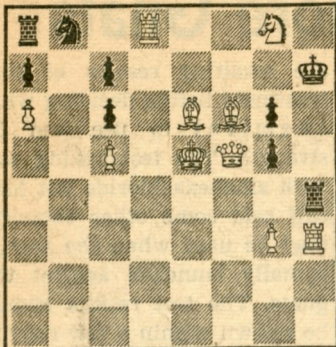


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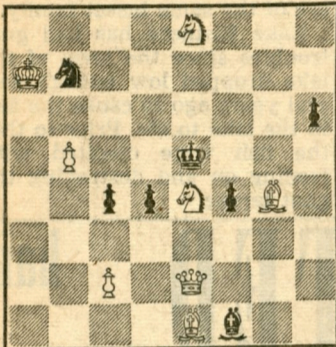
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TIMES PROBLEM 2543
BY H. D'O. BERNARD
BLACK 9



WHITE 10
White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 2544
BY A. W. MALMSROM
BLACK 7



WHITE 8
White mates in three.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2539: R-R6.
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2540: Q-R5.

E. E. HETHERINGTON WINS APRIL SOLVING CONTEST

E. E. Hetherington of Arcadia won the April problem-solving contest with a score of 318 points. This is the first time he climbed the ladder. Congratulations!

Following are the scores of last month's participants. If those who sent in solutions (not longer than six months), send in solutions again, points will be added and published on the first Sunday each month:

J. J. Adams (1), 105; A. P. Berthold (1), 253; D. C. Bransby (1), 72; H. W. Baright, 2; G. Boutin, 0; D. and E. Busch, 6; K. Chambers (4), 40; C. Carr, 21; C. B. Collins (7), 133; G. Comroe, 20; C. F. Day, 2; J. C. Dickson (2), 80; J. Davidson (7), 185; W. C. Everlett, 53; R. S. Erickson, 10; D. M. Fehring, 148; C. P. Ford (1), 125; C. Huffman (2), 55; K. J. Hartman, 8; E. E. Hetherington (1, winner), 318; Dr. J. A. Healy, 164; L. Harvey (1), 14; D. Kopeck, 12; J. Kaufman (2), 200; D. Kersey, 49; R. Lowmaster, 9; N. Lesser, 175; A. Landry, 6; G. W. Mishler, 2; S. J. Myzel, 78; J. Munson, 25 (the number in parentheses means winners); M. Morris (6), 286; B. McGuire (2), 22; P. V. Nielson, 212; S. W. Nay (2), 20; T. Rothman (4), 233; L. B. Rotter, 113; R. A. Stubbs, 0; W. M. Shuman, 2; R. Sinnott (1), 126; G. Sharman, 50; J. G. Seeligs, 271; Toscha Seidel (3), 150; J. Scipio, 0; C. T. Tongko, 21; C. G. Taber, 142; Dr. M. Tosan, 70; W. B. Tudor (5), 75; L. A. Victor (7), 308; J. P. Walsh (4), 108.

Scores include Problems 2533-2540.

HERMAN STEINER EXHIBITION

Your editor, former United States champion and international chess master, will give a simultaneous exhibition against all comers today at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5870 W Olympic Blvd. The public is cordially invited. Take your set and board. For further information call the Center. George Koltanowski will give a similar exhibition Sunday, May 16.

SOUTH VS. NORTH MATCH

The annual South vs. North match scheduled for the week end of May 29 to 31 will be played in San Luis Obispo. Participants are requested to make application for place on the team as soon as possible. Transportation will be supplied for those who have none. Write your editor, care of this column. For further information call WEBSTER 18817 or WYOMING 3510. Let's get behind our team this year. There will be a minimum of 50 boards.

NEW MONTHLY BULLETIN

The Los Angeles County Chess League will publish a monthly news bulletin, to be distributed free of charge to the members of the clubs comprising the County League. Copies of this bulletin, to the extent that the supply permits, will also be sent to other interested chess players within a 50-mile radius of Los Angeles.

The bulletin will contain news of the individual clubs and carry items of interest to the local chess players. This bulletin will supplement the material that is presently carried in the local newspapers which, due to space limitations, cannot give the details of individual club activities to the extent that the bulletin can.

Anyone wishing to receive this bulletin should drop a postcard to your editor, care of this column, giving name and mailing address, and also indicate whether you are a member of one of the clubs of the county Chess League and, if so, give the name of the club.

The first bulletin will be issued this week.

BOROCHOW SIMULTANEOUS

Harry Borochow, former California State chess champion, will play all comers simultaneously next Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the City Terrace Cultural Center Chess Club, 3875 City Terrace Drive.

This exhibition is one of a series by local chess masters for the purpose of raising funds for the forthcoming Pan-American Chess Congress to be played at the Hollywood Athletic Club July 10 to 24.

Any player who wins from Borochow will get a pass for one session of the Chess Congress. Players should take their own chess sets. Visitors are welcome.

The chess club meets every Wednesday and free instruction is given to beginners.

