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LAPIKEN, RIVISE TIE IN STEINER CLUB TOURNAMENT

Dr. Peter Lapiken and Irving Rivise tied for first place in the masters' tournament played January-March at the Herman Steiner Chess Club, Hollywood, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Third was Sven Almgren, 6-3, and fourth was Saul Yarmak, former U.S. Junior Champion, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Three other sections were held simultaneously with the premier: In the experts' tournament there was a tie between Marcos Kerllenevich and George Soules, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; in section A-1 Evans Farber took first place, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, over Guy Dick, 8-2; and in section A-2 Austin Gates won handily, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, ahead of Charles King and Charles Ulrich, both 6-3. A total of 43 players competed in the four tournaments.

LAS VEGAS: PHIL SMITH WINS NEVADA OPEN

Phil D. Smith of Fresno won the annual Nevada Open, played at Las Vegas April 18-20, by a $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. The next three places were also taken by Californians: Robert Lorber (Reseda), LeRoy Johnson (Los Angeles) and Les Talcott (Oakland).

HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB MASTERS' TOURNAMENT - by George Goehler

The second annual Masters' Tournament, while not having as strong an entry list as last year, was a very representative tournament and three newcomers played in this tournament for the first time. They were Sam Geller, Robert Lorber, and Robert Brieger of San Diego.

Sven Almgren took an early lead in the tournament. However, after the third round, his losses to Dr. Peter Lapiken and Irving Rivise dropped him from the lead and Peter Lapiken assumed the lead that he never relinquished. As the tournament progressed, Irving Rivise who went through the tournament without a defeat failed to take over first place due to his being held to draws by both Lorber and Geller. On the other hand, Lapiken's loss to Morris Gordon was largely responsible for his not having a clear hold on first place.

The big excitement of the tournament happened in the last round. Lapiken was leading by a half point and had the black pieces against Brieger. Rivise played the black pieces against Sol Yarmak. Almgren tangled with Robert Cross and if both Almgren and Yarmak had won, Lapiken would have had first place with a 3-way tie for second, third, and fourth.

Lapiken quickly lost his game to Brieger. Yarmak was over 30 minutes late in arriving for his game with Rivise and as a result was in constant time pressure. With the result of the Lapiken game being known, Rivise came out of a very complex opening where some very weird moves occurred with somewhat the better of the game only to blunder and have an apparent loss which would cost him first place or a tie for first. Yarmak, however, being in time trouble repeated a series of moves in order to gain time. Rivise being alert to the situation claimed the game on the fact that the same position had been arrived at three different times and after a decision by the Tournament Director, the game was decided a draw which resulted in Rivise and Lapiken finishing in a tie for first place.

	Masters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1)	Peter Lapiken	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
2)	Irving Rivise	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
3	Sven Almgren	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6-3
4	Saul Yarmak	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
5)	Robert Lorber	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
6)	Robert Brieger	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	0	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
7	Morris Gordon	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-5
8	Robert Cross	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3-6
9	Robert Jacobs	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0-F	$2\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$
10	Sam Geller	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	X	2-7

HERMAN STEINER C.C. EXPERTS' TOURNAMENT, 1957 - by Irving Rivise

A well balanced field of twelve contestants provided a see-saw race for top honors in this second annual experts event.

Setting the early pace was Fred Fults who after seven rounds was the only undefeated player with a score of 6-1 followed by George Soules with 5-2 and Joe Mego, Leroy Johnson and Marcos Kerllenevich with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. However, in the next three rounds Fults could only score one point while Kerllenevich and Rubin tallied three and Soules scored $2\frac{1}{2}$. Mego and Johnson by dropping $1\frac{1}{2}$ points in these critical rounds no longer were in contention. The final round started with Soules and Kerllenevich leading with $7\frac{1}{2}$ and closely followed by Fults and Rubin with 7.

Rubin, Fults and Soules all won handily but Kerllenevich's game with Johnson had to be postponed so that the final standings were in doubt for one more week. This final critical game was very dramatic with Johnson playing very well to obtain an overwhelming position but just when he could apply the finishing touch Johnson made a few second-best moves permitting Kerllenevich to seize his one chance to win and tie with Soules for 1st place.

