Bc6 bc
 5.0-0 d6
 6.c3 ...
 6.d4 cd 7.Qd4 ⁺
 6... e6
 7.Re1 Ne7
 8.d4 cd
 9.cd Ng6
 9...d5? 10.Nc3.
 10.Qc2 Bd7
 11.Bg5 Qc8?!.
 11...Be7? 12.Be7 Qe7 13.e5+; 11
 ...Qc7! 12.d5 Rc8=.
 12.Nbd2 h6
 13.Be3 Be7
 14.Nc4 Qb8?
 14...Rb8; 14...Qc7
 15.d5! cd
 15...c5 16.b4! cb 17.Nb6 Ra7 18.
 Nd7 Rd7 19.de fe 20.e5 +.
 16.cd e5
 17.h4! ...
 With the idea 17...Nh4 18.Nh4 Bh4
 19.Nb6 Ra7 20.Nd7 Rd7 21.Qc4 Be7
 22.Qa6+.
 17... Bd8?
 17...Bg4? 18.Nb6-19.Qa4+; 17...0-0
 18.h5 Nh8+; 17...Nf8!?.
 18.Bc5!! Bc7
 18...dc 19.Nfe5 Ne5 20.Ne5 Be7 21.
 d6! Qd6 22.Rad1 +-.
 19.h5 Nf4
 19...dc 20.hg f6 21.d6! Bd6 22.Rad1

Be7 23.Nfe5 fe 24.Re5 Ra7 25.
Qe4+-; 22...Bc7 23.Rd7!? Kd7 24.
Qf5+ Ke7 25.Nfe5; 19...Ne7 20.
Nfe5 dc 21.d6 +-.
20.Bd6! Bd6
21.Nfe5 Be6
21...Be7 22.Nd7 Kd7 23.Ne5+
Ke8 24.Nc6 +-; 21...Be5 22.Ne5
+-.
22.de 1:0

Lloyd's Bank Masters Open-August 24,
1978.

W-Peters B-von Baarle (Holland)

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6
3.Bb5+ Nd7
4.d4 Ngf6
5.0-0!?cd
5...Ne4 6.Qe2 Nf6 7.Bg5 gives
White compensation, as in Weinstein-
Sunye, Lone Pine 1978.

6.Qd4 e5
A good answer to 5.Nc3, but now
White has another choice.

7.Qd3 h6
8.c4! Be7
9.Nc3 0-0
10.Bd7 ...

White must exchange his bishop
and develop Black's QB, but he gets
a light-square bind.

10... Bd7
11.b3 a6
12.a4 Qc7
13.Nh4!? Rfd8

More active is 13...b5 14.cb
(14.ab ab 15.Ra8 Ra8 16.Nb5 Bb5
17.cb Qb7 18.Nf5 Bf8 =) ab 15.
Nb5 Bb5 (15...Qb7!?) 16.Qb5 Ne4

17.Nf5±, when 17...Rfb8? loses to
18.Qc6! +-.
14.Be3 b6
15.f3 Qb7
16.Rfd1 Bf8?!

Maybe 16...Kh7 and 17...g6 is
superior.

17.g4! Be7
18.Nf5 Bf5
19.gf ...

The g-file is an important asset.

19... Rab8
20.Kh1 Kh7
21.Ra2 Qc6?

Better is 21...Rg8, envisioning ...
g7-g6.

22.Nd5 Ng8
22...Bf8 23.Bh6! Kh6 24.f4!
Nh5 25.Rg2 attacks strongly.
23.Nb4 ...

If 23.Rg1 Bf8, Black's Kingside
is solid.

23... Qc8
24.Qd5 Rf8

This forced reply plans 25.
Qc6 a5 or 25.Nc6 Nf6.

25.Rg1 Nf6
26.Qd2 Rg8
27.Qg2 a5

27...g5 28.Qh3 +-.
28.Nd3! ...

Not 28.Nc2? d5! 29.cd Qc3 with
counterplay.