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Washington High School is host this year to the third annual Los Angeles City High School Chess Tournament. It will be held Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is being sponsored jointly by the Youth Services Section of the Los Angeles City Schools and the Los Angeles County Chess League. John Keckhut, of the league, will be in charge of the play.

A. H. Herzel is tournament manager.

MRS. STEVENSON WINS LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Sonya Graf Stevenson won the California State Ladies' Championship last week with a perfect score. Second and third places will be decided in the games between Mrs. Piatigorsky and Mrs. Harmat, and Mrs. Grumette and Mrs. Shepard.

The tournament was played at the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 N Formosa Ave. The standings:

	W	L
Mrs. Stevenson	8	0
Mrs. Grumette	5 1/2	1 1/2
Mrs. Piatigorsky	5 1/2	1 1/2
Mrs. Higzins	4	4
Mrs. Oswald	3 1/2	4 1/2
Mrs. Frazier	3 1/2	4 1/2
Mrs. Harmat	3	4
Miss Page	1	7
Mrs. Shepard	0	7

BOTVINNIK HOLDS LEAD

With six games remaining in the current series between Mikhail Botvinnik and Vassily Smyslov for the chess championship of the world in Moscow, Botvinnik continued to hold his two-point lead by drawing the 18th game last week.

Smyslov, conducting the black pieces, again chose the King's Indian defense, as in the 16th encounter, and exerted pressure on the queen's side of the board. This was relaxed as the champion counterattacked.

The challenger then tried for an opening by advancing his KR pawn to the sixth rank, where eventually it was lost. A draw was agreed on after 49 moves with bishops of opposite colors on the board.

The standing: Botvinnik, 10; Smyslov, 8.

The 17th game ended in a draw after 31 moves. It was Smyslov's turn to move first and he fianchettoed his king's bishop in a queen's pawn development. The champion pursued a line advocated by Tschigorin. Botvinnik, establishing a pawn on Q5, gained the better position and captured a pawn. With queens still on the board Smyslov had counter-chances and accepted the draw when offered.

Botvinnik won the adjourned 16th game.

Games from the match follow:

Sixth Game

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Botvinnik	Smyslov	Botvinnik	Smyslov
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	Kt-KB3	18-B-R6	BxB
2-P-QB4	P-KKt3	19-QxB	BxKt
3-Kt-QB3	P-Q4	20-RxB	Q-R5
4-PxP	KtxP	21-QR-Q2	Q-R6
5-P-K4	KtxKt	22-K-B2	KR-Q
6-PxKt	B-Kt2	23-R-K3	Q-B8
7-B-QB4	Castles	24-R-K	Q-B5
8-Kt-K2	P-Kt3	25-Q-K3	Q-Kt5
9-Castles	B-Kt2	26-KR-Q	R-B6
10-P-B3	P-B4	27-Q-Kt5	R-Q2
11-QB-Kt5	PxP	28-P-KR4	Q-K2
12-PxP	Kt-B3	29-QxQ	RxQ
13-B-Q5	Q-Q2	30-P-Q5	PxP
14-Q-Q2	P-K3	31-RxP	R-R6
15-BxKt	BxB	32-KR-Q2	P-KR4
16-KR-K	B-Kt4	33-R-B2	K-Kt2
17-QR-Q	QR-B	34-R-Q6	Drawn

11th Game

RUY LOPEZ

Smyslov	Botvinnik	Smyslov	Botvinnik
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K4	22-R-Q8	P-Kt4
2-Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	23-RxR	BxR
3-B-Kt5	P-QR3	24-B-Kt3	P-QR4
4-B-R4	Kt-B3	25-P-B3	P-B4
5-Castles	P-Q3	26-B-K5	K-B2
6-BxKtch	PxB	27-P-B4	Kt-Q3
7-P-Q4	PxP	28-Kt-R6	Kt-K
8-KtxP	P-B4	29-K-B2	B-K5
9-Kt-KB3	B-K2	30-P-Kt3	K-Kt3
10-Kt-B3	Castles	31-K-K3	K-R4
11-R-K	B-Kt2	32-K-Q4	K-Kt5
12-B-Kt5	P-R3	33-KxP	K-R6
13-B-R4	R-K	34-PxP	PxP
14-P-K5	PxP	35-KtxP	KtxKt
15-RxP	QxQch	36-BxKt	KxP
16-RxQ	B-Q3	37-K-Kt5	K-R6
17-RxRch	KtxR	38-P-B4	K-Kt5
18-Kt-Q2	R-K4	39-P-B5	P-B5
19-Kt-Kt3	BxKt	40-PxP	PxP
20-PxB	P-B5	41-BxRP	Resigns
21-Kt-B5	B-B3		

