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CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION (CSCF)

The proposals of the steering committee for the formation of a CALIFORNIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION have met with enthusiastic response from all parts of the state. The Los Angeles County Chess League, the Central California Chess League, the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League and the Tri-County Chess Club have all approved the formation of a State Federation and have offered financial and organizational support. In addition to these large groups many individuals and clubs have written to THE REPORTER supporting the CSCF and discussing the organizational problems that must be faced.

While the final form the CSCF will take cannot be settled until the meeting of the various representatives is held next Memorial Day at the annual North-South match, THE REPORTER is giving below a consensus of its correspondence on the organizational form, specific CSCF functions,

and problems to be solved. This concensus is given in the hope that it will be of assistance to the present chess groups in considering their relationship to the CSCF and to the 'founding fathers' when they meet on Memorial Day. The problems are stated to stimulate further preliminary consideration so general agreement on their solution may be more readily reached at the Memorial Day meeting.

Membership. That there be two classes of membership, by clubs and by individuals. Club membership would be the basic pattern, but all have felt the need of individual membership to accommodate the unattached player.

Organization. That a Board of Governors be elected annually at the North-South match, CSCF officers to be appointed for one year terms by the Board. It has generally been proposed that the composition of the Board should represent a balance between geographical areas and the number of active chess players in each area. One typical suggestion was for a ten man Board, with representatives from the L.A. Co. C.L. (2), Central Calif. C.L., S.F. Bay Area C.L., Tri-Co. C.C., Redwood Empire C.L., Monterey C.L. (including San Luis Obispo area), the San Diego-Imperial area, and two men members-at-large, one from the north and one from the south, to represent players and areas from those regions not falling in one of the previous groups.

Officers. That the officers to be appointed by the Board be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers either to be or to appoint a State Tournament Committee, with northern and southern divisions and a State Rating Committee.

Tournaments. That the CSCF sponsor at least the following annual tournaments: North-South, State Championship, State Open, Northern Calif. Championship, Southern Calif. Championship. That team matches within and between the present Leagues be given CSCF sponsorship. That California players not members of the CSCF through either club or individual membership be required to pay a surcharge for participation in CSCF sponsored events.

Ratings. That the CSCF regularly compile and publish individual ratings of all active members. These ratings will aid players to find opponents of approximately equal strength when visiting, will aid tournament directors in the initial rounds of Swiss system tournaments, and in the pairing of players in large matches, such as the North-South.

Publication. That THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER be made the official organ of the CSCF. (Ed. note: We feel complimented by the wide range of sources from which this proposal was made. No chess magazine has been able to survive the years without the backing of an active organization, and we would welcome such recognition.)

Dues. That annual dues for individuals be about \$1.50 per year for CSCF purposes. That club dues be figured at individual rates for the active members of the club (i.e., those who play in club tournaments or team matches). Dues to include subscription to THE REPORTER.

Problems. 1. United States Chess Federation affiliation. The majority of our correspondents felt it would be desirable to have the CSCF affiliate with the USCF in some way. The problem is: In what way? USCF membership is now entirely on an individual basis with no provision for group affiliation. We have written to USCF officials and, while they welcome the idea of affiliation, they point to their present organizational form and ask for suggestions as to how it could be done. One specific suggestion that we have received is that all members of the CSCF be "Associate Members" of the USCF with a reduced membership rate of about 25¢ to be added to CSCF dues and forwarded as a lump sum to the USCF. We do not know if this particular idea is feasible or desirable, but some solution to this problem needs to be worked out.

2. Correspondence chess. Should the CSCF sponsor a California correspondence tournament, and if so, on what basis and with what integration with present correspondence groups? Most of the letters that considered this point were in favor of some CSCF activity in this direction.

3. Other activities. To what extent should the CSCF play an active part in arranging and underwriting the visits of chess masters to the various areas of California, in staging tournaments for other than California players, etc.?

4. Ratings. How should the CSCF individual ratings be tied into the national point ratings? Correspondence that discussed this point generally felt that the present USCF point ratings did not give sufficient weight to past achievements as opposed to recent play, and preferred the present group type of ratings used in California. But they also felt that the two rating systems should be linked in some fashion.

5. Organizing activity. What should the CSCF do in organizing chess in areas where there are no leagues or clubs at present, and what can the CSCF offer to the player in a chessically isolated area?

We believe formation of the CSCF will contribute greatly to the playing of chess in California, in quantity, quality, and enjoyment. We will welcome further letters from our subscribers on the subject, and will act as an unofficial clearing house to see that California chess players are kept advised of new ideas and developments.

SACRAMENTO QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT, by Neil T. Austin.

The qualifying tournament for the Sacramento City Championship resulted in a victory for former champion J.B. Gee. Another former champion, M.O. Meyer, tied with Gee with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, but Gee was awarded the prize on the basis of S-B points. R.L. Richards was third with a score of 4-1, losing only to Gee.

Due to the arrival of several new players, it was decided to open the city championship to all wishing to enter, instead of restricting the entries to the top half of the qualifying tournament. The tournament will begin January 23 with 11 entries in the championship flight. N.T. Austin will act as non-playing director.