28... Nd7
29.Qh3 ...

Threatening 30.Rg7+ Rg7 31.Bh6.
29... Bf6

30.Qh5 Qf8
31.Rag2 Rh8

Or 31...Qe7 32.Rg6! fg(32...Qf8
33.Bh6 +-) 33.fg+ Kh8 34.Bh6 +-.

32.Nf2 Qe7?
 Short of time, Black misses 32...
 Be7!, with some hope of survival.
 33.Ng4 Kg8
 33...Bg5 34.Nh6! Be3 35.Rg7 mate.
 34.Nf6+! Qf6
 35.Bf2 1:0

Lloyd's Bank Masters Open-August 26,
 1978.

W-Peters B-H.Westerinen(Finland)

1.e4 e5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.Bb5 a6
 4.Ba4 d6
 5.0-0 Bd7
 6.d4 Nge7
 7.d5 Nb8
 8.c4 ...

Now we have a King's Indian type
 pawn structure. White can try for
 c4-c5 or f2-f4, while Black has the
 levers ...f7-f5 and ...c7-c6.

8... Ng6
 9.Nc3 Be7
 10.Ne1 0-0

Interesting is 10...Bg5 11.g3
 Bc1 12.Rc1 h5! 13.f4 h4.

11.g3 Bh3
 12.Ng2 f5?

Weakening the light squares.
 Black should only use ...f7-f5 to
 strike at White's center after f2-f4.
 Good waiting moves are 12...c6 and
 12...Qc8(with the idea 13...h5).
 Also playable is 12...Bg5, because
 13.f4? ef 14.gf Bf6 threatens 15
 ...Nh4 and 15...Bc3 16.bc f5.
 13.ef Bf5

14.Bc2 Qd7
 15.Bf5 Qf5
 16.Ne3 Qf7
 17.Qg4! Qf3

Black acquiesces to the exchange
 of queens, after which he has a
 completely passive game. But 17...
 a5(17...Bd8? 18.Qc8+) 18.a3 Na6
 19.Rb1 favors White, too.

18.Qf3 Rf3
 19.Kg2 Rf7
 20.Ne4 Nd7
 21.Bd2 h6
 22.f3 Raf8?

The wrong strategy. Black
 should secure the Queenside by
 ...a6-a5 and ...b7-b6, then chal-
 lenge White's blockading knight by
 ...Nd7-f6.

23.Ra1 h5?

More defensive chances are of-
 fered by 23...Nf6 24.b4 Ne4 25.
 fe Rf1 26.Nf1 Kf7 ±.

24.b4 b6
 25.a4! h4
 26.Ra1 h3+
 27.Kh3 Rf3
 28.Rf3 Rf3
 29.a5? ...

I rejected the natural contin-
 uation 29.Kg2 Rf8 30.a5 because
 I didn't see how to make progress
 after 30...Ra8. But 31.ab Nb6 (31
 ...cb 32.Nf5+) 32.c5+ does the
 trick.

29... ba
 30.Ra5 Nf6!

Black correctly strives for the
 initiative. If 31.Nf6+ Bf6 32.Ra6,
 then 32...e4 and 33...Bd4.

I N T H E A R E N A

White: Paul Whitehead

Black: Rajan Ayyar

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 NxP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-QR3
6 B-KN5

The most complex reply to the Najdorf. Paul is a strong tactical player and he seems to favor this move. I remember his winning a nice game against Verduga at Lone Pine '78, in which the Polugaevsky variation was played.

6 ... P-K3
7 P-B4 B-K2
8 Q-B3 Q-B2
9 O-O-O QN-Q2
10 B-Q3 P-R3

The other major alternative is 10...P-N4, although this seems to have been cast into the dark as a result of Spassky's 12 Q-N3 after 11 KR-K1, B-N2, played against Fischer in their 1972 match.

