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3 Oct.	9th Annual Scholarship Chess Festival	Unrated	Hayward
16-17 OCT.	FIGHT OF THE BUMBLER B	USCF	MONTEREY
23-24 OCT.	CENTRAL VALLEY OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT	USCF	SACRAMENTO
23-25 OCT.	CARROLL M. CAPPS MEMORIAL CHESS TOURNAMENT	USCF	SAN FRANCISCO
6-7 Nov.	Redwood City Tournament	(USCF), CFNC	Redwood City
7 NOV.	CCCA'S 1ST ANN. USCF REGIONAL 1-DAY ROUND ROBIN CHESS TOURNAMENT AT BERKELEY	USCF	BERKELEY
25-28 Nov.	7th Annual American Open (A National Tournament)	USCF	Santa Monica
18-19 DEC.	6TH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AMATEUR OPEN	USCF	OAKLAND
8 JAN.	CCCA'S 3RD ANN. USCF REGIONAL 1-DAY ROUND ROBIN CHESS TOURNAMENT AT WALNUT CREEK	USCF	WALNUT CREEK
19-20 FEB.	CCCA'S 2ND ANNUAL GRAND PRIX CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF USCF REGION VIII (PACIFIC)	USCF	BERKELEY
19-20 FEB.	CCCA'S 1ST ANNUAL COLLEGIATE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE FAR WEST	USCF	BERKELEY
19-20 FEB.	5TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CHERRY TREE OPEN C. T.	USCF	MONTEREY
26-27 Feb.	1972 CFNC Championships	(USCF), CFNC	?
5-10 Mar.	National Open (A National Tournament)	USCF	Sparks, NV
24-26 MAR.	8TH ANNUAL PRE-EASTER VISALIA AMATEUR OPEN CHESS T.	USCF	VISALIA
25-26 MAR.	CCCA'S 3RD ANN. USCF REGIONAL CLASS C. T. AT SAN JOSE	USCF	SAN JOSE
29-20 APR.	CCCA'S 2ND ANN. USCF REGIONAL GOLDEN BEAR CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS	USCF	BERKELEY
27-29 May	1972 California Class Championships	USCF & CSCF	Fresno?
17-18 JUNE	CCCA'S 3RD ANN. USCF REGIONAL CLASS C. T. AT BERKELEY	USCF	BERKELEY
22-23 JULY	CCCA'S 1ST ANN. WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP	USCF	FRESNO
26-27 AUG.	CCCA'S 4TH ANN. USCF REGIONAL ADULT & JR. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA	USCF	HAYWARD
2-4 Sept.	23rd Annual California Open (A State Tournament)	USCF & CSCF	Ventura
16-17 SEPT.	CCCA'S 2ND ANN. USCF REGIONAL CLASS C. T. AT SAN FRANCISCO	USCF	SAN FRANCISCO

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California Open Sets Fresno Record; IM Kaplan Champion



John Blackstone (l.) and Julius H. Loftsson (r.) exchange hopeful glances before the last round of the California Open. At the second (middle) board Larry Christiansen, National High School Champion, (l.) and International Master Julio A. Kaplan (r.) have already begun play. In the distance James Tarjan (l.) and Michael Mills (r.) concentrate on their game. Stuart Schwartz observes the top game. (Photograph by Martin E. Morrison, Chess Voice Editor.)

 * the A trophy and \$125. Following at 4½-2½ for \$25 each were Michael Pollowitz and Jeremy A. Silman. First B at 4½-2½ was David P. Lynn, winner of \$125 and trophy. Kevin Burnett and Richard R. Roubal followed at 4-3, to place 2nd-3rd B with \$25 each. Ed Townsend was first C, to take the C trophy and \$125. An eight-way tie for 2nd-9th place at 3-4 included Dr. Bruce S. Collins, Lawrence R. Fair, Kyle Forrest, Robert L. Korté, Michael A. Maloney, Leo K. Roberts, Ronald H. Smith, and James D. Williams. All won \$6. Winning the First D/E trophy and \$50 was David M. Galfond. Jimmie A. Davis won similar prizes as First Unrated. Fred W. Cummings, Robert Engstrom, and J. Webb Moore tied at 2nd-4th Unrated for \$8. A special Women's Trophy was added to recognize the four women contestants entered this year. Greta Olsson won clear right to the trophy and women's title with 4-3. MEM

Hughes Central California Champion; Costa Junior Champion

Lawrence Hughes joined David L. Amkraut and International Master Julio A. Kaplan as holder of the Central California Champion title by winning the CCCA's 3rd Annual USCF Regional Adult and Junior Chess Championship of Central California. Held Saturday and Sunday, 31 July and 1 August in the Meek Estate Mansion of Meek Park, Hayward, the four-round Swiss attracted 101 players, directed by Martin E. Morrison and Elwin C. Meyers. Hughes, competing in the Master/Expert Division, tied at 3½-½ with Craig N. Barnes for \$37.50, but won the title on tie-breaks. Marcos B. Costa, with 2½-1½ in Class A, is the 1971 Central California Junior Champion. Robert E. Vitelli was Runner-Up.

Roger K. Alexander and Charles A. Maddigan led the A Division with 3½ points, winning \$35 each. Louis Bignami took Class B with a perfect 4-0 score to win \$50. Class C honors were split between Michael Donald and Martin L. Sullivan, 4-0, \$35 each. Todd Corenson took home \$15 as First Classes D/E.

Additional winners were Eleuterio A. Alsasua, Richard R. Bustamante, Stephen D. Cross, Ronald S. Thacker (A); George Harris, Gilbert Temme (B); John E. Allen, Christopher A. Black, Ken Ellis, Michael E. Koblentz, Bruce Matzner, David Sagan (C); Bernie Beadling, Glenn Griggs, Leon Hopkins (D/E). MEM



Winners of the CCCA's Adult and Junior Chess Championship of Central California pose on the porch of the Meek Estate Mansion. They are, from left to right, Craig N. Barnes (2nd Master/Expert), Lawrence Hughes (Central California Champion), Louis Bignami (1st B), Marcos B. Costa (Central California Junior Champion), and Roger K. Alexander (1st-2nd A). (Photograph by Martin E. Morrison, Chess Voice Editor.)

 win the CCCA's 2nd Annual USCF Regional Class Chess Tournament at Berkeley, held 17 and 18 July 1971 at the Berkeley Central YMCA. McCormick picked up 3½ points in the Master/Expert Division of the four-round Swiss to net \$60. Stephen D. Cross, with a perfect 4-0 score, took a clear first in the A Division. Michael W. Tomey likewise won first place in the B division. Both won \$50. In the C Division Barry G. Nelson, another Monterey winner, tied with Martin L. Sullivan for \$85.00. Peter Freier and Joseph Wu shared top D/E honors and \$25.