		Score	S - B
1.	J.B. Gee W11 W4 D2 W3 W5	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	18.50
2.	M.O. Meyer W13 W15*D1 W10 W4	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	13.50
3.	Ray Richards W14 W8 W5 L1 W9	4-1	10.50
4.	R.E. Russell W10 L1 W6* W8 L2	3-2	9.00
5.	S.G. Johnson W6 W12 L3 W9 L1	3-2	8.50
6.	F. Roman L5 W11 L4* W12 W8*	3-2	5.00
7.	S. Spaulding L8 W13 L9 W11 W10	3-2	2.00
8.	R. Stagg W7 L3 W12 L4 L6*	2-3	2.00
9.	W. Allen L12 Bye W7 L5 L3	2-3	- 1.00
10.	R. McDonald L4 W14 W13 L2 L7	2-3	- 1.50
11.	R. Gray L1 L6 W14 L7 W13*	2-3	- 1.50
12.	J. Hardy W9 L5 L8 L6 W14	2-3	- 3.00
13.	J. Hastings L2 L7 L10 W14 L11*	1-4	- 7.50
14.	E. Horton L3 L10 L11 L13 L12	0-5	-14.00
15.	N.T. Austin Bye L2* Withdrew		

* Forfeit

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COSMO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1951

As reported in our last issue, George W. Chase won the championship of the Cosmo (L.A.) Chess Club. The complete score follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	S - B
1 Geo. Chase	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	66.75
2 Chas. Kodil	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	63.75
3 Tom Cragg	0	1	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	9-3	56.50
4 Sam Morrow	0	0	0	-	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$	45.25
5 Roy Zeller	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-4	41.00
6 Robt. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$	28.50
7 Chas. Gray	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6-6	35.50
8 H. Southard	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	-	1	1	1	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$	32.75
9 S. Rodriguez	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	0	-	0	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$	20.50
10 Helen Lunday	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-8\frac{1}{2}$	12.25
11 W. Grundmann	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	-	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-8\frac{1}{2}$	12.00
12 V. Nickerson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	2-10	7.50
13 J. Claflin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0-12	.00

MONTEREY BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE, by Albert Lukavich.

The results of the last two matches of the Monterey Bay Area Chess League were:

12/11/51	<u>CARMEL</u>		<u>SANTA CRUZ</u>	
	1. D. Fidlow	1	1. I. Netoff	0
	2. N. Beliaivsky	1	2. L.F. Johnson	0
	3. J. Marquard	0	3. R. Stafford	1
	4. F. Mysberg	0	4. J.B. Beans	1
	5. E. Doner	1	5. E.B. Barrett	0
	6. Dr. C. Magee	0	6. R. Maeth	1
	7. M. Antoncich	<u>0</u>	7. W.C. Cochrane	<u>1</u>
		3		4
1/15/52	<u>SALINAS</u>		<u>CARMEL</u>	
	1. G. Oakes	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. D. Fidlow	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. F. Clark	1	2. F. Mysberg	0
	3. R. Taylor	1	3. C. Magee	0
	4. W. Pope	1	4. J. Busic	0
	5. A. Lukavich	1	5. M. Antoncich	0
	6. C. Taylor	1	6. A. Gibson	0
	7. E. Hawkins	<u>1</u>	7. J. Delman	<u>0</u>
		$6\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$

The score is now: Salinas, 2-0; Santa Cruz, 1-1; Carmel, 0-2.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE"A" DIVISION

1/26/52	<u>CASTLE</u>		<u>GOLDEN GATE</u>	
	1. N.E. Falconer	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. H. Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. W.G. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$	2. H.J. Ralston	$\frac{1}{2}$
	3. R. Hultgren	1	3. R. Currie	0
	4. F. Byron	0	4. R. Konkell	1
	5. W. Hendricks	1	5. J. Myers	0
	6. F. Christensen	0	6. Dr. M. Zeligs	1
	7. P. Traum	$\frac{1}{2}$	7. K. Draughon	$\frac{0}{3}$
		4		3
1/26/52	<u>MECHANICS INSTITUTE</u>		<u>RUSSIANS</u>	
	1. A.J. Fink	0	1. D. Poliakoff	1
	2. W. Pafnutieff	1	2. C. Svalberg	0
	3. C. Bagby	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. N. Pree	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4. E. Pruner	1	4. P. Prokoodin	0
	5. C. Capps	$\frac{1}{2}$	5. B. Popoff	$\frac{1}{2}$
	6. J. Schmitt	1	6. V. Radaikin	0
	7. C. Linklater	$\frac{1}{2}$	7. A. Palmin	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$\frac{4}{2}$		$\frac{2}{2}$
2/9/52	<u>GOLDEN GATE</u>		<u>RUSSIANS</u>	
	1. H.J. Ralston	0	1. D. Poliakoff	1
	2. R. Konkell	0	2. N. Pree	1
	3. H. Gross	1	3. B. Popoff	0
	4. R. Currie	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. A. Sienkievich	$\frac{1}{2}$
	5. J. Myers	1	5. A. Palmin	0
	6. J. Vaughn	$\frac{1}{2}$	6. P. Prokoodin	$\frac{1}{2}$
	7. K. Colby	$\frac{0}{3}$	7. C. Svalberg	$\frac{1}{4}$
		3		4
2/9/52	<u>CASTLE</u>		<u>OAKLAND</u>	
	1. W.G. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$	1. C. Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. N.E. Falconer	1	2. R. Smook	0
	3. F. Byron	0	3. C. Stamer	1
	4. R. Hultgren	$\frac{1}{2}$	4. R. Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$
	5. W. Hendricks	0	5. C. Wilson	1
	6. F. Christensen	1	6. R. Cuneo	0
	7. P. Traum	$\frac{0}{3}$	7. R. Trenberth	$\frac{1}{4}$
		3		4

"B" DIVISION

1/19/52

PALO ALTO

1. R. Mathews	0
2. C. Erickson	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. F. Morsman	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. K. Chambers	0
5. V. Ricketts	0
6. P. Byrd	0
7. H. Kempenich	<u>0</u>
	1

GOLDEN GATE

1. A. Johnson	1
2. H. King	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. K. Draughon	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. K. Colby	1
5. P. Dahl	1
6. M. Korshet	1
7. G. Lutz	<u>1</u>
	6

2/2/52

RUSSIANS

1. W. Leeds	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. A. Tokmakoff	1
3. N. Beloff	0
4. P. Andreeff	0
5. D. Shiskin	1
6. E. Yablonsky	0
7. (Forfeit)	<u>0</u>
	$2\frac{1}{2}$

PALO ALTO

1. R. Mathews	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. C. Erickson	0
3. F. Morsman	1
4. V. Ricketts	1
5. K. Chambers	0
6. P. Byrd	1
7. Don Gold	<u>1</u>
	$4\frac{1}{2}$

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE, by Francis Crofut.