11 P-KR4!?

A sharp alternative to 11 Q-R3 or 11 B-R4. Black entails grave danger in taking the piece, e.g., 11...PxB; 12 RPxP RxR; 13 RxR N-KN1; 14 R-R8 K-B1; 15 Q-R3 threatening 16 Q-R7.

11 ... N-B4
12 P-B5 B-Q2
12...P-K4; 13 BxN and 14 N-Q5 is horrid for Black.

13 B-K3

Else Black captures the Bishop.

13 ... O-O-O
14 P-KN4 B-B3
15 P-N5 PxP
16 PxP N/3-Q2
17 B-K2

The Bishop does nothing on Q3, and White is looking towards a later B-R5 or N4.

17 ... P-N4
18 P-R3 N-K4
19 Q-B4 B-N2
20 K-N1 K-N1

Black has completed his redeployment and is ready to assume concrete action on the Queenside.

21 P-B6

21 P-N6 is a very interesting and complex alternative.

After the game we were analyzing a myriad of variations arising after 21...KR-B1. Another possibility is 21...B-KB3; 22 PxBP QxP.

21 ... PxP
22 PxP RxR
23 RxR B-KB1
24 R-R7 Q-R4

Of course 25 P-QN4 loses to 25...QxP. Now ...P-N5 is in the air.

25 N/4xP?!

Paul goes in for complications.

25 ... NxB!
25...PxN; 26 BxN PxP; 27 QxN+ B-Q3; 28 Q-R5 is probably lost for Black.

26 B-R7+

After 26 NxN Q-K8+!; 27 K-R2 QxB; 28 N/5xP (28 N/4xP B-Q4+; 29 P-B4 BxN+; 30 NxN N-Q6!; 31 Q-Q4 BxP+! and wins, or if 29 K-N1 Q-K8+!; 30 B-B1 BxN; 31 NxN RxN winning, and on 28 N/5-B3 simply QxP is strong) B-Q4+; 29 P-B4 BxN/6; 30 NxN N-Q6! transposing into the previous line. Black wins.

26 ... K-R1

27 P-N4
Loses quickly but if 27 Q-K3 threatening 28 B-N6 etc., then 27 ...PxN; 28 NxP N-Q7+!; 29 K-B1 n/7-B5.

27 ... NxN+
28 K-N2 NxN

And White resigned. A very complicated game!

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31.Kg2! ...

The best practical decision. Black may not be able to co-ordinate his forces in time to stop White's b-pawn from queening.

31... Ne4
32.Kf3 Nd2+
33.Ke2 Nb3
34.Ra6 e4!
35.h4! ...

Not 35.Ra7 Bg5 36.Rc7 because of 36...Nd4+ 37.Kf2 (37.Kd2 Nf5)Ne5 38.Ng2 e3+!, soon winning the knight for the e-pawn.

35... Bf6
36.Ra7 Nd4+?

36...Bd4 37.Rc7 Nc1+! 38.Kd2 Nb3+ 39.Kc2 Na1+ 40.Kd2 Nb3+ draws. White loses on 40.Kb1? Be3 41.Kal Bf2 42.b5 e3 -+.

37.Kd1 Be5
38.h5! Nf8?

Losing. The result is far from clear after 38...Ne7 39.g4 Kf8 40.Rc7 Ke8.

39.Rc7 Bg3

40.b5 Nb3

41.Nf5 Be5

I was annoyed that Black sealed this move and made me play an adjournment. The position is hopeless and he should have resigned.

42.h6 g5

42...Nd4 43.b6+-.

43.Ne7+ Kh8

43...Kh7 44.Nc6+ Kh6 45.Ne5 +-.

44.Rc8 Kh7

45.Rf8 g4

46.b6 Na5

47.Nc6 g3

48.Ne5! l:0

The last point is 48...a2 49.Rf7+ Kh6 50.Rf6+ Kg5 51.Rg6+ Kf5 52. Rg2 Ke5 53.Ra2.

