

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

A. L. Ritz of Eureka writes:

"Well, as to Task No. 7, I was wrong with my Q-Kt4. Now, let's see about the latest one, No. 8 by Delpy. Do you think Q-K5 will do?"

"Chess behavior in the human male? A most timely title for a timely book.

"Sam Loyd! That name will forever be an unforgettable one for me because of an experience my opponent here in Eureka had a few years ago with a problem by Loyd. The position is—White: King on King one, Rooks on King Bishop one and King Rook one, Pawn on King Knight third. Black: King on King Knight seven. White to play and mate in three.

"My friend had been a passionate chess fan for over a quarter of a century, so he thought he was going to solve the problem in a jiffy. But to his utter bewilderment week after week passed and still the accursed position defied every assault.

Couldn't Forget It

He thought about it day and night. Then came the time when he despaired, finally consoling himself with the excuse that either the printer or the composer had made an error.

"Yet—even though he had resolved to forget the whole thing—he still couldn't get it out of his mind. One night, unable to sleep, he fell to meditating upon the wonders of astronomy, and finally fell into a doze. He dreamed that he was making one last desperate assault on the problem—and suddenly the clue came to his mind! It was (Dots represent deletion by the editor.)

"He didn't really solve the problem in his dream, but the next morning he set it up and completed the solution.

"Well, this is not fiction but a true story. The name of my friend is Francis Lewis."

We leave this problem with you to ponder over. Correct solutions received by next Thursday will be acknowledged in this column.

Byrne Wins Open

Donald Byrne of Brooklyn won the recently concluded United States Open Championship, played in Milwaukee. Byrne took home with him the first prize of \$1500. Max Pavey of Brooklyn was second, winning \$750, and the French master, Nicolas Rosolimo of Paris, was third, taking \$500. Total prizes amounted to about \$4000.

The tournament was the largest in history, drawing 182 players from all over the United States and from several foreign countries.

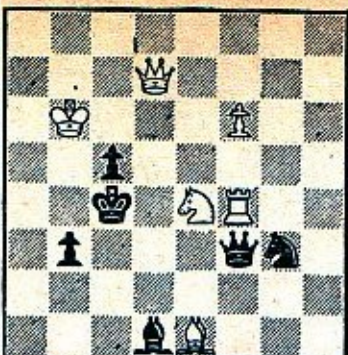
The American Grandmaster, Samuel Reshevsky of New York, will represent the United States in the Candidates' Tournament in Switzerland this month.

The winner of the tournament will be recognized as the official challenger for the World Championship, and will play a match with present champion Mikhail Botvinnik of Russia in 1954.

Played 20 Opponents

Arthur Bisguier, young American international master, played 20 opponents at the Golden Gate Chess Club, 545 Post-st, last

Task No. 10—By C. Mansfield



**White Mates in Two Moves
(Value 4 points)**

Answer to Task No. 9: R-Q8

week, winning 18, losing one, and drawing one. His single loss was to Henry Gross of San Francisco. Bisguier is scheduled to give another simultaneous exhibition tonight at Recreation Center in Walnut Creek, at 7:30.

Peter Prokoodin, president of the Russian Chess Club, 2450 Sutter-st, announces that regular meeting night of the club will be on Fridays. The international master, Imre Konig, gave a simultaneous exhibition Aug. 21, winning ten games and yielding draws to Boris Popoff of San Francisco and Miss Helen Ivanoff of Berkeley.

It will be recalled that the recent proposed team match between the United States and the Soviet Union failed to materialize, the Russians claiming that certain travel restrictions placed upon them by our State Department could not be tolerated.

There is now a rumor that the Soviets have extended an invitation to the United States to send a team to Moscow in November. We have not as yet been able to obtain official confirmation of the invitation.

Elegant Problem

The other day we ran across an elegant little problem by S. C. Dutt, published this year in the international journal, "Problem." We enjoyed it so much that we cannot resist passing it on to you. The position is—White: King on Queen Knight seven, Rook on Queen Knight four, Pawns on King Bishop six, Queen Knight two and Queen Rook three. Black: King on Queen Rook four, Pawns on King Bishop two, Queen Bishop two, Queen Rook three and Queen Rook five. White mates in four

moves. Correct solutions received by next Thursday will be acknowledged in this column.

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

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Division I—1, Susan Shapiro, Fulton; 2, Ruth Peizer, Argonne; 3, Gloria Johnson, Rolph.

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Division V—1, Pat Jones, Cow Hollow; 2, Joan Branchizzi, Pather Crowley; 3, Frances Slepniakoff, Glen Park.

Division VI—1, Elodie Balley, Rolph; 2, Esther Quock, Chinese Playground.

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Division I—1, Eddie Cooper, Sunset; 2, Joey Tomosselo, Rolph; 3, Eric Schwartz, Grattan.

Division II—1, Peter Pollat, Sunset; 2, Carl Crug, Argonne; 3, Bobby Cavall, Cayuga.

Division III—1, James Francois, Excelsior; 2, Rodger Irwin, Argonne; 3, Dan Gomez, Rolph.

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Division V—1, Gilbert Ramirez, Folsom; 2, Wing Wong, Chinese Playground; 3, Dewey Lee, Chinese Center.

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