The tournament was sponsored by the Central California Chess Association and the Berkeley Chess Club and was directed by Martin E. Morrison and Elwin C. Meyers. MEM

Bustamante Wins Monterey Junior Jubilee

On 10-11 July the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club and Casa Alvarado Chess Center co-sponsored a Monterey Junior Jubilee to send a player to the US Junior Open. Ten players competed at the Center under the direction of Theodore Yudakufski in a five-round Swiss System. Richard R. Bustamante took first with 4½-½, followed by David Henry at 3-2, who won a hand-carved ivory chess set as Top Monterey player. Susan Fuhs won a Special Girl's Trophy. Theodore Yudakufski

Waldriff and Leffingwell Qualify in Naval Tournament

With the cooperation of the Central California Chess Association, the Special Services Division of the 12th Naval District instituted a Chess Championship Tournament this year to qualify two players in the West Coast Navy Chess Championship, San Diego. The six-round Swiss was held on three consecutive evenings, 2-4 August on Treasure Island, and was directed by Martin E. Morrison. Duane A. Waldriff, of Moffett Field, originally of Duluth, Minnesota, was first with 5½-½. Local player Fred Leffingwell, of Sacramento, was second at 5-1. Both won trophies and will fly to San Diego for the regional finals. MEM

116 Players Compete in CCCA's 1st San Francisco Class Tourney

In its first tournament to be held in the city of San Francisco, the CCCA drew 116 players to its 1st Annual USCF Regional Class Chess Tournament at San Francisco, held 11-12 September.

* McCormick Tops Monterey International
 * In the 7th Monterey International Open Chess *Tournament, held 26-27 June in the Hotel San *Carlos, Monterey, James H. McCormick took a *clear first with 5-0. Dennis Fritzing (2nd) *and David Blohm (3rd) tied at 4½-½. The five- *round Swiss, sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula *Chess Club and Casa Alvarado Chess Center, drew *106 players. Director was Theodore Yudakufski, *assisted by his wife, Ruby. McCormick took *\$200 and Fritzing and Blohm shared \$175 of the *\$850 prize fund.
 * Winning their respective sections were Dr. *Kent P. Bach, 1st A, tied with James S. McFarland *and Robert S. Klein; Marcos B. Costa, 1st B, tied *with Koji Kristofferson, Sam Cunningham, Astval- *dur Eydal, Kevin Burnett, David Henry, Charles *O. Nystrom, Flynn L. Penoyer, Ron Rogers, Alexan- *der Juarez, Wayne Lambert, and Ronald Singerman; *Barry G. Nelson, 1st C, tied with Ronald W. *Hyatt, Gerard Gerstl, Rick D. Eberly, Christopher *A. Black, and Alfred Hansen; Randall Mullins, 1st *D, tied with James W. Nelson and John A. Ander- *son.
 * Women's First was Jacqueline Piatigorsky. *First Unrated was Eleuterio A. Alsasua. Richard *R. Bustamante was Top Junior, and Alex Suhobek *was Best Monterey. Marcos B. Costa won the Up- *set Prize. Theodore Yudakufski

* McCormick Takes Another—CCCA's Berkeley Class
 * Fresh from winning the Monterey International,

Seattle's fireball James H. McCormick went on to win the CCCA's 2nd Annual USCF Regional Class Chess Tournament at Berkeley, held 17 and 18 July 1971 at the Berkeley Central YMCA. McCormick picked up 3½ points in the Master/Expert Division of the four-round Swiss to net \$60. Stephen D. Cross, with a perfect 4-0 score, took a clear first in the A Division. Michael W. Tomey likewise won first place in the B division. Both won \$50. In the C Division Barry G. Nelson, another Monterey winner, tied with Martin L. Sullivan for \$85.00. Peter Freier and Joseph Wu shared top D/E honors and \$25.

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The four-round Swiss, held at the Travelodge-at-the-Wharf, saw Max B. Wilkerson, Jr., top the Master/Expert Division with $3\frac{1}{2}$, to win \$50. Walter T. Heaton racked up a perfect 4-0 score in the A's to win a clear first and \$75. In the B's another perfect score was recorded for Alan R. Carlson, who also won \$75. Martin L. Sullivan scored yet another victory in the C's by tying with Romulo T. Aguilar, 4-0, to split \$95. At $3\frac{1}{2}$ Adam Lotz tied with Randall M. Mullins for First D/E, carrying with it a \$25 prize. Other winners, sharing in the \$370 prize fund were Craig N. Barnes, Ervin Middleton, and Guillermo Rey (2nd-4th Master/Expert); Dr. Kent P. Bach and Kevin Burnett (2nd-3rd A); Louis Bignami and Kevin D. Olwell (2nd-3rd B).

The tournament was organized and directed by Martin E. Morrison and Elwin C. Meyers.

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BERKELEY CHESS CLUB . . . Completed its Class Round Robin, held from 18 June to 20 August. The tournament, played in four sections, drew 70 players, a new record for a Northern California weekly tournament. John Toulouse was first Master/Expert/Class A with 5 points, followed by Roger K. Alexander at 4. R. Carl Shiflett led Class B with 6 points, ahead of Edward S. Yeung at 5. Topping Classes C/D/E was Michael E. Koblentz with a stunning 8. David Sagan, Jon M. Gardner, and Charles H. Ensey followed at 3. Ken Ellis was first Non-USCF; Russell F. Palmeri and Paul Voloshin followed one point behind Mr. Ellis's 5. . . . The club is currently engaged in its Summer Random and Master/Expert Cash Tourney. . . . A series of classifier tournaments will be held starting the first of October, November, and December. Martin E. Morrison directs.

CASA ALVARADO CHESS CENTER AND MONTEREY PENINSULA CHESS CLUB . . . Held rapid transit tournaments in conjunction with the Monterey International Open on the Friday evening before the tournament. A total of 18 players competed in two divisions. David J. Forthoffer topped the Expert & Master's Division and Mark B. Gazse, the Class A Division. . . . In a 26-player team match on 18 June the Center defeated the Salinas Chess Club's team $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ The Great 1971 Alvarado Street Chess Classic was fought from 26 May to 23 June amongst 24 players. Winning their six-player divisions were Dan Maxwell, Richard Osborne/Kenneth E. F. Howes, Roger Bundy, and Ophelia Ament. Small pieces of Alvarado street, being torn up by PG&E, were made into handsome trophies and hand engraved for presentation together with a certificate of authenticity signed by the mayor of Monterey. . . . In an unusual tournament held to pay the Casa's CCCA assessment, the Great 1971 CACC-CCCA-USCF Alphabet Soup Chess Tureen-ament is being held during July and August. The tournament bulletin, laid out like a menu, featuring a Special Poultry Entree (a round robin), the Chesstaurant Chess (Theodore Yudakufski), and Dessert Treats (prizes and CCCA memberships for those entered). [Theodore Yudakufski]

CONCORD CHESS CLUB . . . Held in cooperation with the CCCA a USCF Regional Weekly Round Robin in Contra Costa County during July. Twenty participants entered, with Eric Nelson, Ken W. Miller, Raymond C. Guzman/Wade Regensberg, Dan Lee, and Louis Kelly/Arwid Wells winning their sections. Previously William I. Noble won an elimination tournament, and Wade Regensberg and Richard W. Kelson tied for first in a five-round Swiss tournament. John R. Moore, Jr., is responsible for the resurgence of this long-established club. [John R. Moore, Jr.]

VISALIA CHESS CLUB . . . 50 junior players turned out 30 June--a 100% increase over last year--for enrollment in the club's 5th Annual Summer Chess Class and Junior Tournament. Players aged 8 to 14 are competing.