Experts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1) M Kerllenevich	X	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
2) G Soules	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
3) F Fults	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	8-3
4) G Rubin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	8-3
5) J Mego	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
6) L Johnson	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	6-5
7) R Seltzer	1	0	0	0	0	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
8) D Bicknell	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$
9) R Hamman	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$
10) C Henderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$
11) Wm Melworm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-10
12) E Lilienborg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$

HERMAN STEINER C.C. A-1 TOURNAMENT, 1957

This event proved to be a two-man struggle from beginning to end between Guy Dick and Evans Farber. Rebounding from a first round loss to Dick, Farber demonstrated a fine tactical ability to sweep the rest of the field yielding one draw to R. Seiden. Dick lost to Castleberry and drew with Maron and Seiden to finish a close second. (I.R.)

A-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score
1 E Farber	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	$8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
2 G Dick	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	8-2
3) D Maron	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	6-4
4) R Roth	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	6-4
5 G Castleberry	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	1	1-F	5-5
6) E Johansson	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	$4\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$
7) K Forrest	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	0	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$
8) R Cunningham	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4-6
9) H Gifford	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	4-6
10) R Seiden	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-6
11 S Rosenfeld	OF	OF	0	OF	OF	OF	0	0	OF	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}-9\frac{1}{2}$

HERMAN STEINER C.C. A-2 TOURNAMENT, 1957

This event turned out to be a one man show with Austin Gates yielding but $\frac{1}{2}$ point to C. Ulrich to finish two and one-half points in front of his nearest competitors C. Ulrich and Charles King. (I.R.)

A-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1 A Gates	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1F	1	1	1	1	1	1-F	$8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
2 C King	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6-3
3 C Ulrich	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	6-3
4 L Owen	OF	0	1	X	*	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1-F	$4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
5 H Page	0	0	0	*	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	1	1-F	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
6 E Koenig	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	*	0	1	1-F	$3\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
7 L Ralston	0	0	0	0	*	*	X	1	1	1	3-4
8 J Hunt	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	X	1	0	$2\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$
9 J Karis	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	X	1-F	$2\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$
10 G Erus	OF	0	1	OF	OF	OF	0	1	OF	X	2-7

HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB LADIES PUT ON "CHESTIVAL"

On March 30 some 150-200 chessplayers and their wives attended a dinner party at the Hollywood Athletic Club. The party was staged by the ladies of the Herman Steiner Club against all advice from the men members - and was enormously successful. The feature of the evening was a blindfold simultaneous by international master Zoltan Kovacs (won two, drew two).

Mrs. Nancy Roos made her last public appearance, a few days before her tragic death. Nancy made a somewhat unexpected appearance in a wheelchair with a nurse in attendance, and was immediately made the guest of honor. Although under sedation, Nancy responded well to the many well-wishers and made a short speech of appreciation which made a lasting impression upon those who were there to hear it.

NEVADA OPEN, LAS VEGAS, April 18, 19, 20, 1957

Phil Smith of Fresno was top man in the 1957 Nevada Open, winning six games and allowing one draw with former Nevada champion Phil Neff. Four players tied for second with 5-2 scores, the ties being broken in favor of the three Californians Lorber, Johnson and Talcott. Bill Taber of Reno was fifth and received the trophy for the Nevada Championship. Smith received the Nevada Invitational trophy.

Of the field of 32, there were 11 California players - who took six of the first eight places.

Smith was the only undefeated player, winning from Lorber, Talcott, Gedance, P.R. Heilbut of Salt Lake City, Bob Baker of Fresno, and Irvin Taylor of Salt Lake City, and drawing with Neff.

Talcott was in good form, being in second place as he met Smith in the last round. Smith won a hard-fought game in 61 moves. Taber lost his first two games before hitting his stride with five straight wins. The 1956 champion, Farrell Clark of Salt Lake City, who beat out Smith by half a point in Reno, was able to capture only 20th place this year with a minus score.