Round Four: San Jose went into the undisputed lead of the League with their 8-3 victory over Stockton. Fresno won from Oakdale 6-2, and Modesto upset Pittsburg 5-3.

SAN JOSE

1. W. Adams	0
2. E. Mueller	1
3. G. Kirby	1
4. F. Crofut	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. J. Kalnins	1
6. S. MacCarty	1
7. L. Daugherty	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. J. David-Malig	1
9. H. Wood	1
10. G. VanHooser	1
11. Mrs. D-Malig	<u>0</u>
	8

STOCKTON

1. L. Woolfe	1
2. M. Mattingly	0
3. P. Hubbard	0
4. R. Juhre	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. W. Le Doux	0
6. W. Jarvis	0
7. N. LaBrie	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. M. Sanders	0
9. C. Saxon	0
10. N. Ellinberg	0
11. J. Saxon	<u>1</u>
	3

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OAKDALE

1. C.J. Smith	0
2. H. Mortensen	0
3. S. Sampson	0
4. Mrs. C.J. Smith	1
5. T. Mortensen	0
6. W. Maxey	0
7. A. Buerer	1
8. T. Macken	<u>0</u>
	2

MODESTO

1. M. Jackson	0
2. L. Kerfoot	0
3. E.L. Jeffers	1
4. H. Betker	0
5. L. Davis	1
6. L. Krogness	1
7. H. Paul	1
8. D. Thomson	<u>1</u>
	5

FRESNO

1. Phil Smith	1
2. M. Hailparn	1
3. H. Kallmann	1
4. K. Forrest	0
5. T. Fries	1
6. E. Cook	1
7. P. Ough	0
8. L. Legler	<u>1</u>
	6

PITTSBURG

1. S. Bean	1
2. F. Olvera	1
3. F. Weinberg	0
4. G. Garcia	1
5. J. Glover	0
6. H. Lansing	0
7. S. Behrends	0
8. S. Escobar	<u>0</u>
	3

Round Five: Sacramento overwhelmed Stockton 9-1; Pittsburg made a poor showing against San Jose $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Modesto barely nosed out Oakdale 4-3. This assures San Jose of first place even though they lose to Fresno, March 16.

SACRAMENTO

1. R.E. Russell	1
2. R. Burger	1
3. N.T. Austin	1
4. M.O. Meyer	1
5. R.L. Richards	1
6. O.J. Celle	1
7. A. Janushkowsky	<u>1</u>
8. S.W. Applegate	$\frac{1}{2}$
9. S.G. Johnson	<u>1</u>
10. J.A. Celle	<u>1</u>
	9

SAN JOSE

1. Wm. Adams	1
2. E. Mueller	1
3. G. Kirby	1
4. J. Kalnins	1
5. J. David-Malig	1
6. F. Crofut	<u>1</u>
7. H. Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. L. Daugherty	<u>1</u>
	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

STOCKTON

1. L.C. Woolfe	0
2. M.E. Mattingly	0
3. W. Le Doux	0
4. R.C. Juhre	0
5. M.A. Sanders	0
6. A.C. Saxon	0
7. A.D. Stubbs	0
8. J. Saxon	$\frac{1}{2}$
9. P.K. Hubbard	0
10. E. Neustadt	<u>1</u>
	1

PITTSBURG

1. S. Bean	0
2. F. Olvera	0
3. G. Garcia	0
4. C. Schroth	0
5. H. Lansing	0
6. R. Tuscon	0
7. D. Van Arsdale	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. E. Anton	<u>0</u>
	$\frac{1}{2}$

<u>MODESTO</u>		<u>OAKDALE</u>	
1. M. Jackson	1	1. C.J. Smith	0
2. L.E. Davis	1	2. W. Maxey	0
3. L. Kerfoot	1	3. Mrs. Smith	0
4. L. Krogness	0	4. H. Mortenson	1
5. Dr. C.J. Cook	0	5. S. Sampson	1
6. L. Bennett	0	6. A. Buerer	1
7. D. Thomson	<u>1</u>	7. T. Macken	<u>0</u>
	4		3

Great interest will be displayed in the game Phil Smith vs. William Adams when Fresno meets San Jose, March 16. Smith cannot do less than tie for the individual championship.

Bill Adams of San Jose won a monster ten-second tournament played by 18 members of the San Jose Chess Club during two nights. Prizes were made by Alex Mercer and donated to the club. First prize was an original design chess set, and second prize was an inlaid board, won by George Kirby.

A novel gadget used in the tournament was a wire recorder set to say "White" and "Black" at appropriate times, together with the usual bell. This enabled even the tournament director, Howard Wood, to take part in the play. (Quite an idea--other clubs please copy--Ed.)

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1951 BOTVINNIK V. BRONSTEIN By William Winter and R.G. Wade. Turnstile Press, 10 Great Turnstile, London, W.C. 1, England. 133 pp. with photographs. Price 15 shillings (approximately \$2.25).

This is another of the many fine books on chess being turned out by English publishers. The notes are based upon the cumulative observations of the many masters present at the match, and are of immense value to the student. There is a most interesting preliminary account of World Championship encounters, a history of the careers of Botvinnik and Bronstein, and a ring-side account of the show in Moscow. This is a book which no serious chess player can afford to miss, and which makes exciting reading even for the novice. We quote from page 30:

"To picture what happened in the recent championship match in Moscow one must imagine New York's Carnegie Hall or London's Royal Albert Hall being given over to playing chess three nights a week and being filled night after night with chess enthusiasts prepared to pay the admission charges for a good concert. This is perhaps one underlying reason why the rest of the world has had to see two U.S.S.R. players as finalists in a world-wide competition."

GAME OF THE MONTH The following exciting game was played in the semi-finals of the Moscow Chess Championship in 1943. The score and translation of notes, with additions, have been prepared especially for THE REPORTER by Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco.

Game No. 87 - Sicilian

White Black
G. Ravinsky V. Panov

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|----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | P-K3 |
| 3. | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. | KtxP | Kt-KB3 |
| 5. | Kt-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. | P-KKt3 | |

As with the moves 6. P-B3 or 6. B-K2, this move deserves consideration.