RETURNING NEXT ISSUE

Because of our special coverage in this issue of the 72nd Annual US Open, we have had to forego some of our regular features. Returning in the December-January issue will be the Problems Column (the winner of and solutions to Contest No. 14 will be announced and Contest No. 15 begun), the Games Column with Exclusive Annotations by International Grandmaster Larry Evans (Best Games from Contest No. 2 will be published; the deadline for Contest No. 3 has been extended to 15 November), Latest Official USCF Ratings of CCCA Members, CCCA Affiliate Directory, Accumulated CCCA California State Chess Championship Qualifying Points, Business Proceedings of the CCCA, and Current International News.

Craig N. Barnes, of Berkeley, has become the CCCA's Finalist in this year's California State Chess Championship with 37.63 Qualifying Points. Runner-Up was Dennis L. Waterman, of Berkeley with 27.00. Details will appear in the next issue.

A NOTEBOOK ON THE 1971 US OPEN AT VENTURA

A Special First-Hand Account by MARTIN E. MORRISON, Assistant Tournament Director

FRIDAY, 6 AUGUST. Arrived in Ventura. Temperatures in the low 80's with a light breeze from the ocean—perfect for the tournament. After dinner took a quick look at the playing site, the 4000 square foot Agricultural (Exposition) building on the Ventura County Fairgrounds, quite spacious.

SATURDAY, 7 AUGUST. Col. Paul L. Webb had arrived the previous evening. We were to serve together as assistant directors under International Grandmaster Isaac I. Kashdan, a FIDE Judge and the chief director. In a breakfast conversation at the Vagabond Coffee Shop, soon to become the prime gathering place for tournament and USCF officials, as well as the top players, who were all staying nearby, Paul told me of his background. Once stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, he retired from the Army in 1959 to Phoenix. Joining the Phoenix Chess Club, his organizational talents were soon discovered, and he was quickly elected president. The ultimate tribute to his fine work for chess is the Phoenix Chess Club itself, all of whose members are USCF members as well, to total over 200! Over breakfast we chatted informally about our mutual experiences with chess clubs and tournaments. Paul must serve as one of the finest examples of the perfect chess organizer—experienced, always courteous and friendly, willing to experiment with new ideas (he is currently working on a Swiss pairing board), and generous of his time (he admits that he rarely has an opportunity to play serious chess because his chess duties must take precedence).

After breakfast we joined Isaac Kashdan to view and prepare the playing site. On location were Harold Sanders, the organizational spark-plug for the tournament, almost singlehandedly bringing the Open to Ventura, James Buonocore, the Ventura Chess Club President, Jack Cashman, whose high A rating probably suffered because of the time and energy he put into the many organizational tasks necessary to put on such a large and impressive tournament. These are the kind of people rarely appreciated by the chess players at-large, but without them there would be no US Open—or any other tournaments. Later Col. Edmund B. Edmondson, Executive Director of the USCF, was to comment that of the eleven US Opens he had seen, this was the best organized and prepared by the local committee—quite a credit to Harold Sanders and his group.

That afternoon Kash arrived with I. S. Turover, well-known chess philanthropist, to the Ventura Motor Lodge, headquarters of the tournament staff, officials, and major players. While awaiting the arrival of Ed Edmondson, Dr. Leroy W. Dubeck, USCF President, and Eric D. Bone, USCF Secretary, from the Los Angeles Airport, Kash met with Paul and me to discuss some of the groundrules for the tournament. Games would be played from 7 to 12 p.m., or possibly to 2 a.m. if both players agreed, so that Los Angeles players would not have to come in the following morning for adjourned games. Kash supported strongly the idea of a players' committee to resolve the inevitable tensions that might arise in such a tournament between the officials and the players (as it happened, the players' committee was rarely necessary). Admirably, Kash required a complete and up-to-date score, as FIDE Article 13 demands. His procedure for time forfeitures, though departing from the Rulebook, was quite fair and sound for such a large tournament with only three officials: in every case players were to claim a time forfeiture; the directors would only step in to verify the claim. This rule worked so smoothly, in fact, that many members of the Tournament Director Certification Committee are in favor of amending the present rule in the Rulebook—including Ken Harkness himself. In odd-numbered score groups the median player was to be transferred, not the low man; Kash was convinced of the superiority of this procedure, citing a study he had previously made.

Later that afternoon Ed Edmondson, Leroy Dubeck, and Eric Bone arrived. After a final inspection of the site, the three directors and the three USCF officials, together with Jim Buonocore and Ronald Fisher, a member of next year's Open committee, had dinner together. Joking was high and friendly wagers were being offered as to the outcome of the tournament. One top official opted for either Lombardy, Evans, or Benkó—half-right as it turned out.

First of the grandmasters to arrive was Arthur Bisguier, who was immediately off for a dip in the Motel's pool. It was learned that Robert Byrne had been unable to attend at the last minute. Robert J. Fischer had considered playing, but finally decided to rest before his match with Tigran Petrosian in September.

SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST. This was the critical day, when it would be seen how successfully the Ventura committee and USCF's preparation would pay off. Advance registration had already set a record, topping the 250 mark. As Paul Webb and I verified registrations, the grandmasters and other players began to flock in—Pal Benkó, Larry Evans, Samuel Reshevsky, Walter S. Browne,

Rev. William Lombardy, and, from Europe, Lubomir Kavalek and Florin Gheorghiu. The ninth grandmaster on the original entry list, Levente Lengyel, of Hungary, failed to appear. Last word was that he was driving from Chicago with friends. When Paul and I left for the Motel at 4:30 to pair the first round, we knew the previous record, set last year at Boston with 307 players, had been exceeded, but it was not until the pairings were completed that we comprehended the total—398, to be augmented by late entries to reach the fantastic total of 402, nine international grandmasters, two international masters, 28 US and foreign masters, 69 experts, 101 A's, 83 B's, 49 C's, 18 D's, 5 E's, and 38 unratets, including 14 women. Kash was ecstatic, as we all were; it was his first Open—and no more stunning an entry could have been made. We finally got the players seated and playing, no small task. The break in the pairings, that point where the first player in the bottom half would play the first player of the top half, was in the A's. Many A players had the thrill of their lives playing some of the world's chess greats.

Round I lasted until about 2 a.m., with four games adjourned into the next day. The grandmasters upheld themselves, with Lombardy's and Reshevsky's games lasting a bit longer than most. One representative game was Samuel Reshevsky (W) vs. Don Draper (B): 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-KN3; 3 N-QB3, B-N2; 4 P-K4, P-Q3; 5 N-B3, O-O; 6 B-K2, N-B3; 7 P-Q5, N-K4; 8 NxN, PxN; 9 O-O, N-K1; 10 B-K3, P-QR3; 11 Q-N3, P-KB4; 12 PxP, PxP; 13 P-B4, P-K5; 14 P-B5, N-B3; 15 QR-Q1, K-R1; 16 B-Q4, Q-K1; 17 B-K5, N-Q2; 18 BxBch, KxB; 19 Q-N4, Q-N3; 20 K-R1, Q-KB3; 21 P-N4, P-QR4; 22 Q-R3, P-N3; 23 P-N5, Q-B2; 24 P-B6, N-B4; 25 N-R4, NxN; 26 QxN, B-R3; 27 BxB, RxB; 28 Q-Q4ch, K-N1; 29 Q-K5, R-R2; 30 R-KN1, Q-N2; 31 Q-K8ch, K-R1; 32 P-N6, R-B3; 33 PxP, QxRch; 34 KxQ, RxQ; 35 PxR, KxP; 36 R-Q7, K-N2; 37 RxPch, K-B3; 38 R-K8, P-R5; 39 P-R4, R-R4; 40 P-R5, R-Q4; 41 P-R6, R-QBch; 42 K-B2, R-Q7ch; 43 K-K3, R-Q8; 44 P-R7, R-KR8; 45 P-R8/Q, RxQ; 46 RxR, K-N2; 47 R-Q8, Black forfeits on time.