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UNITED STATES WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP by Diane Savereide

California was not underrepresented at the 23d Annual U.S. Women's Championship (and FIDE Zonal). Six of the eleven players that came to Rochester, New York were from California, four of those from Southern California.

Rachel Crotto and I tied for first with identical scores of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, seven wins, two losses and a draw, but the similarities ended there. While I lost to Crotto and Ruth Haring, the second and third ranked players, and scored against the lower half of the field, Crotto gave up two-and-a-half points against the bottom three finishers! This result entitles Crotto and me to play in the Interzonal Tournament next year.

Katherine Gasser of Massachusetts took clear third with a score of 7-3. Her result is impressive considering that she had given up chess for twelve years, and just started to play again recently.

All in all, the games were hard-fought- most of the players strove to win every game.

The following game was not one of the best games of the tournament, but was one of the most tense. I had to win to remain $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind Crotto. Ruth Donnelly, although doing badly in the tournament, always plays to win- generating more nervous energy than anyone else in the process.

W-R. Donnelly(New York) B-D. Savereide(So. California)

1.d4	Nf6	12.e5!?	Nd7
2.c4	g6	13.Qe2	Nb4
3.Nc3	Bg7	14.e6	fe
4.e4	d6	15.Qe6	Kh8
5.Be2	0-0	16.0-0	Nf6
6.f4	c5	17.Ng5	...
7.d5	b5		

Although I have given up the standard Benko Gambit move order, I sometimes like to transpose after White has committed himself to a certain type of development.

8.cb	a6
9.ba	Ba6
10.Ba6	Na6
11.Nf3	Qb6

Qc7 is safer.

17.Ne5! gives White an advantage. Black can defend by 17... c4 18.Kh1 Nd3 19.Nd3 cd.

17... Nd3
18.Rb1 ...

Or 18.Nd1 securing b2 and preparing to answer ...c4 with Be3.

18...	Nc1
19.Rfcl	h6
20.Qh3?!	Nh5
21.Ne6	Nf4

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More games by local players

Brilliancy games from the Santa Monica Club Championship

W-R. McGuire(2026)		B-T. Weinberger(2292)					
1. e4	c6	6. Nf3	Bf5	11. Qb7	Qd4	16. Kd2	Na1
2. d4	d5	7. Ng3	Bg4	12. Be3	Qc4	17. Ra1	Rd8+
3. Nc3	g6	8. Bc4	Bf3	13. Qa8	Nd5	18. Kc2	Qd3+
4. Bf4	de	9. Qf3	Nf6	14. Qb7	Nb4	19. Kb3	Nd7
5. Ne4	Bg7	10. Qb3	0-0	15. c3	Nc2+	20. Ba7	Rb8 0:1

W-F. Gerlach(B)		B-G. Witcomb(C)		(Under 1800 Prize)			
1. d4	Nf6	11. Qd2	Ng4	21. Nh6+	Bh6	31. h6	Bf8
2. c4	g6	12. Nh4	Ne3	22. Bd7	Qd7	32. Nd1	Nh6
3. Nc3	Bg7	13. fe	Bd7	23. Rf6	Rf6	33. gh	Rf7
4. g3	0-0	14. d5	Ne7	24. Rf6	Bg7	34. Ne3	Rh7
5. Bg2	d6	15. e4	Rf8	25. Qg5	Rf8	35. Nf5	Be7
6. Nf3	Re8	16. Rf2	Qc8	26. Re6	Rf7	36. Ne7	Re7
7. Qc2	Nc6	17. Ra1	g5	27. h5	Kh7	37. Qf6+	Kg8
8. 0-0	e5	18. Nf5	Qe8	28. g4	Ng8	38. Qe7	1:0
9. Bg5	h6	19. h4	f6	29. Qg6+	Kh8		
10. Be3	Bf5	20. Bh3	Rf7	30. g5	Re7		