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| ... | Kt-B3 | |
| 7. | B-Kt2 | B-Q2 |
| 8. | O-O | P-QR3 |
| 9. | B-K3 | R-B1 |
| 10. | Q-K2 | P-QKt4 |
| 11. | P-QR3 | Kt-K4 |
| 12. | QR-Q1 | Kt-B5 |
| 13. | B-B1 | KtxRP? |

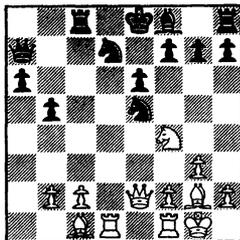
Till now Black had played well, but acceptance of the pawn sacrifice may prove an irreparable error. He should have played 13... B-K2, reserving the potential threat KtxRP. For example: 13... B-K2; 14. P-Kt3, KtxRP; 15. BxKt, RxKt; 16. P-K5, PxP; 17. Kt-B6, RxKt; 18. BxR, KBxB; 19. RxB, KtxR; 20. R-Q1, O-O etc. with equality.

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| 14. | P-K5 | PxP |
| 15. | Kt-B6 | Q-B2 |
| 16. | KtxKP | Kt-B5 |
| 17. | KtxB | KtxKt |
| 18. | Kt-Q5 | Q-R2 |

The best retreat. After 18... Q-B4 would have come 19. P-QKt4.

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| 19. | Kt-B4 | Kt/B5-K4 |
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19...Q-Kt3 held very little attraction, but it still should have been played. After the text move White by a series of effective sacrifices opens up the black King's position and obtains a mating attack. Replying to 19... Q-Kt3, White would have kept up his heavy attacking fire, continuing 20. P-QKt3, Kt/B5-K4; 21. B-Kt2. 20. KR-K1 would also have been good, and if 20...B-B4, then 21. Kt-R5.



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| 20. | RxKt!! | KtxR |
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There would be no hope for Black after 20...QxR; 21. QxKt, RxP; 22. B-K3, Q-Q3; 23. Q-K4.

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| 21. | KtxP! | PxKt |
| 22. | QxPch | B-K2 |

Or 22...K-Q1; 23. B-Kt5ch, K-B2; 24. Q-B6ch, K-Kt1; 25. B-B4ch, R-B2; 26. BxRch, QxB; 27. Q-R8 mate.

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| 23. | R-K1 | Q-B4 |
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In answer to 23...Kt-Kt3, the move 24. B-B6ch or 24. B-Kt5 is sufficient.

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| 24. | P-QKt4! |
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Having a R less, White conducts a faultless but by no means simple attack. Black's reply is forced. After 24...QxKtP there follows the decisive 25. B-Kt5.

It is interesting that the identical move was made in two of Alekhine's games, against Maroczy, Bled 1931 and against Dr. Euwe, first match game 1935.

24. ... Kt-B1
25. Q-Kt4 ♠ Q-B6

After 25...Q-B2, the sacrifice of the exchange at K7 is decisive.

26. RxBch ♠ ♠

Rooks are not valued in this game.

... KxR
27. B-Kt5ch K-Q3

After 28...K-K1 there is the possibility of a whole series of

effective mates, namely: 28. Q-K2 ch, K-B2 (...K-Q2; 29. Q-K7 mating); 29. B-Q5ch, K-Kt3; 30. Q-K4ch, KxB (30...K-R4; 31. B-B7 ch, Kt-Kt3; 32. Q-R4 mating); 31. Q-B4ch, K-Kt3; 32. B-B7 mating or 31...K-R4; 32. B-B7ch, and Q-R4 mate. All are very pretty.
28. Q-Q1ch

Boomerang move? The farther away we give check, then the closer we will be.

... K-B2
29. B-B4ch K-Kt3
30. Q-Q6ch K-R2
31. Q-K7ch R-B2
32. B-K3ch and mate in three.

This game was awarded a special prize.

CORRESPONDENCE M.E. Mattingly of Stockton writes:

"Enclosed is a copy of a memo to my boss, whom I am trying to interest in chess.

"I had been looking for an explanation, to give my wife, that I finally found in this definition of chess, which I beg you to publish so that my hen-pecked chess playing friends will be able to use same.

"Chess, simply defined, is an intellectual pastime. It recreates not so much by way of amusement properly so termed, as by taking possession of the mental facilities and diverting them from their accustomed grooves. The cerebral organ, after being much occupied in business, or greatly worried by cares, or in any way beset by painful reflections, finds in the absorbing and abstracting properties of chess that temporary relief which lighter pastimes will not always afford." (From the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1904.)

So THAT'S what chess is? And it took us 25 years to find out?
- Ed.

ARGENTINA Grandmaster M. Najdorf outclassed the field in the 1951 Championship tournament with a score of $13\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 14. Rossetto was a poor second with 10 points.

JUGOSLAVIA Rabar scored a stunning upset by winning the Championship in the tournament played in December, with 13 out of 19. The brilliant young player Fuderer (said by international master L. Prins to be the real threat to the chess world) and Trifunovic placed second and third with 12 points. Grandmaster Gligoric landed in seventh place with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points!

HUNGARY Barcza ran away from the field in the 1951 Championship, scoring $17\frac{1}{2}$ out of 21. Szabo easily finished second with 16.

SWEDEN Former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe of Holland won a small tournament played in Gothenburg over the Christmas holidays. His score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ topped second-placer E. Johansson by one full point.

COSMO CLUB Tommy Cragg was elected tournament director for 1952, when Sammy Morrow stated he was unable to continue in that office, at the club's annual business meeting January 9.

Other officers were re-elected by acclamation: C. E. Gray, president; S. Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer; and G. W. Chase, educational director.

Cragg's first task in his new position will be to serve as team captain in County League matches in coming months.

The club has filed official protest with the United States Chess Federation against anti-negro discrimination at the Chicago Chess and Checker Club. (Good for Cosmo - Ed.)