MONDAY, 9 AUGUST. Next morning all the papers carried the headline of the record shattering entry. Coverage by the media was quite good. Besides the local papers, which carried stories every day, the Los Angeles Times (Kashdan) and the New York Times (Lombardy for Israel A. Horowitz, who was ill) carried regular articles. All three national television networks covered the event.

Before the second round, I had the pleasure of talking with Rhode Island's USCF workhorse, Daniel L. Semonoff, and Harold Winston, of Chicago, representing the Intercollegiate Chess League of America. Harry turned out to be USCF's "gadfly" at the later business meetings, forcing the directors to give critical attention to all items presented. Also, a third assistant director was added to the staff to record incoming scores: Carl L. Budd, President of the Santa Monica Chess Club and energetic organizer of the club's American Open. His help was most welcome.

In the second round the grandmasters played experts. A few upsets began to occur in the second-echelon boards; for example, Greg DeFotis, of Chicago, US Junior Co-champion, was held to a draw by a virtual unknown, Robert Stetson, of Scottsdale, Arizona. DeFotis (W) vs. Stetson (B): 1 P-KN3, P-K4; 2 P-QB4, N-KB3; 3N-QB3, P-Q4; 4 PxP, P-B3; 5 PxP, NxP; 6 B-N2, B-QB4; 7 N-B3, P-K5; 8 N-KN5, BxPch; 9 KxB, N-N5ch; 10 K-K1, QxN; 11 NxP, Q-K4; 12 P-K3, O-O; 13 N-B2, P-KR4; 14 Q-B4, R-K1; 15 NxN, BxN; 16 K-B2, Q-B4ch; 17 Q-B4, Q-QN4; 18 B-B1, Q-Q4; 19 B-B2, Q-QN4; 20 B-B1, drawn.

Paul Webb and I posted the wall charts during this round—quite a task for 402 players! Bill Lombardy often chats after games. Quite open and engaging, he is a credit to the game. It is obvious that Reshevsky "still has his touch," as one grandmaster commented to me.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST. Kenneth Harkness arrives. I soon felt quite at home with this fine gentleman, the US's—and perhaps the world's—authority on the laws of chess. Eminently experienced, not only in tournament direction and organization, but also with the day-to-day management of the Federation as Business Manager in the 1950's, he was eager to hear and discuss all features of the Open. Over the course of the tournament, to supplement an extensive correspondence we had maintained, we discussed very many matters of pairing (he is preparing a revised article on Swiss pairings, for which he is, practically speaking, the "founding father") and several amendments to the current FIDE and USCF tournament rules. It was an honor to be co-sponsor of a motion at the later business meeting to make him a life director of the USCF, a well-deserved honor for him.

The grandmasters maintained their superiority in the evening's round. Jose Romero, Jr., of the Philippines and sixth-ranked player there, was defeated by Jerome Hanken, of Los Angeles. Edward Formanek, one of Canada's strongest players, was defeated by Denis Strenzwilk, of Aberdeen, Maryland. One of this country's leading grandmasters commented, after viewing Reshevsky's

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third-round game: "Reshevsky's not up on the openings. He plays passively, hoping to outplay his opponent." Evidently not a bad strategy, as Reshevsky finished just behind the two winners.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST. The tournament was honored this evening by the President of the Fédération Internationale des Echecs (World Chess Federation), Dr. Max Euwe, former World's Champion. On meeting with him, I found him quite approachable (as really all the officials were) and quite energetic. He is currently on a tour of all the FIDE affiliates in all parts of the world and received a rousing hand in the membership meeting today for his efforts on behalf of international chess. Other highlights of the membership meeting, held in the afternoon, were Fred Cramer's intriguing report on FIDE, contrasting the 1965 FIDE Congress at Wiesbaden and the 1970 Congress at Siegen. Cramer, a FIDE Vice President and former President of the USCF, is an engaging personality, bluntly candid, and was not afraid to speak up for his positions on many of the issues brought before the meetings. Also present was Marshall Rohland, former USCF President, who will always be remembered by me for drawing a copy of Chess Voice from his briefcase, introducing himself.

It was in this round that the grandmasters began to lose their firm hold on the top boards. Ross Stoutenborough, of Riverside, California, a rapidly rising junior player, drew with Florin Gheorghiu, of Roumania, and Rev. Lombardy, with a 2541 rating, was defeated by Walter Cunningham, of Los Angeles, rated 2227. Lombardy (W) vs. Cunningham (B): 1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-KB3, N-KB3; 4 Q-B2, B-K2; 5 B-B4, O-O; 6 N-B3, P-B4; 7 PxBP, BxP; 8 P-K3, N-B3; 9 R-Q1, Q-R4; 10 N-Q2, P-Q5; 11 N-N3, Q-N3; 12 PxP, BxP; 13 P-B5, Q-N5; 14 B-Q6, R-K1; 15 B-Q3, BxNch; 16 PxP, Q-KR5; 17 N-Q4, P-K4; 18 N-B5, P-K5; 19 B-K2, BxN; 20 O-O, Q-N4; 21 Q-N3, B-B1; 22 B-N5, P-KR4; 23 K-R1, P-K6; 24 PxP, B-K3; 25 P-B4, B-N5; 26 QR-K1, N-K5; 27 B-R4, B-B1; 28 R-Q1, P-R5; 29 R-Q5, Q-N3; 30 Q-N2, N-B3; 31 Q-B1, P-R6; 32 P-N3, B-K3; 33 B-B2, Q-N5; 34 B-B5, BxB; 35 R/5xB, Q-K5ch; 36 K-N1, QxKPch; 37 QxQ, BxQ; 38 R-N1, QR-K1; 39 RxB, R-K8ch; 40 R-B1, R/8-K7; 41 P-N4, NxB; 42 R/lxP, R-N7ch; 43 K-B1, N-K6ch; 44 K-K1, N-B7 ♖bl ch; 45 resigns.

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST. The first directors' meeting was held this afternoon. Dr. Arpad E. Elo, Chairman of the USCF Rating Committee, presented a lucid report detailing changes in the improvement factor and the rating of match games. Somewhat later in the tournament I was able to have a long conversation with Dr. Elo, quite friendly and, of course, an authority on the ratings formulae, which he developed. The FIDE has adopted his rating system for use in rating international tournaments—a major breakthrough for the US. Uncomplicated in his private life, he remarked to me that he was eager to get back after the FIDE Congress in September to his acre farm in Wisconsin for the harvest and takes justifiable pride in being able to serve a full meal solely from the produce of his acre. Also arriving around this time was Burt Hochberg, Editor of Chess Life & Review, who opened the floor at the meeting for suggestions on the magazine. A lively discussion followed, principally on the perennial question of descriptive vs. algebraic notation. We had occasion to discuss various aspects of editing a chess magazine. It was readily apparent the status of Chess Life & Review as one of the world's leading magazines is principally due to the never-ending work and dedication of its editor.