In the recent Labor Day tournament, one of the players who tied for first was expert Robert Hurdle. Hurdle is on a real hot streak lately. He just won the Santa Monica Rating Tournament of Sept.-Oct. with a perfect 7-0 score, the first perfect score to be recorded in a Santa Monica Rating Tournament in memory. Here is his best game from the Labor Day Tournament(The Golden West Class Championships):

W:Larry Nezhni(2166)		B:Robert Hurdle(2072)		(Notes by Hurdle)	
1. e4	c5			6. c4	Nb6
2. b3	e6			This is supposed to be inferior.	
3. Nf3	Nf6			6...Nb4 or 6...Nc7 are preferable.	
4. e5	Nd5			Now Black loses a pawn.	
5. Bb2	Be7			7. Nc3	Nc6

8.Ne4 0-0

9.Rc1 d5

It's now or never. If 10.cd then 10...ed 11.Nc5 Bc5 12.Rc5 Qe7 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.d4 f6 is good for Black.

10.ed6 Bd6

11.Ba3 ...

Focusing on the weak pawn.

11... f5

12.Nd6 ...

If 12.Nc5 Qe7 13.d4 e5 favors Black.

12... Qd6

13.d4 Nd7

The best way to lose the pawn.

14.dc Qc7

15.Qd2 ...

Not Qd6, Qa5+ winning. 15.b4 is also bad due to Nc5.

15... Rd8

16.Qc3 e5

Technically Nf6 was better because it prevents 17.Rd1. White could have played this in the game and retained his edge.

17.Be2 Nf6

18.0-0 e4

19.Ne1 ...

Nd2 is better.

19... Nd4

20.Bd1 ...

White's certainly on the run now.

20... f4

21.Nc2 ...

Better might be f3 but Black keeps the edge with Bf5.

21... Ne6

Threatens Rd3, Nc5 and f3.

22.Be2 f3!

23.gf Nf4

The point of 22...f3.

24.Rfel ...

24 Bdl loses instantly to 24... Rd1 25 Rd1 Ne2+. 24 Qe3 is good for Black, i.e. 24...Qe5 25.Kh1 Bh3 26.Rg1 Qf5.

24... Ne2+

To prevent the bishop from helping to defend on f1.

25.Re2 Rd3

26.Qe1 Bh3

26...ef is also playable, but I wanted to get it over with quickly.

27.fe ...

If 27.Re4 Qf7 28.Ne3 Qg6+ 29.Rg4 (Not 29 Ng4 Ne4 30.Qe4 Qe4 31.fe Bg4 wins) Ng4 30.fg Bg4 31.Ng4 Qg4+ and Kh1, Qf3+ or Kf1, Qf3 decides because on Kg1, Rd4.

27... Qf4

Threatens mate in two moves.

28.Re3 Ng4

29.Rg3 ...

29.Rh3 Rh3 and Black mates eventually.

29... Rg3+!

This is the hidden resource that Nezhni missed.

30.fg Qf3

Threatens Qg2 mate.

31.Qd2 Rf8

Threatens Qf1+ followed by Rf1 mate to which there is no answer.

If Ne3, just Ne3. So,

0:1

Southern California Chess Newsette(ed:David Argall)

In the mythical land of Amber created by Roger Zelazny the separation between reality and illusion is highly tenuous. The only pathways distinguishing "true" places from "false" are created and, to a degree, controlled by the twisted dwarf Dworkin. A similar character who wishes to wield similar power is David Argall through his magazine, Southern California Chess Newsette.

The Newsette is an instructive example of irresponsible editorial policy expressed abominably. Ignoring the crux of every issue, the editor bores directly at whichever irrelevant point catches his momentary fancy. There is a decipherable ideology in the Newsette: namely, since individuals are incompetent, organized groups of individuals are exponentially more so. Unfortunately for the editor, bitterness directed outward has a permanent insidious effect on the originator rather than the recipient.

Bad ideas are excusable, however, if expressed articulately; Kierkegaard and William F. Buckley come to mind. In the Newsette syntax and cohesion seem to be on vacation while spelling is obviously out for the count. The editor also seems to believe that the most efficacious method of insuring reader interest is the insult.