CASTLE CLUB The following officers have been elected for 1952: Fred N. Christensen, president; Paul Traum, secretary-treasurer; Guthrie McClain, manager.

SACRAMENTO Officers elected for 1952 are: Sam Johnson, president; R.E. Russell, vice-president; J.B. Gee, secretary-treasurer. The club voted to send \$15.00 to the United States Chess Federation to help out in the Federation's present financial difficulties.

Lo. A. COUNTY The Los Angeles County Championship Tournament ended in a tie for first and second between Morris Gordon and Lionel Joyner. There will be a four-game play-off.

The Los Angeles County Chess League team matches will begin March 28 at the Los Angeles Chess Club. John Keckhut, tournament director, may be reached at 12000 Thermo Street, Los Angeles 34, phone EXbrook 7-7548.

At the League's Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 8, 1952, the following officers were elected: Charles Edward Gray, president; LeRoy Johnson, vice-president; Sotero Rodriguez, secretary; William Wheeler, treasurer; and John Keckhut, tournament director.

RUSSIANS The Russian Chess Club of San Francisco celebrated its 20th Jubilee at Russian Center Jan. 8. Peter Prokoodin was the master of ceremonies. Guests noted included Arthur Stamer, Charles Bagby, Walter Pafnutieff and wife, N. Preo and wife, Wilber Leeds, Fred Christensen and wife, A. Palmin, D. Poliakoff, V. Radaikin, Charles Svalberg, and H.J. Ralston and wife. Sweet wine, caviar and other goodies were enjoyed by all.

FRESNO The 1952 Spring tournament started Jan. 14, with 14 players entered. All games are to be finished by April 14. The club is to be complimented on the magnificent schedule-sheet turned out for the benefit of the players. It was prepared by Ernie Cook and the Western Blueprint Co., and is a really handsome job.

NORTH-SOUTH TEAM MATCH As usual, this leading event in California chess will be held over the Memorial Day holiday period. The traditional struggle promises to be as sharp as a razor this year. All players and chess enthusiasts are urged to make plans now for attending the BIG SHOW. You will be dripping chess from the ears by the time it is over! Watch THE REPORTER for full details!

HOLLYWOOD PAN-AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS, 1945 This tournament book of the 78 games played at Los Angeles between America's top masters and leading South American players may be obtained from Jack Spence, editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha 2. The price is \$2.00, post-paid. Mr. Spence's efforts, which are solely for love of chess, deserve your support.

S.F. BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

CASTLE VS. MECH. INST. 1952

Game No. 88 - K's Gambit

White Black
Wm.P. Barlow A.B. Stamer

Notes by N.E. Falconer (F) and
Wm. P. Barlow (B).

- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. P-KB4 | B-B4 |
| 3. Kt-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 4. P-B3 | Kt-QB3 |

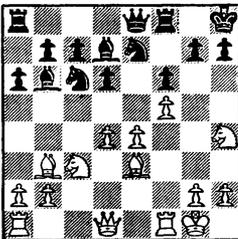
4...B-KKt5 is better (B).

Lets White gain too much time (F).

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|----------|--------|
| 5. P-Q4 | PxQP |
| 6. PxP | B-Kt3 |
| 7. Kt-B3 | B-Kt5? |

A mistake. The B soon has to
return to Q2 (B).

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|-------------|--------|
| 8. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 9. B-R4 | B-Q2 |
| 10. O-O | KKt-K2 |
| 11. B-K3 | O-O |
| 12. P-B5 | P-B3 |
| 13. B-Kt3ch | K-R1 |
| 14. Kt-KR4 | Q-K1 |



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| 15. R-B3 | Q-R4 |
| 16. Q-Q2 | QxKt |
| 17. R-R3 | Q-Kt5 |

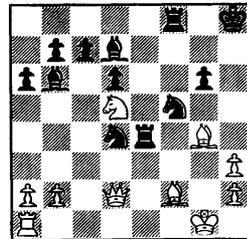
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| 18. B-Q1 | QxR |
| 19. PxQ | QR-K1 |
- Threatening 20...KtxBP; 21.
PxKt, RxB; 22. QxR, BxQP, win-
ning (B).

20. B-R5

QB-B2 is better, but the text
move is playable (F). QB-B2
holds the position--if ...P-KKt3;
21. PxP, KtxP; 22. B-Kt4 and
wins (B).

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|-----------|--------|
| ... | P-Kt3 |
| 21. PxP | PxP |
| 22. B-Kt4 | P-B4 |
| 23. PxP | KtxBP |
| 24. B-B2 | Kt/3xP |
| 25. Kt-Q5 | |

If 25. B/2xKt, BxKtch; 26.
K-B1, Kt-R5 and wins (F).



Threatening to win the Q by
...RxBch and ...Kt-B6ch, and
creating a position of unbear-
able tension (F).

26. Q-B3!

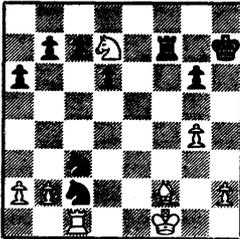
Q-Q1 is inadequate; 26. Q-
Q1, Kt-K7ch; 27. BxKt, BxBch;
28. K-R1, B-B3; 29. B-B3, R-K8ch;
30. QxR, BxQ; 31. RxB, Kt-K6;
32. RxB, RxB; 33. RxB, BxB and
wins (F). 26. Q-Q3 is a good
try, but also loses (B).

26. ... K-R2
 27. KtxB
 Q-Q3 fails here also (B).
 ... RxBch
 28. PxR Kt-K7ch
 29. K-B1?

Here White misses his chance.

29. K-Kt2, KtxQ; 30. KtxB, R-B2;
 31. PxKt/3, Kt-Kt2; 32. Kt-Kt8
 and wins. If 29. K-Kt2, B-B3ch;
 30. QxB, PxQ; 31. Kt-Q7, R-B2;
 32. PxKt, Kt-B5ch; 33. K-B3 and
 wins (F). (Many positions like
 this are won by the side which
 captures first. White was trying
 for this when he played 26. Q-B3.)
 (Ed.)

