THE CHESS PLAYER

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WHITE MATES IN Two Moves (Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 40P: 1. R-K2, with the main line PxR; 2. B-B2. Answer to Task No. 41: 1. P-Kt6ch, with the main line K-R1; 2. P-Kt7ch, K-R2; 3. Kt-Q7.

Answer to Task No. 43 should be postmarked not later than November 27. It is required only that the first move be given. SIXTEEN of the leading women chess players of the world are now participating in the Women's World Championship Candidates' Chess Tournament in Moscow.

The United States is represented by Mary Bain of New York, present U. S. A. champion, and N. May Karff of Boston. England is represented by present champion Rowena Bruce and Eileen Tranmer. Other players came from France, Argentina, Holland, East Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

The winner of this tournament will win the right to challenge the present Women's Champion, Liudmila Rudenko, in a match to be played next year. The Russians put on quite a show at the opening ceremonies. The feminine players sat together on a flower-decorated stage

opening ceremonies. The feminine players sat together on a flower-decorated stage at the Red Army concert hall, beneath thir respective national flags. The Stars and Stripes, the Union Jack and the Hammer and Sickle weer raised together, with a dove of peace insignia between them. The slogan of the tournament was: "May the best man win!"

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We learn that on October 10 Mr. Rodriguez was included among the few persons to receive the annual award of the order of "Caballero" (Knight), equivalent to the French Legion of Honor.

The honorary title is voted to those Cubans at home or abroad who have added to the prestige and distinction of their country. Mr. Rodriguez, the only West Coast resident to be cited, was nominated by the Cuban consul for his contributions in improving racial relations, particularly in the field of chess.

The book of the 1952 International Tournament played in Hollywood has just come off the press. It contains the 45 games of the tournament, many of them annotated by the players who participated, and contains a number of photographs of the players. The book is priced at \$1, and may be ordered through this column.

The following two games were played in the recently concluded Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden, Sweden. In the first game, H. Golombek of England wins the exchange from A. Kotov of Russia—

but loses the game. As reported in this column last week, Kotov scored a smashing victory in the tournament, The second game is won in beautiful style by S. Gligoric of Yugoslavia. The loser, E. Geller of Russia, plays a very questionable variation, beginning with his fifth move, and thereafter Gligoric has all the play, ENGLISH OPENING White-H. Golombek Bluck-A. Kotov 1. P-04 Kt-KB3 22, BxR RxB P-KKt3 2. Kt-KB3 23. Q-KB2 R-Q1 B-Kt2 24, R-Q1 25, Kt-K2 3. P-KKt3 B-B1 4. B-Kt2 0-0 P-Q3 Kt-B3 5. D-D P-K4 26. Q-Kt2 27. KxQ QxQch 6. Kt-B3 7. P-O3 Kt-Kt5 Kt-R4 28. R-B3 B-B4 20. P-Q4 8. P-K4 Kt-QB3 ByP P-KKt4 9. R-K3 R-K1 30. QR-Q3 31. P-KR3 10. Q-Q2 Kt-Q5 Kt-K6ch 11. Kt-K2 KtxKKtch 32. K-R1 KtxP 12. BxKt B-RG 33. P-Kt3 Kt-K6 13. B-Kt2 P-QB3 34. KtxB PxKt K-B2 14. KxB 35. R-B2 15. Kt-B3 P-KB4 36. KR-02 P-B4 16. OR-K1 Q-B3 37. P-K04 38. PxP P-Kt3 17. P-B4 R-KB1 PxP 18. PxKP QPxP 39. R-K43 P-B5 19. P-KKt4 20. B-B5 P-B5 K-K3 40. R-Kt7ch Q-Kt4 41. R-KB2 P-Q6 21. K-R1 QxP Resigns. KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE White-E. Geller Black-S. Gligorie 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-QR4 P-KKt3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt2 Kt-KB3 21. Kt-Q4 R-B6 22, QR-Q1 B-R5 B-Kt2 23. R-Q2 QR-BI 4. P-K4 5. P-B4 P-Q3 24. Q-B3 Kt-02 P-B4 25. Q-B2 R-R6 Q-R4 6. PxP 7. B-Q3 26. Kt-K2 B-B6 QxBP 27. B-Kt1 BxR Kt-B3 28, BxB 8. Kt-B3 B-B7 9. Q-K2 0-0 29. P-B5 Kt-B3 B-K3 Q-QR4 30. PxP RPxP 11. 0-0 Kt-KKt5 31. B-B1 R-06 12. B-Q2 Kt-Kt5 32. Q-R4 BxB 13. Kt-Q5 Q-B4ch R-B7 33. B-Kt5 14. K-R1 KtxKt 34. Kt-B4 R(Q6)-07 15. BPxKt B-02 35, RxB Q-Kt3 P-KR3 Kt-B3 36, R-Kt1 0.05 17. P-OKt4 Q-Kt3 37. R-K1 Kt-R4 18. OR-Kt1 38. R-KKt1 KR-BI QxKP 19. B-K3 Q-Q1 Resigns. 80. K-R2 P-QR3