In reporting chess news, the Newsette usually does a very good job, because the editor is indefatigable in attending tournaments. Naturally, the lure for potential subscribers is the possibility of seeing their names in print and Argall is diligent in recruiting tournament winners (as well as anyone else he can get his hands on). If the Newsette stuck to reporting the news, it could be worthwhile. As it is, the control of a minor instrument of the media has caused its creator to lose any sense of perspective or insight that he may have once possessed.

(Phil Chase)

11th USCF Futurity

P. Youngworth-V. McCambridge: Be-
noni:1 d4 Nf6 2c4 e6 3 Nc3c5 4 d5 ed 5 cd d6 6
g3 g6 7 Bg2 Bg7 8 Nf3 0-0 9 0-0 Na6 10 Nd2
Nc7 11 Nc4 Nfe8 12 a4 b6 13 Qb3 Ba6 14 e4
Kh8 15 Re1 f5 16 ef Rf5 17 Bh3 Rf8 18 Be3 Nf6
19 Rad1 Rb8 20 Nd6 Qd6 21 Bf4 Qd8 22 d6
Nce8 23 d7 Nc7 24 Bd6 c4 25 Qb4 Rf7 26 Re7
Kg8 27 Bc7 Qc7 28 Be6 Bf8 29 Bf7 + Kh8 30
Re8 Kg7 31 Qf8 mate.

J. Peters-P. Youngworth: Sicilian: 1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 e5 7
Nf3 Be7 8 Bc4 0-0 9 Qe2 Nbd7 10 a4 b6 11 Bg5
Bb7 12 Rd1 Qc7 13 0-0 Rfc8 14 Bb3 h6 15 Bf6
Nf6 16 Nh4 Qc5 17 Nf5 Rc7 18 Rd3 Bf8 19 Qf3
Nh7 20 Nd5 Ng5 21 Qg4 Bd5 22 Bd5 Qc2 23
Rg3 Re8 24 h4 Ne6 25 Nh6 + Kh7 26 Be6 Re6
27 Nf7 Rf6 28 Qh5 + Kg8 29 Nh6 + Rh6 30
Qh6 Qe4 31 Qe6 + Kh7 32 Rf3 Be7 33 Rf5 Qe2
34 Qf7 Kh6 35 f3 g6 36 h5, 1-0.

1975 Golden Knights-English Opening

W-J. Schmidt

B-V. McCambridge

(Notes by McCambridge)

1.Nf3 ...

A very solid move, preventing an immediate ...e5. Black opts for a King's Indian Defense set-up in this game, having in mind a double-edged struggle even at the cost of positional inferiority.

1... Nf6

2.g3 g6

3.Bg2 Bg7

4.0-0 0-0

5.d3 ...

With this move, White preserves the possibility of either c4 or e4. However, 5.c4 and 5.d4 are both preferable.

5... d6

Fischer once claimed that Black has the better prospects here!

6.c4 e5

7.Nc3 Nc6

8.Rb1 ...

The game has transposed into an English Opening. White's eighth move prepares the thrust b4, gaining space on the queenside and increasing White's central influence.

8... Nh5

An extremely double-edged move. Black aims to throw his kingside pawns forth. However, in any case it is better for Black to interpose 8...a5 to gain the open a-file for counterplay. An example

of a slightly different plan for Black in this position is illustrated in the game J.Hanken-V.McCambridge, Southern California Championship 1977. It continued (by transposition) 8...a5 9.a3 h6 10.b4 ab 11.ab Be6 12.b5 Ne7 13.e4? (Y.Seirawan recommends 13.Qb3! with the continuation ...Nd7 14.Ba3 in mind) Nd7 14.Be3 f5 15.Nd5 f4! 16.gf Nd5 17.cd Bg4 = 18.Qc2 ef 19.Bd2 Bf3 20.Bf3 Ne5⁺ 21.Bg2 Ng4! 22.h3 f3! 23.Rfcl (if 23.hg Qh4!) Qh4 0:1.