- ... KtxQ
 30. KtxB Kt-K6ch
 31. K-K1
 Forced.
 ... Kt-B7ch
 32. K-B1 R-B2
 33. R-B1



- ... Kt-Q8
 A remarkable position. White
 is lost (F).
 34. P-Kt5 RxBch
 35. K-Kt1 Kt/7-K6
 36. Kt-B6ch K-R1
 Resigns

A nerve-wracking game to play
 under a time limit. (Ed.)

RUSSIANS VS. MECH. INST. 1/26/52

Game No. 89 - Ruy
 White Black
 D. Poliakoff A.J. Fink

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|-----|--------|--------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. | B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. | P-Q3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. | P-B3 | B-K2 |
| 7. | QKt-Q2 | O-O |
| 8. | Kt-B1 | P-QKt4 |
| 9. | B-Kt3 | P-Q4 |
| 10. | Q-K2 | B-K3 |
| 11. | Kt-Kt3 | PxP |
| 12. | PxP | BxB |
| 13. | PxB | Q-Q2 |
| 14. | O-O | Q-K3 |
| 15. | Kt-B5 | KR-K1 |
| 16. | P-QKt4 | B-B1 |
| 17. | B-Kt5 | P-Kt3 |
| 18. | Kt-Kt3 | Kt-Q2 |
| 19. | B-K3 | P-B3 |

If ... P-KB4; 20. Kt-Kt5 and
 21. P-KB4 seems good.

20. R-R3

A courageous maneuver, since
 White, to double his Rs on the
 R-file, must make three R moves,
 self-pinning his QKtP in the
 process.

- ... KR-Kt1
 21. R/1-R1 P-QR4
 22. R/3-R2 P-R5
 23. Q-Q1 K-B2
 ... R-Q1 (threatening 24 ...
 Kt-B4) would save the RP.
 24. P-Kt3 Kt-Kt3
 If now 24 ... R-Q1; 25. Kt-
 Q2, Kt-Kt3; 26. BxKt, PxB;
 27. PxP.

- 25. BxKt RxB
- 26. PxP PxP
- 27. RxP R-Q1
- 28. Q-K2 Kt-Kt1
- 29. Kt-B1 B-R3
- 30. Kt-K3 BxKt
- 31. QxB

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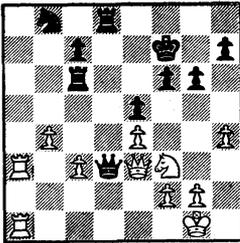
Game No. 90 - Dutch

White Black

S. Almgren Mrs.G.Piatigorsky

After forcing the exchange of Black's B which had plugged the hole in Black's K-side, White can now tear Black's K-side apart. White's play now is a model of how to attack in this type of position.

- ... R-B3
- 32. R/4-R3 Q-B5
- 33. P-R4 B Q-Q6



- 34. Q-R6 K-Kt1
- 35. R-K1 RxB
- 36. RxR QxR
- 37. P-R5 PxP
- 38. QxBP R-Q5
- 39. Q-Kt5ch R-Kt3
- 40. R-QB1 QxP
- 41. QxKP Kt-R3
- 42. Q-Q5ch K-Kt2

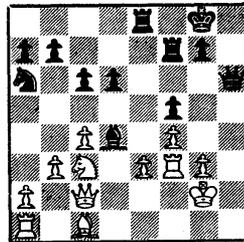
If 42... K-R1 or 42... K-B1,
43. Kt-K5.

- 43. Kt-R4 Q-R6
- 44. R-Q1 Resigns

For Black loses at least the exchange.

(N.E.F.)

- 1. P-Q4 P-KB4
- 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
- 3. P-KKt3 P-K3
- 4. B-Kt2 B-K2
- 5. O-O O-O
- 6. P-B4 P-B3
- 7. Kt-B3 Q-K1
- 8. P-Q5 P-Q3
- 9. PxKP BxP
- 10. P-Kt3 Kt-R3
- 11. Kt-KKt5 B-B2
- 12. Q-B2 B-Kt3
- 13. Kt-K6 R-B2
- 14. P-B4 Kt-KKt5
- 15. P-KR3 B-B3
- 16. PxKt QxKt
- 17. P-Kt5 B-Q5ch
- 18. K-R2 P-R3
- 19. PxP B-R4
- 20. B-B3 QxRP
- 21. K-Kt2 BxBch
- 22. RxB R-K1
- 23. P-K3



... P-KKt3

Initiating an overwhelming attack against the White King.

24. B-Kt2

If 24. PxB, R-R2 wins quickly. But White has no satisfactory defense in any case.

... R-R2

25. Q-Q3 Q-R7ch

26. K-B1 QxB

Resigns

White cannot meet Black's many threats, not the least of which is R-R8 mate.

An extraordinary game for a player of so little experience! (H.J.R.)

The talented Mrs. Piatigorsky made a very creditable showing at the California Open in Santa Cruz, 1951, finishing 13th in a field of 43. She offered several draws when she was material ahead, or her score would have been better. When asked why she agreed to a draw in a game in which she was the exchange ahead, Mrs. Piatigorsky replied, "I have been taking lessons from Herman Steiner only since last December, and I have not learned the end game yet."

Mrs. Piatigorsky's opponent in the following game was one of the "Big Four" of the Open.

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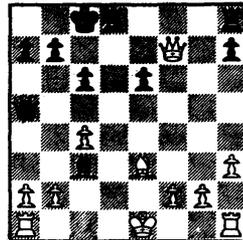
Game No. 91 - Caro-Kann

White	Black
H. Gross	Mrs. Piatigorsky
1. P-K4	P-QB3

2. Kt-QB3	P-Q4
3. Kt-B3	PxP
4. KtxP	B-Kt5
5. B-B4	P-K3
6. P-KR3	BxKt
7. QxB	Kt-Q2
8. P-Q3	Kt-K4
9. Q-Kt3	KtxB
10. PxKt	Kt-B3
11. KtxKt	PxKt
12. B-K3	B-Q3
13. Q-Kt7	Q-R4ch
14. P-B3	O-O-O
15. QxP(B6)	

If 15. QxP(B7), White's Queen gets into difficulties.