Several of the mighty fell in this evening's round V. Walter S. Browne, 22, gave grand old champion Arnold Denker his first defeat of the tournament. Lubomir Kavalek defeated Dr. Karl Burger, and Eric Bone, who held IGM Pal Benko to a draw in the fourth round, drew with Florin Gheorghiu, young Roumanian Champion. Gheorghiu (W) vs. Bone (B): 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3;



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3 N-KB3, P-B4; 4 P-K3, P-Q4; 5 N-B3, N-B3; 6 P-QB3, P-QR3; 7 QPxP, BxP; 8 P-QN4, B-R2; 9 B-N2, O-O; 10 Q-B2, Q-B2; 11 PxP, PxP; 12 N-K2, Q-K2; 13 N/Q-Q4, NxB; 14 NxB, N-K5; 15 B-Q3, P-B4; 16 O-O, B-Q2; 17 Q-N3, Q-B2; 18 QR-Q1, QR-Q1; 19 N-B3, B-K3; 20 B-Q4, BxB; 21 NxB, B-B1; 22 N-K2, R-Q3; 23 B-N1, R/l-Q1; 24 R-Q4, B-Q2; 25 R/l-Q1, B-B3; 26 N-B3, NxB; 27 QxB, B-R5; 28 R-QB1, R-QB3; 29 Q-Q2, RxBch; 30 QxR, B-N6; 31 Q-B3, B-R5; 32 B-R2, B-B3; 33 Q-B5, Q-K3; 34 P-QR4, P-QN4; 35 Q-N6, Q-Q3; 36 P-R5, B-R1; 37 Q-R7, Q-QB3; 38 P-N3, B-N2; 39 K-N2, P-N4; 40 B-N3, K-N2; 41 K-N1, R-QR1; 42 Q-N6, QxQ; 43 PxQ, R-Q1; 44 P-B4, P-R3; 45 P-N4, K-B3; 46 PxBP, KxB; 47 K-B2, R-Q3; 48 K-B3, PxP; 49 BxP, RxB; 50 RxBch, K-K4; 51 BxB, RxB; 52 R-K4ch, K-B4; 53 R-K8, P-QR4; 54 PxP, R-QR2; 55 P-K4ch, K-B3; 56 K-B4, RxB; 57 R-QN8, R-R7; 58 R-N6ch, K-N2; 59 P-R4, R-QN7; 60 P-R5, P-N5; 61 K-B5, P-N6; 62 R-N7ch, K-N1; 63 P-K5, R-N8; 64 K-N6, K-B1; 65 K-B6, K-N1; 66 P-K6, P-N7; 67 K-K7, K-R1; 68 R-N3, K-R2; 69 R-N7, K-R1; 70 drawn.

FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST. The afternoon's schedule called for the second directors' meeting, a quite important and dramatic one, as it turned out. The first order of business was the Tournament Director Certification Program, reported on elsewhere in this issue. It was on this matter that I was most personally active at the meetings, in my capacity as a member of the Certifica-

tion Committee and as newly elected First Vice President for the Pacific Region of the USCF at the previous day's meeting. The remainder of the meeting involved motions which would permit directors more advance notice of bylaws amendments and business to be brought up at the annual meetings, as well as discussion on a motion to allow officers to succeed themselves, which was overwhelmingly defeated, 66-90. Finally, Executive Director Ed Edmondson presented the USCF's financial report, to complete his series of reports on membership (which now totals 22,482) and Fischer's international exploits. Although all the meetings had some "hot" moments, I was personally impressed, as I am sure all the members and directors present were, with the openness of the debate and the desire of everyone to make even greater progress in the USCF's services to its members. Credit for the Federation's current healthy status must surely go in great measure to Ed Edmondson, who puts in an 80-hour week for the Federation and tirelessly works for cooperation amongst all segments of the Federation, and to Dr. Leroy Dubeck, who, without pay, has devoted many hours in working to bring the Federation to its present level of activity and prosperity.

The first week of play in the Open came to a close tonight with the most dramatic match so far in the contest when youthful Walter Browne nudged top-ranked Lubomir Kavalek from the list of the undefeated. The only other tournament entry with a perfect six-point score was Larry Evans. Browne earlier in the day had relayed through me a protest on the pairings, which resulted from special consideration given to Reshevsky for religious reasons. Browne was later mollified by Kashdan, who explained why the pairing had to be made as it was.

SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST. Preceding play, I had the first of many engaging talks with Robert Moran, Regional Vice President from New York. At 17, Bob must be the youngest of the regional vice presidents currently in office, if not the youngest ever. His age belies the considerable experience he has had in the organizational end of chess, mainly serving under William Goichberg of the Continental Chess Association.

Round VII, opening the second week of play in the Open, saw the defeat of Walter Browne by Larry Evans. They were the only undefeated players in the tournament at the end of the first week of play, and their match gathered numerous fans. Evans played flawless chess to overcome the energetic 22-year-old. Evans (W) vs. Browne (B): 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3, B-N5; 4 P-K3, O-O; 5 B-Q3, P-B4; 6 N-B3, P-Q4; 7 O-O, PxBP; 8 BxP, N-B3; 9 P-QR3, B-R4; 10 Q-Q3, PxP; 11 PxP, B-N3; 12 R-Q1, P-KR3; 13 P-R3, Q-K2; 14 B-K3, R-Q1; 15 Q-K2, N-Q4; 16 QR-B1, NxR; 17 PxN, B-Q2; 18 K-R1, B-K1; 19 B-R2, QR-B1; 20 P-Q5, N-N1; 21 PxP, PxP; 22 RxR, RxR; 23 Q-B4, B-Q2; 24 N-K5, B-B1; 25 Q-K4, N-B3; 26 N-N6, Q-B3; 27 N-B4, Q-K4; 28 NxP, BxN; 29 BxBch, K-R1; 30 QxQ, NxQ; 31 N-Q5, N-Q6; 32 R-B2, B-B4; 33 B-B3, N-B7ch; 34 K-N1, N-K5; 35 R-B4, N-N4; 36 RxR NxR; 37 R-N5, P-QN3; 38 N-N4, N-B2; 39 R-KB5, R-Q8ch; 40 R-B1, R-Q7; 41 R-B2, R-Q8ch; 42 K-R2, R-K8; 43 R-B7, N-N4; 44 N-Q5, R-K7; 45 P-QN3, R-Q7; 46 R-Q7, NxP; 47 R-Q8ch, K-R2; 48 N-B8ch, PxN; 49 RxR, N-N4; 50 R-Q5, resigns.

MONDAY, 16 AUGUST.

With the meetings over the tournament staff had a more relaxed

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schedule, though not an easy one by any means! Kash would often discuss the practicalities of grandmaster chess with the lower-rated players and commented to one local player that "ten years ago what was done to him in Canada would have defeated him," referring to the negotiations in Vancouver preceding the Taimanov match. Similarly, I had the opportunity of speaking at some length now with Frank Skoff, Vice President of the USCF. From previous correspondence and what I knew of his recent activities, I expected to meet one of the Federation's most competent organizers, although he rarely gets the headline play he deserves. On meeting him personally for the first time I found my expectations met—and exceeded. Not only does Frank have the organizational skills, but what is rarer yet, he is able to talk to others on a practical level and to exchange new ideas and methods. We discussed not only our respective experiences in organizational work but also, with Ken Harkness, a number of improvements in the USCF tournament rules which should be of great assistance to every player. As of this writing Frank will be running for USCF President. The USCF could not find a better man.

