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S.F. Man Ranks High In U.S. Chess Tourney

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After eight rounds of play, James T. Sherwin and Donald Byrne, both of New York, were leading the U. S. Open Chess Championship in Long Beach, with a score of 7-1. Sammy Reshevsky, Nicholas Rossolimo and Larry Evans, also all of New York, were close behind the leaders with 6½-1½.

William Addison of San Francisco, champion of the Mechanics Institute Chess Club, was playing spectacular chess. With a score of 6-2, he was holding his own with the leading masters of the country.

Dr. Peter Lapiken, formerly of San Francisco but now on the faculty of UCLA, outplayed Reshevsky in an early round, but had to settle for a draw with the famous grandmaster. In the eighth round, Dr. Lapiken lost to Sherwin after having secured a drawn position.

Charles Bagby, Henry Gross, Dmitry Poliakov, Dr. Kenneth Colby, and Walter Pafnutieff, all of San Francisco, were doing well with even scores, or better.

The monster tournament, with

156 players, is scheduled to end tonight. The fighting is bitter for the first prize of a 1955 Buick, and \$5050 in cash prizes.

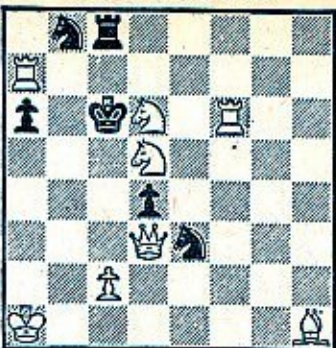
Only two of our readers came through with correct analyses of the endgame by Troitzky, published in this column two weeks ago. They were Harry Hokenen of Santa Rosa, and Dr. Horace C. Pitkin of San Francisco, who seem to be able to solve everything in sight.

The main line runs: 1P-B5, PxP; 2 B-Q5, R-Kt8; 3 B-Kt2ch, KxB; 4 P-Kt7 wins.

Here is an exquisite little 3-mover by that great master, Godfrey Heathcote, which we think will give you a great deal of pleasure:

White (five men): King on Q8;

Task No. 110—By G. Heathcote
White Mates in Two Moves
(Value five points)



Answer to last week's problem:
Task No. 109 was repeated by
mistake.

Queen on KR4; Bishop on KR3;
Knight on KKt5; Pawn on KR6.

Black (three men): King on
KKt3; Bishop on KKt1; Pawn on
KKt2. White to play and mate
in three moves.

Our columns for the next 2-3 weeks are going to be a bit on the brief side, owing to our having to be out of town. Along about the middle of September, however, we shall resume full steam ahead.