... B-K4
16. QxBP BxPch



17. K-K2	B-Q5
18. BxB	RxB
19. QxPch	K-Kt1
20. KR-Q1	Q-R4ch
21. P-Kt4	R-K1

An interesting situation. Both sides have threats. Black liquidates and emerges with the better game in spite of being a Pawn down.

22. PxQ	RxQch
23. K-B3	RxP
24. QR-B1	R-KR5
25. R-K1	R-B3ch
26. K-Kt3	RxRP

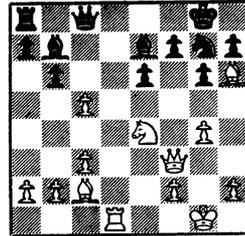
27. R-K7 R-Kt4ch
 28. K-R4 P-R3

Threatening mate.

29. R-B4 R/3-B4?

29... R/4-B4 or ... RxP at once would make it very difficult for White. Mrs. Piatigorsky's flair for attack leads her astray this time.

30. P-B4 R-Kt7
 31. R-Kt4 R-QKt4
 32. RxR PxR
 33. P-B5 K-B1
 34. P-B6 K-Q1
 35. RxP RxP
 36. R-Kt8ch Resigns
 (G.M.)



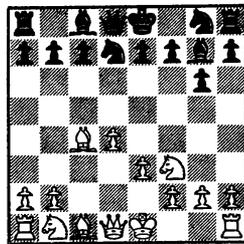
20. Kt-B6ch BxKt
 21. QxB Kt-K1
 22. Q-K7 QxP
 23. QxB R-B1
 24. R-Q7 Q-B5
 25. RxP QxPch
 26. K-R1 Resigns

HOLLYWOOD VS. CAPABLANCA 1951

- Game No. 92 - French
 White Black
 S. Almgren R. Bravo
1. P-K4 P-K3
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
 3. Kt-QB3 PxP
 4. KtxP Kt-Q2
 5. Kt-B3 KKt-B3
 6. B-Q3 B-K2
 7. P-B3 KtxKt
 8. BxKt Kt-B3
 9. B-B2 P-B4
 10. O-O O-O
 11. Q-Q3 P-QKt3
 12. Kt-Kt5 P-Kt3
 13. Q-B3 B-R3
 14. R-Q1 Q-B1
 15. Kt-K4 Kt-R4
 16. B-R6 R-Q1
 17. PxP RxRch
 18. RxR B-Kt2
 19. P-KKt4 Kt-Kt2

Game No. 93 - Q.G.D.

- White Black
 E. Pruner Anon.
1. P-Q4 P-Q4
 2. P-QB4 PxP
 3. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3?
 4. P-K3 B-Kt2
 5. BxP Kt-Q2??



6. BxPch! KxB??
 7. Kt-Kt5ch K-B3
 8. Q-B3ch KxKt
 9. P-K4ch K-R5
 10. Q-R3 mate.

Concerning the following game, Chester Stamer of Oakland writes:

"In looking through some old games I came across this one, which I now find follows the main line of White's refutation of the Falkbeer Counter Gambit through White's ninth move, as given in PCO. If the PCO line is continued by Black, possibilities are indeed slim and certainly White deserves the "plus" shown.

"The game was played in the 1948 Oakland Chess Club Championship (which I managed to win by a small margin) against Dr. Frank Ruys, who subsequently had to drop out before completing his schedule.

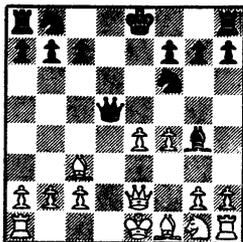
"To my knowledge, the continuation I played has not been analyzed and for all I know may deserve looking into. The end-game is far from a masterpiece of accuracy, but it is active and the finale is a lesson in looking vs. counting."

Game No. 94 - Falkbeer

White Black
Dr. F. Ruys C. Stamer

Notes by C. Stamer

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	P-Q4
3. KPxP	P-K5
4. P-Q3	Kt-KB3
5. Q-K2	QxP
6. Kt-QB3	B-QKt5
7. B-Q2	BxKt
8. BxB	B-Kt5
9. PxP	



...

BxQ

Given here by PCO is 9...QxP;
10. QxQch, KtxQ; 11. BxP, R-Kt1;
12. B-K5, Kt-QB3; 13. B-Q3 and a
plus for White.

10. PxQ	BxB
11. KxB	KtxP
12. BxP	R-Kt1
13. R-K1ch	K-Q2
14. B-K5	P-KB3
15. R-Q1	

(Note by Earl Pruner--15. B-B3 seems to be an improvement.)

...	K-K3
16. B-Q4	KtxP
17. P-KKt3	Kt-Kt3
18. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
19. K-B2	QR-Q1
20. KR-K1ch	K-B2
21. R-K4	Kt/Kt3-K4
22. P-KR3	

Losing a pawn. P-B3 is one better alternative.

...	KtxKt
23. KxKt	Kt-K4ch
24. K-K2	RxP
25. BxKt	R-Kt7ch!
26. K-B3	RxR

- 27. KxR PxB
- 28. R-QB4 R-Q2
- 29. K-B3 K-K3
- 30. K-K3 P-Kt3
- 31. P-Kt4 R-Kt2

Stinking.

- 32. K-K4 R-B2
- 33. R-B6ch K-Q2
- 34. R-R6 R-B5ch
- 35. KxP RxB
- 36. RxBch K-B3
- 37. R-B7? R-Kt7
- 38. R-B2 RxBP
- 39. P-R4 P-R4
- 40. P-R5 P-R5
- 41. P-R6 R-R8
- 42. R-R2 R-K8ch
- 43. K-B5

An "in-between" move with K-B6 looking riskily better.

- ... R-K1
- 44. R-R3 K-B4

- 45. R-B3ch K-Kt5
- 46. RxB P-Kt4
- 47. P-R7 K-R6
- 48. R-KKt7 R-KR1
- 49. K-K4

What about K-Kt6 for a draw?