With only four matches yet to be played, each game became crucial, and the half-point edge held by Larry Evans could be a very large fraction. Evans, paired against Pal Benkő in this evening's eighth round, was held to a quick draw, giving him a half-point lead at 7½. Benkő (W) vs. Evans (B): 1 P-QN3, P-K4; 2 B-N2, P-Q3; 3 P-QB4, P-KN3; 4 P-KN3, B-N2; 5 B-N2, P-KB4; 6 P-K3, N-KB3; 7 N-K2, O-O; 8 O-O, P-B3; 9 P-Q3, Q-K2; 10 Q-Q2, B-K3; 11 QN-B3, QN-Q2; 12 drawn. Browne, meanwhile, was winning his game against Dr. Anthony Saidy. Browne (W) vs. Saidy (B):

1 P-K4, P-QB3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3, PxP; 4 NxP, B-B4; 5 N-N3, B-N3; 6 P-KR4, P-KR3; 7 P-R5, B-R2; 8 N-B3, N-Q2; 9 B-Q3, BxB; 10 QxB, P-K3; 11 B-Q2, KN-B3; 12 O-O-O, Q-B2; 13 Q-K2, O-O-O; 14 N-K5, NxN; 15 PxN, N-Q2; 16 P-KB4, B-K2; 17 B-K3, Q-R4; 18 K-N1, N-N3; 19 P-B4, Q-N5; 20 R-QB1, N-R5; 21 R-B2, R-Q2; 22 N-R4, N-N3; 23 P-R3, Q-R5; 24 B-B5, R/1-Q1; 25 K-R2, K-N1; 26 BxB, RxB; 27 N-B5, resigns.



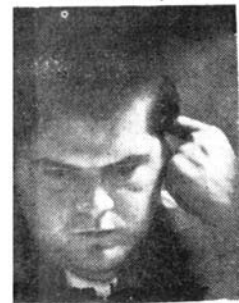
TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST. Kashdan told a group of officials the exciting story of his reporting on the Fischer-Larsen match. An amazingly versatile writer, he reported for AP with games in descriptive notation, UPI in algebraic, the New York Times, plus a Yugoslavian and Swedish magazine—and all the articles had to be different! After the match Kash would dash off the articles, and with his wife in one taxi and him in another, off they would go, one to AP and one to UPI, to get the results on the morning's wire services. Another interesting item: Leroy Dubeck, not only a fine organizer, but an outstanding chess player as well, has wrested the title of 'Champion of Federation Presidents' from Rodionov, of the USSR, who has held it for many years. The USCF is really making headway internationally.

0-0-0, Q-B2; 11 P-KN4, P-QB4; 12 BxN, NxN; 13 B-N2, B-N2; 14 P-N5, N-Q2; 15 P-QR3, R-QB1; 16 K-N1, N-N3; 17 Q-B2, N-B5; 18 R-Q3, Q-N3; 19 QxQ, NxQ; 20 drawn.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST. A Santa Barbara contestant was forced for forfeit his match in tonight's tenth round when he was involved in an automobile crash at Rincon that took eight lives. The crash delayed play in several games over an hour. The forfeited match gave an extra point to Edward Formanek, one of Canada's hopes, to give him eight points. In reach of the top spot was Leroy Dubeck, USCF President, who beat the "formidable" Eric Bone, USCF Secretary, in a game generally acknowledged as one of the brilliancies of the tournament. Bone (W) vs. Dubeck (B): 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-QB3, P-Q3; 3 P-KN3, N-QB3; 4 B-N2, P-KN3; 5 P-Q3, B-N2; 6 B-K3, N-B3; 7 Q-B1, N-KN5; 8 B-N5, B-Q5; 9 N-Q1, P-B5; 10 P-QB3, KN-K4; 11 B-B1, PxP; 12 PxP, NxP; 13 P-B4, N-B7ch; 14 K-B2, N-N5ch; 15 K-N2, N-K8ch; 16 K-R3, N-B7 dbl ch; 17 K-R4, P-KR3; 18 B-B6, P-N4ch; 19 PxP, PxP; 20 P-N6, P-B4 dis ch; 21 K-R5, PxPch; 22 KxP, R-N1ch; 23 K-R5, R-N4ch; 24 K-R4, P-B5; 25 resigns.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST. Lombardy tonight toppled Larry Evans from his lead in the Open to hold a narrow half-point edge going into the final round. A knot of observers gradually built up around the keenly-contested match until it was the center of interest in the building. Evans (W) vs. Lombardy (B): 1 P-QB4, P-K4; 2

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N-QB3, P-Q3; 3 P-KN3, P-KN3; 4 B-N2, B-N2; 5 P-K3, P-KB4; 6 KN-K2, N-KB3; 7 P-Q3, O-O; 8 O-O, P-B3; 9 P-QB4, B-K3; 10 P-N5, Q-B2; 11 P-QR4, P-QR4; 12 B-QR3, N-K1; 13 R-B1, K-R1; 14 K-R1, B-N1; 15 Q-Q2, R-B3; 16 P-B4, N-Q2; 17 P-K4, R-Q1; 18 PxKP, NxP; 19 PxP, PxP; 20 N-B4, R-R3; 21 N-Q1, N-B3; 22 B-N2, R-K1; 23 B-QB3, Q-Q2; 24 BxRP, P-Q4; 25 PxBP, NfxP; 26 PxP, N/3xP; 27 NxN, BxN; 28 B-QB3, P-B5; 29 BxN, Q-R6; 30 BxBch, KxB; 31 Q-B3ch, K-N3; 32 QxPch, R-K3; 33 QxRch, QxQ; 34 K-N1, BxB; 35 KxB, Q-R6ch; 36 K-B2, QxRch; 37 K-B3, QxPch; 38 K-K4, Q-N7ch; 39 R-B3, K-B2; 40 R-B7ch, K-K1; 41 R-B7ch, K-K1; 42 N-B3, QxRch; 43 K-K5, QxP; 44 N-Q5, R-R5ch; 45 resigns.

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST. The last, critical round. Browne plays Lombardy, a difficult pairing,

while Evans plays Walter Cunningham, a low-rated master with 8½ points. Cunningham lost to Evans in 36 moves. Shortly afterwards, in a flurry of moves at the time-control, Browne emerged the victor, leaped up, chatted hurriedly with Lombardy and Kashdan, and bolted down from the platform into the audience to collect a couple of side bets riding on his match. Lombardy (W) vs. Browne (B): 1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-B4; 3 N-KB3, PxP; 4 NxP, N-B3; 5 N-QB3, P-KN3; 6 P-K4, P-Q3; 7 B-K2, NxN; 8 QxN, B-N2; 9 O-O, O-O; 10 Q-K3, B-Q2; 11 B-Q2, P-QB3; 12 N-Q5, NxN; 13 BPxN, R-B1; 14 Q-QN3, P-QN4; 15 B-K3, Q-R4; 16 QR-B1, R-N1; 17 P-KR3, P-N5; 18



B-QB4, B-R5; 19 Q-Q3, BxP; 20 R-N1, B-B6; 21 BxP, B-N4; 22 BxB, QxB; 23 Q-B2, R-R1; 24 KR-B1, Q-R3; 25 B-Q2, KR-B1; 26 R-N3, B-Q5; 27 Q-N1, Q-E7; 28 B-K3, R-Rch; 29 QxR, B-B6; 30 P-R3, Q-R7; 31 RxB, PxR; 32 QxP, RxP; 33 Q-B7, Q-R8ch; 34 K-R2, Q-K4ch; 35 P-N3, K-N2; 36 Q-N7, R-R5; 37 B-B4, QxKP; 38 P-R4, R-R7; 39 Q-N8, QxQP; 40 Q-K3, B-K3; 41 B-R6ch, K-R1; 42 resigns.