9.b4 f5

10.Bd2 ...

Black threatened 10...e4!

10... a6

11.a4 h6

12.b5 ab

13.ab Ne7

14.e3 ...

A controversial decision, weakening f3 but holding back ...f4 and controlling d4. The tactical point is 14...g5 15.Ng5! ♚.

14... Qe8

15.Nd5 ...

To open the c-file and expose Black's weaknesses on the Queenside.

15... Nd5

16.cd f4

Black places his hopes on his Kingside assault.

17.b6 ...

If 17.Rc1 or 17.Qc2, then 17...Rf7. The text opens fire against both the Black b-pawn and d-pawn. 17... Qf7

Defending the c-pawn and piling

up on White's weaknesses on the f-file. If 18.bc Qc7 19.Rc1 Qe7 20.Bb4, then ...Bg4 with good counterplay.

18.e4? ...

White's move is weak. It defends the d-pawn but opens new squares for Black's pieces on the King-side.

18... g5

Black has the advantage now. If 19.bc g4! 20.Nh4 Bf6 =. Otherwise, the onrushing Black hordes will smother and eventually suffocate White's king. However, the position still requires careful defense of the queenside.

19.Qc1 g4

20.Nh4 cb

The immediate ...f3 21.Bh1 Bf6 22.Nf5! is not so good.

21.Rb6 Ra6!

My favorite move of the game. The Queenside defense problems are considerably reduced, Black gains a dangerous outside passed pawn for the endgame, his light-squared bishop is freed, and White's only active piece is removed from the board—all at a single stroke!

22.Ra6 ba

23.Qa3 Qf6

Preparing the tactics which follow. In view of the following imprisonment of the White bishop, the move 24.Rc1 is better than White's choice, with the idea 24...f3 25.Bf1.

24.Bb4 f3

25.Bh1 Nf4

The point. The game is pure tactics from now until the end. In view of the mate threat White has little choice but to take the knight.

26.gf Qh4

27.Bd6? ...

White's last chance was 27.f5! If 27...Bf5? 28.Bd6!, but not 28.ef Rf5 -. I intended to continue 27...Bf6! with the threat of Bg5-f4. On 28.Bd6 Re8 (28...Bg5? 29.Be5! +) 29.Qc3 Bd7! 30.Rb1 Bb5 and Black's "extra" piece will prevail. Or 29.Qa4 Qh5! The text overlooks Black's powerful retort.

27... ef!

Surprise! If 28.Bf8 g3! winning. It is unfortunate for White that his impressive central pawns in no way limit the scope of Black's attack.

28.Qc5 ...

White covers d4, hoping to threaten the rook and gain time to defend. But...

28... Bd7!

Surprise again! If 29.Bf8 g3! Now Black threatens both 29...Rc8 and 29...Bb5. So White plays a double attack, hoping to eliminate the venomous Black pawn on f4. But...

29.Qc7 Rc8!

30.Qd7 ...

On the better 30.Qb6 Qg5! 31.Qa6 Bd4! or 31.Rb1 Bb5 32.Bc5 Qf6! -. 30... Qf2!