- ... K-Kt7
- 50. K-Q3 P-R6
- 51. R-QKt7 R-QLch
- 52. K-K4

Note how far away the white K seems from his RP.

- ... P-R7
- 53. RxBch KxB
- 54. R-B5ch K-Kt6
- 55. R-B1 K-Kt7
- 56. R-KR1 P-R8(Q)
- 57. RxB Drawn

A dastardly swindle (see preceding note). A simple win was 56...R-KR1; 57.R-R2ch, K-Kt6; 58.R-R3ch, K-Kt5; 59.R-R1, RxB.

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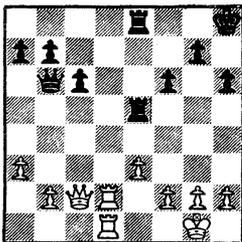
COSMO CLUB 1951

Game No. 95 -- Q.G.D.

White	Black
C. Gray	G. Chase
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-B4	P-Q4
4. B-Kt5	P-B3
5. Kt-B3	B-Kt5
6. Q-B2	QKt-Q2
7. P-QR3	BxKt
8. QxB	O-O
9. P-K3	P-KR3
10. B-R4	Q-Kt3
11. B-Q3	PxP
12. BxP	Kt-K5
13. Q-B2	Kt-Q3
14. B-Q3	P-B3

Creates holes, but Black wants to force ... P-K4 so as to bring out the QB.

15. O-O	Kt-B2
16. QR-B1	R-K1
17. B-Kt3	P-K4
18. PxP	Kt/BRxP
19. KtxKt	KtxKt
20. BxKt	RxB
21. KR-Q1	B-K3
22. B-B4	R-K1
23. R-Q2	K-R1
24. BxB	R/lxB
25. R/l-Q1	R-K1



26. Q-Kt6	R-KB1
27. R-Q7	R-KKt4
28. Q-B2	Q-Kt4?
29. R-Q8	K-Kt1
30. Q-K4	R-K4
31. Q-Kt6	P-QB4
32. R/l-Q7	Resigns

A calm, forceful game by White.

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Game No. 96 - Q.G.D.

White	Black
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Notes by Richard Mathews

1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-QB3
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
4. B-Kt5	

White diverges from the usual continuation of Kt-B3 or P-K3.

... P-KKt3

Offering White the opportunity of isolating Black's QP at the risk of a strong counterattack, as in the following line:

5. BxKt, PxB; 6. PxP, PxP;
 7. Q-Kt3, Kt-B3; 8. QxP, QxQ;
 9. KtxQ, KtxP; 10. Kt-B7ch, K-Q1;
 11. R-B1, R-QKt1, and the chances seem to be with Black. (Why not 10. O-O-O - Ed.)

5. P-K3	B-Kt2
6. Kt-B3	QKt-Q2
7. B-Q3	PxP
8. BxP	P-QKt4
9. B-Q3	O-O
10. R-QB1	B-Kt2

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| 11. O--O | R--B1 |
| 12. Kt-Q2 | P--QR3 |
| 13. Kt/2-K4 | P-B4 |
| 14. PxP | KtxP |
| 15. KtxKt | RxKt |
| 16. B-KB4 | |

I failed to see the full significance of this move, but soon found out!

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| ... | P-Kt5 |
| 17. Kt-K2 | R-Q4 |
| 18. B-B7! | Q-Q2 |

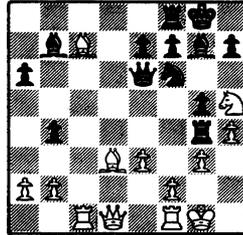
I soon wished that the Q had been placed on R1, leaving Q2 for the R.

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| 19. Kt-B4 | R-KKt4 |
| 20. P-KR4 | R-Kt5 |
| 21. P-KKt3 | P-Kt4 |

... RxKt was the only other choice.

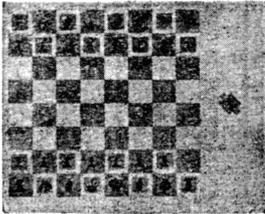
22. Kt-R5
Threatening to win the Queen.

... Q-K3



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|-------------|-------|
| 23. B-K2 | Q-K5 |
| 24. KtxKtch | BxKt |
| 25. P-B3 | QxPch |
| 26. K-R2 | R-Q5 |
| 27. Q-K1 | R-Q7 |
| 28. R-KB2 | BxBP |
| 29. B-Kt6 | QxB/3 |
| 30. RxB | RxP |
| 31. P-R5 | R-Q1 |
- Resigns.

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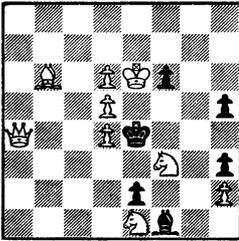
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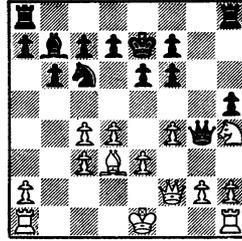
REPORTER TASKS In this issue, we continue with our second contest, consisting of six tasks.

TASK No. 11, by the late World Champion, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, contains a highly original conception. Don't look for anything ordinary! TASK No. 12 is a position from a correspondence game played in 1929 between Dr. E. Dyckhoff and A. H. Priwonitz. Hint: White wins important material. It isn't as obvious as it looks!

TASK No. 11
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 12
White to Play and Win



ANSWERS TASK No. 9: The key move is 1. B-B2, with the main variation 1... PxB; 2. Kt-B7ch, KxP; 3. Q-R3 mate.

TASK No. 10: The winning line is 1. R-K2, Q-Kt1; 2. Kt-Kt7 and the black Queen is lost. The apparent win 2. Kt-B6 fails by 2... Q-Kt8; 3. R-K8ch, K-Kt2; 3. R-Kt8ch, K-R3; 4. RxQ, stalemate. This end-game is said to have fooled the great masters Tarrasch and Lasker. So don't feel bad if you missed it!

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