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST AND AFTER. A lot of final goodbyes: to Maj. John A. Hudson, who will be joining the executive staff in Newburgh 1 November, to Leroy Dubeck, and William Lombardy, among others, Frank Skoff and Ed Edmondson having left the previous evening. After discussion of a revised format for the Open among Kashdan, Paul Webb, Leroy Dubeck, and me, Kash kindly treated the working tournament staff, Paul Webb and me, together with Harold Sanders, chairman of the local organizing committee, and, to add a necessary grace, Mrs. Kashdan, to a farewell breakfast. Three full working days were spent afterwards in doing the wrap-up work, primarily the preparation of the final crosstables for publication. Players are through after the final round, but the tournament directors' work never ends!

In conclusion, a word of thanks must go to those who, although not on the official staff, volunteered to lend a hand in the great amount of work to be done during and after the tournament, far too numerous to name, but eternally in our gratitude. Also, apology must be made for not mentioning every one of the fine chess organizers and directors from across the country, who are really responsible for the growth of USCF: the Politowskis, Erkeses, Boltons, Blooms, and many, many others. Then, a word of final credit must go to the man who, by his patient, but firm guidance, had the major part in directing the course of this fantastic event, International Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan.

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CHANGES FROM LAST MONTH'S 'CCCA AFFILIATE DIRECTORY.' The Alameda Chess Club is inactive at present. The Fremont Chess Club now meets at the Central Park Community Center, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway. The Marin Chess Club now meets Thursday nights.

POSTAL CHESS NEWS, by EDWARD J. DELGADO, CCCA POSTAL CHESS DIRECTOR. Although we had little response from the CCCA for postal players, we had good response from other teams. So far we are playing the Caissa Cavaliers, a chess team from the Dickinson Postal Chess Society, NDSU, a North Dakota State University Team, and teams from the Salinas and San Diego Chess Clubs. If you have never played postal chess and wish to do so or are playing and want more games, let me know. I have plans for some games with teams from Washington, Oregon, and Mexico. There is no fee to play in these postal activities, only CCCA membership.

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THE USCF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 1971***

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The USCF Tournament Director Certification Program, on the drawing board for two years, was formally set into motion at the second Directors' Meeting, held during the Ventura US Open. This important program has been mentioned in print only in passing, but evidently its far-reaching implications have been grasped by many of our readers, who inquire about the current status of the program. Although the major machinery of the program is determined, many important details remain to be worked out, and the Committee would welcome comment from directors and players on any facet of the program. In this article, I shall discuss the basic features of the program decided upon at Ventura and quote some of the debate, on both sides of the major question, to give the reader the opportunity of hearing from prominent chess organizers and directors from across the country.

Two reports were submitted to the directors on Friday, 13 August 1971: the majority report, which recommended a three-stage program (local, intermediate, national) with tests for each level of increasing difficulty, and a minority report, sponsored by three members of the ten-man Committee, Col. Paul L. Webb, Kenneth Harkness, and myself, which recommended basically one category of certification (Certified Tournament Director), with a special group to direct the national tournaments. Almost an hour of debate was expended on the question whether to adopt the majority or the minority report, a question which seemed to go to the heart of the entire program. The issues involved can best be appreciated through excerpts from the floor debate, entered into by some of the country's most prominent organizers and directors.

COL. EDMUND B. EDMONDSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE (for the majority report). "One of the things which the Committee has discussed at some length even before coming up with this brief proposal was the classes of tournament directors there should be. We didn't consider four or five or a greater number. The discussion was between two and three, and, as you can see, our proposal was that there should be three: a National Tournament Director certification program, which involves only those people who are going to direct certain specified events, the most important, most traditional national events. And then our question was, if we have this group running this prestigious small number of tournaments, can we lump everyone else together and just say they are certified tournament directors, National Tournament Directors and Tournament Directors. My own strong feeling, which was not concurred in by all members of the Committee, was that there is a considerable difference between the experience and skills necessary to conduct, say, a club tournament where ten people play a round robin amongst themselves, or even a tournament in a city of 200,000 population, where you run a weekend city championship, when you get maybe thirty entries. The difference between these tournaments and a tournament of 100 or 200 players which encompasses participants from several states to me seems to warrant an intermediate and a local tournament director certification recognition, rather than lumping them all in one group."

KENNETH HARKNESS, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AUTHOR OF THE OFFICIAL CHESS HANDBOOK AND RULE-BOOK (for the minority report). "I think that since I'm one of the three to suggest that it would be better to have only two classifications . . . a National Tournament Director and a Tournament Director--now I grant that there are reasons for not doing it, I admit it, that when you come down to the level of a twelve-man tournament in a club, you don't need to be a very good director to direct such a tournament. But if we limit the tournament director classification to what is stated in this proposal here [the minority report]: 'the applicant must first pass a written exam; he must then direct or have directed three USCF-rated Swiss System tournaments, and then he may also direct a maximum of three tournaments before he can apply for certification.' That really weeds out the man we're talking about, who just occasionally directs a club tournament. In other words, a man of that type doesn't really have to be a certified tournament director. And I believe thoroughly in the principle of simplicity. I believe that even if it goes down to a matter of feelings, a man feels inferior if he's called a "tournament director," and then some other guy is called an "intermediate tournament director," and then above that is a "national tournament director." I can understand the reason for having a small group who are given the title of National Tournament Director, or whatever you call them, because there's need for some sort of control over the whole program, but this group should always be a very small group. I think everybody else should be called a Certified Tournament Director, even for simplicity alone. Now there are other points involved, but I think I will yield to Mr. Morrison, who has made a complete study of this, and I would ask him to express his feelings on the matter."

MARTIN E. MORRISON, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE (for the minority report). "Mr. Harkness has expressed my feelings pretty well on this. The difference is this regional classification in between the two others. I'm primarily concerned that this program doesn't stifle tournament activity in various areas. For the San Francisco area, to take an example which might apply to any metropolitan area, we have many tournaments that run 100 or even over 100. Now there is some reason to say that maybe a more highly qualified person should direct these, but, for instance, in the San Francisco area we have perhaps one or two directors who must direct practically all the tournaments. In this area we may have to cancel a good many of our tournaments. . . . The two vs. three [minority report] is a much more simple proposal. I think a director can be certified to a stage where he should be able to direct a ten-player tournament, a fifty-player tournament, or a hundred-player tournament. If you notice, in the two vs. three proposal, the Certified Tournament Director has a slightly different qualification. He must direct three Swiss System tournaments, and of course the test could be made slightly more difficult than is conceived under the Local Tournament Director proposal under the three-stage situation. Also, point three on the Certified Tournament Director under the two vs. three program would allow a person to direct a maximum of three tournaments before he would have to be certified. Now there are a number of clubs that have annual tournaments. . . . They probably have difficulty in finding anyone to direct those tournaments, and we certainly wouldn't want to stifle that activity in that club. Anyone who has directed three tournaments probably has passed to the stage where he would gain a certain kind of qualification or certification that would mean he would be qualified to handle local or regional tournaments, except the national tournaments, which are excluded here. So finally I just believe that the simplicity of having the certification vs. non-certification, and really a kind of special classification for those outstanding directors who will be directing the national tournaments, would tend to encourage directors to apply—which we must consider of course—and overall would make for a much more sound program in meeting the needs that we have to in our various areas."