31.0:1

U.S. OPEN-1978-PHOENIX

With the US Open as close as it has been since 1971, many Southern California players, from the very strong to the very weak, invaded Arizona for the tournament which was held August 6-18 in Phoenix. There were many big names at the tournament, as usual, but many regulars were missing, fearing perhaps the climate or maybe the dreaded gila monsters. The temperature did not go below 100 during the day, which did not encourage outdoor exercise, but which probably increased attendance at the USCF meetings, which were held in the air-conditioned Hyatt Regency. However, the real action took place across the street at the Phoenix Civic Center where the 484 chess players competed. Among the top contenders were IGMs Tarjan, Lein, Shamkovich and Bisguier. Jack Peters, Andrew Soltis and John Fedorowicz were other obvious choices for the betting public. But the three players who dominated interest were all the longest of long-shots when the tournament began. One of these, the eventual tournament winner, was the unknown New Jersey master Joseph Bradford. His early escape against Jerry Hanken from a lost position was obviously a portent, as he then defeated Peters and drew Shamkovich and Soltis to finish with $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. But it was the other two little-known players who caused the most ruckus. Giving veteran players a feeling of déjà vu was Doug Root of Diamond Bar. Root has an eerie resemblance to the Bobby Fischer of 1956-57, even including his gestures at the board, according to some who have seen both of them. What was more disconcerting to his opponents were the moves that Root made, strong enough ones to put him in the lead for part of the tournament. His victory over GM Lein accompanied a draw with IM Fedorowicz, and other impressive wins. Only a loss to Bradford marred Root's excellent performance, which may help propel him into next year's US Junior Closed Championship. Doing even better was another Southern California junior, Perry Youngworth of Riverside. Perry, without attracting much notice, has been steadily improving and now approaches a senior master rating at the age of sixteen. Youngworth also defeated Lein, and in a real upset, destroyed Peters in the last round. He had not previously scored against Peters in many games. That win gave him the total of ten points, usually good enough to win a US Open. Instead, he tied for second place with Shamkovich, the only participant to defeat Youngworth. Perry seems to be a lock to earn an invitation to the US Junior.

The local favorite who did the best was one of Arizona's three masters, Tim Brown. Brown scored 9-3 to win the special award for best score by an Arizona player. Another special prize winner was Loal Davis, a frequent participant in Southern California tournaments, who won the special brilliancy prize. Winner of the Women's Prize was Diane Savereide

of Santa Monica, who had 7 out of 9 to contend for the top money, but then lost her last three games. Another notable performance was turned in by Russ Wada of La Crescenta who was a finalist in the Rapid Transit Tournament. The speed chess extravaganza was won by Per-Inge Helmhertz of Sweden.

Among the upsets turned in by Southern California players: Mark Orfalea of Tarzana drew Arizona champion Robert Rowley, A-player Randy Hough defeated master Curtis Carlson and Savereide drew Fedorowicz. Sometime expert John Williams drew Bradford and Fedorowicz, although he lost to Lein.

Next year's US Open is tentatively set for Chicago, whose bid was accepted over those of Atlanta and Las Vegas. So, many local players will have to wait until at least 1980 to participate in this event again. For those who want to play good chess, however, the conditions are better than any weekend swiss. One round a day eliminates much of the fatigue factor, although for those having a bad tournament, twelve rounds can appear interminable.

The 1978 US Open was directed by Colonel Paul Webb, and was chiefly organized by new USCF Secretary Myron Lieberman.

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22.Nf4 Rf4

23.Qe6 ...

Black has regained the gambit pawn, but the position is loose and double-edged. Although the Black e and g-pawns are weak, I believe that Black has the advantage. The White b and d-pawns are targets and the Black pieces work together well.

23... Raf8

24.Ne2 ...

If 24.Qe7? c4 25.Kh1 Bc3 +-
or 24.Qg6? c4 25.Kh1 Qb2 +-.

24... R4f5

25.Ng3 Re5

26.Qg6 Rd5

27.Re1 Qc7

28.Rbc1 Qd7

29.Re2 Rg5

30.Qe4 Be5

31.Rce1 d5

32.Qc2 Bd4

33.Kh1 e5

? Now that the central pawns have started their march, Black's position is overwhelming.

34.b4?! Qg4

35.bc? ...

If 35.Nf1 Rgf5 36.Qd1 White is completely tied down.

35... Qg3

36.c6 ...

36.hg? Rh5 mate.

36... Qc3

37.Qa4 Rgf5

38.Qd1 Qc6

39.g4 R5f7

40.Qb3 Rf1

41.Kg2 0-1

White preferred resignation to adjournment.

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