12th Game

SLAV DEFENSE

Botvinnik	Smyslov	Botvinnik	Smyslov
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	P-Q4	20-QR-Q	Kt-B
2-P-QB4	P-QB3	21-RxR	RxR
3-Kt-KB3	Kt-B3	22-P-K5	Kt-Q4
4-Kt-B3	PxP	23-KtxKt	PxKt
5-P-QR4	B-B4	24-Q-Q2	Kt-K3
6-P-K3	P-K3	25-P-B4	PxP
7-BxP	KB-Kt5	26-PxP	Q-B3
8-Castles	QKt-Q2	27-P-B5	Kt-B4
9-Kt-R4	Castles	28-Q-Kt5	R-Q2
10-P-B3	B-Kt3	29-R-KKt	P-B3
11-P-K4	P-K4	30-PxP	Kt-K5
12-KtxB	RpxKt	31-P-B7ch	RxP
13-B-K3	Q-K2	32-Q-Q8ch	K-R7
14-Q-K2	PxP	33-BxP	Kt-B7ch
15-BxP	B-B4	34-K-Kt2	Q-B3
16-BxB	QxBch	35-QxQ	RxQ
17-K-R	P-KKt4	36-KxKt	RxPch
18-P-KKt3	QR-Q	37-B-B3	R-B5
19-B-R2	KR-K	38-R-Kt4	Resigns

TEAM MATCHES

Following are the results of the Los Angeles County Chess League's team matches:

A Group: Hollywood 4, Inglewood 0; Long Beach 2 1/2, Pasadena 1 1/2; Santa Monica 2 1/2, Van Nuys 1 1/2.

B Group: Valley 2, Hollywood 4; Beverly Hills 3 1/2, Inglewood 2 1/2; Water & Power 1, Cosmopolitan 5; Santa Monica 5, North American 1.

Standing of clubs after two rounds of play:

	M.W.	G.W.
Cosmopolitan	2 - 0	8 1/2 - 2 1/2
Beverly Hills	2 - 0	8 1/2 - 3 1/2
Hollywood	1 - 1	6 1/2 - 5 1/2
Santa Monica	1 - 1	6 1/2 - 5 1/2
Inglewood	1 - 1	6 - 6
North American	1 - 1	4 1/2 - 7 1/2
Valley	0 - 2	4 1/2 - 7 1/2
Water & Power	0 - 2	2 - 10

RAPID TRANSIT WINNERS

The weekly Wednesday evening Rapid Transit Tournament at the Hollywood Chess Group, 108 N Formosa Ave., was won by Eugene Rubin, 9 1/2-2 1/2; second place went to Robert Jacobs and Hyman Rogosin, 9-3; fourth to Randolph W. Banner, 8 1/2-3 1/2.

The tournament is open to anyone. For further information call WEBSTER 18817 or WYOMING 3510. The headquarters of the Hollywood Chess Group is open nightly, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Visitors are welcome.

SANTA MONICA AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

After two rounds of play in the Santa Monica Bay area championship tournament, H. T. Abel, C. Henderson and J. Keckhut are leading with a 2-0 score.

Second-round results—Abel 1, Wrangle 0; Keckhut 1, Huribu 0 (forfeit); Budd 1, Cross 0 (forfeit); Henderson 1, Anderson 0; Cherestes 1, Shank 0; Holmes vs. Wentcher (adjourned). First-round adjourned games—Keckhut 1, Holmes 0; Hederson 1, Budd 0.

Games are being played at the Santa Monica Chess Club at Lincoln Park, 7th St. and Wilshire Blvd., in Santa Monica.

FRESNO CHAMPIONSHIP

Mike Hailparn is the 1954 Fresno Chess Club champion by virtue of a 9-1 score in a 10-round Swiss System tournament.

Hailparn was the only undefeated participant, giving up two draws to Elmer Achterberg and Leo Legler. It was the sixth annual city championship. There were 21 participants.

Those who finished with plus scores were:

	W	L
Mike Hailparn	9	1
Chris Fotias	8	2
Elmer Achterberg	7 1/2	2 1/2
Tom Fries	7 1/2	2 1/2
Otto Maschke	6 1/2	3 1/2
Ed Thompson	6	4
Robert Clark	5 1/2	4 1/2
Dr. M. Rubin	5 1/2	4 1/2

GEORGE CHASE WINS PLAY-OFF

George Chase won the play-off from Ralph Syvertson with whom he tied in the recently played tournament arranged by the Chess Friends of Southern California.

The final standing of the tournament: G. Chase, 3-1; R. Syvertson, 3-1; R. Martin, 2 1/2-1 1/2; G. McMahon, 1 1/2-2 1/2; C. G. Taber, 0-4.

BEN GREENWALD WINS NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The recent seven-round, Swiss System Nevada State Tournament drew 32 players from Nevada, Utah, Idaho and California. It was won by Ben Greenwald, sophomore student of Brigham Young University, with a score of 6 1/2-1 1/2. Second place went to M. Gedance, 5-2; third to W. Taber, 5-2; fourth to Leroy Johnson, 5-2; fifth to L. N. Page, 5-2.

Harold G. Kispert of Carson City was tournament director. The tournament was played in Carson City.

LATVIANS BEAT LOS FELIZ

A strong Latvian team trounced Los Feliz Chess Club, 8 to 2, last Tuesday. The match took place at the Los Feliz Chess Club quarters in the Hollywood YMCA. Many spectators were present.