JAMES POLITOWSKI, OF PENNSYLVANIA (for the majority report). "One thing Kenneth [Harkness] said was that he thought that the local person who directs a club tournament or a very small locality might not need to be certified. I would think that was the category defined as Local Tournament Director by the three [majority] proposal. And it was my understanding of this program to certify all people who run tournaments, or everyone who runs a tournament should be eligible for certification, so that they're taking a smaller class and saying that they don't need certification?"

MARTIN E. MORRISON. "Well, it would be optionally possible. Certainly if a person applied for certification, he could direct a tournament, but I don't think we'd better restrict too much in these proposals, so that, for instance, these many small clubs that have tournaments—I don't think that they're really so concerned with having an elaborately qualified individual. If they're worried about it, I think they'll seek out a director that they feel will meet their qualifications for the club. . . . [If the program is too complicated], . . . a lot of people don't like to take tests, you know, and may not want to go through the rigamarole of applying. And I could see the situation where a club would say: 'Well, we don't have a director, and we don't have anyone that's really that interested, let's just not have it USCF-rated this year—and then where are we?'"

DAVID EDWARDS, OF MISSOURI (for the minority report). "[The majority proposal will be] an undue burden on just a few people, because the rest of them won't want to bother with it, and, left up to one or two people, they may get tired of doing it."

JOHN HOWELL, OF COLORADO (for the minority report). "I don't think there should be anything in the rules which would specifically prevent a tournament taking place because of the unavailability of a director."

JUDGE LACKLAND H. BLOOM, OF MISSOURI (for the majority report). "I think we're overlooking the basis that we initially proposed, I think it was about two years ago, for this Tournament Director Certification Program. In the first place I don't think it's going to curtail the activity of local groups. In fact, if it's properly administered, I think it'll increase the activities of local groups by giving them a better standing. . . . Now where you have well conducted local tournaments, you don't run into the problem of getting additional people who want to be tournament directors. Once they see how they're run, once they see the interest in it, people come to you and say, 'I'd like to assist. How do I go about running my own tournament, or how do I go about becoming a tournament director?'"

COL. EDMUND B. EDMONDSON. "I would much rather have a man's first tournament run properly because he has completed the exam, and he has been required to learn something from the book to answer the questions than to have him foul the whole thing up, so that he gets discouraged, and all the people who play in it don't ever come up to a USCF event again. . . ."

GUNNAR H. RASMUSSEN, OF CALIFORNIA (for the minority report). "If you elect the three ma- jority report, it's necessary to have a very sharp definition of what is a local tournament, what's an intermediate tournament. I think you would have difficulty there. . . . I'm arguing against three, because I think in many tournaments you're going to have a situation where you don't know whether it's going to be a tournament to be directed by a Local Director or an Intermediate Director."

HAROLD J. WINSTON, OF ILLINOIS (for the minority report). "I would think it would be easier if you started it at two levels and then watch what happened the first year. If you found a demand for the third level, you could institute it then, but it seems to me there'd be a lot more problems with all these tests in starting at three levels at once."

DENNIS G. FRITZINGER, OF CALIFORNIA (for the minority report). "Two points in favor of the two-level system [the minority report]. If you have a person who's willing to pass the test and become a Local Tournament Director, you'll probably find that he'd be just as willing to pass the test to become the next level rather than to take them one at a time, first pass one test and then pass another one. If you just had two levels rather than three to start out with, then you won't have this problem."

EUGENE S. LIEN, OF CALIFORNIA (for the minority report). "I just want to voice a word of concern about this whole program. . . . We may just have some difficulty in getting a director if we say, 'You're elected,' and he says, 'What do I have to do.' 'Well, first you've got to pass an exam; you have to be certified.' He'll say, 'Decline the nomination.' I'm just a little bit concerned. This may happen in many other clubs."

DONALD S. COTTEN, OF CALIFORNIA (for the majority report). "I just want to suggest as a school teacher that 'exam' is a frightening word. . . ."

MARTIN E. MORRISON. "Well, I'll just wrap up the discussion for the two vs. three [minority report] by saying I think many of the ideal statements expressed by many here are in complete accord with what I feel. I've done whatever I could to try to bring some kind of uniformity to chess rules in the US tournaments by making directors aware of them, but I think we've got to look finally at the practical issue, which is that we must have tournaments directed, and we must have them directed with a certain amount of qualification. And we do not want to scare directors away from applying. I think Mr. Cotten's point is excellent, that many people will find the initial examination quite a hurdle, and they will not want to apply for it. Point three under the Tournament Director Certification Program [of the minority] will allow for local tournaments or for any other reason a maximum of three tournaments before application for certification, which will allow a kind of amateur director, in a sense, to conduct a small tournament. . . ."

THE VOTE. The straight floor vote was 19 to 17 in favor of the majority report, a close vote. With proxies added, the vote was 41 to 36 in favor of the minority report, again close. Col. Edmondson and USCF President Dr. Leroy W. Dubeck cast their proxies in accordance with the floor vote without proxies, so the majority report did pass in the end. According to the majority report, then, an Intermediate Tournament Director (who must pass a moderately difficult, open-book examination and have directed six USCF-rated tournaments, at least four of which must have been Swiss System tournaments, plus at least one intermediate tournament and three other USCF-rated events after provisional certification) is required to conduct an intermediate tournament, defined as one reasonably expected to have more than fifty entrants.

OTHER FEATURES ADOPTED. On the motion of Robert Erkes, of Maryland, National and Intermediate Tournament Directors must be USCF members, though Local Tournament Directors are excepted, a feature of the minority report. Limits for reporting tournaments are twenty days for local events, thirty days for intermediate and national tournaments.

ENACTMENT. According to the majority report, the program will be announced in the January 1972 issue of Chess Life & Review. Examinations for Local Tournament Director will be administered starting in January 1972. Examinations for Intermediate and National Tournament Director will be administered from June-December 1972. All USCF-rated tournaments must have a certified tournament director by 1 January 1973.

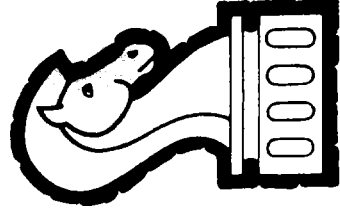
Any comments by directors or players on the program will be welcomed by the Committee. If any reader wishes further information on the program, I shall be happy to supply it, as best I can.

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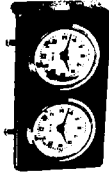
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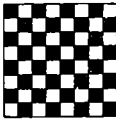


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