The prize winners:

	<u>Score</u>	<u>S-B</u>
1. Phil Smith, Fresno, Calif.	$6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$
2. Robert Lorber, Reseda, Calif.	5-2	$21\frac{1}{2}$
3. LeRoy Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.	5-2	20
4. Leslie Talcott, Oakland, Calif.	5-2	18
5. William Taber, Reno, Nev.	5-2	$16\frac{1}{2}$
6. Maurice Gedance, Las Vegas, Nev.	$4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$
7. Ralph Clark, Pasadena, Calif.	$4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{3}{4}$
8. John Rinaldo, Long Beach, Calif.	$4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	12
9. Gaston Chappuis, Salt Lake City, Utah	$4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$
10. Phil Neff, Las Vegas, Nev.	4-3	16
11. Kenneth Jones, Reno, Nev.	4-3	$13\frac{3}{4}$
12. E. Froomess, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.	4-3	$10\frac{1}{2}$

Other California players other than prize winners were Kyle Forrest (Manhattan Beach), Robert Baker (Fresno), Peter Meyer (Los Angeles) and Falkowitz (Long Beach).

There were two curious features about the 1957 Nevada Open (aside from the fact that it is not really "open," but is invitational: The first is that in the game Rinaldo-Lorber, in the last round, the players were directed to complete the game at five

seconds per move! The second is that for the first time in recent years there were no cash prizes.

It may be that the first curious incident gave rise to the second; we do not know whether the policy of cash prizes has been changed or whether the sponsors changed their minds at the last minute.

At any rate, the Rinaldo-Lorber game made a bad impression. Rinaldo was in third place, a point behind Smith and a half-point behind Talcott. The way we heard it, Rinaldo and Lorber moved their pieces back and forth, stalling for a result from the Smith-Talcott game. After a while Lorber discovered that the battery in his hearing aid was dead and asked permission to stop the clocks while he obtained a new one. This took an hour and a quarter, although the tournament was held at a downtown hotel in the business district. When they returned, the Smith-Talcott game was still undecided, so Rinaldo and Lorber again shifted the pieces aimlessly to and fro. As the time grew later, the time approached for the finishing ceremonies. The tournament director could not prevail upon the players to make some progress toward a decision, so in desperation he eventually ordered Rinaldo and Lorber to play at the rate of 15 seconds per move. This did not have the desired effect, so the tournament director speeded the rate of play to 10 seconds. This failed also, so he made it 5 seconds! At this quick-fire rate, Rinaldo made a blunder and the tournament was over at last.

A tournament director is somewhat helpless when the players connive. Although he has broad powers, he must endeavor to apply the existing rules. If the above facts are correct, the tournament director was right to take drastic action (although the rapid-transit finish is decidedly unusual). Sometimes the only effective course is the threat of disbarment.

ROSSOLIMO ENTERTAINS SAN FRANCISCO

International Master Nicolas Rossolimo provided an interesting evening for 22 Bay Area chess fans in simultaneous play at Mechanics' Institute, April 27th.

The visitor racked up 14 wins and 6 losses. Two draws included one with 10 year old Freddy Wreden. Rossolimo's play was offhanded, fast and good natured, characteristic of his gracious simultaneous form.

Following his San Francisco show, Nicky engaged in similar exhibitions at Monterey, Los Angeles and San Diego. A unique feature of the Monterey appearance was the broadcast of the Master's match with Expert Al Suchobeck over local radio station KXXL. (ED NOTE: This challenges the imagination!)

FRESNO CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1957

Robert E. Baker, president of the Fresno Chess Club, has won the annual Fresno Chess Club tournament, 5-1. Dave Hudson and Leo Legler tied for 2nd, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. James O'Brien was fourth, 3-3.

Robert Womack, back to the club after two years of army duty, had to drop out with a 2-1 score (it was cancelled) because he took a job in Orange.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. R. E. Baker	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	5-1
2. Dave Hudson	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
3. Leo Legler	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
4. James O'Brien	0	1	1	X	1	0	0	3-3
5. Mark Phetteplace	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	2-4
6. Ted Cameron	0	0	0	1	0	X	1	2-4
7. J. F. Hastings	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	2-4

Phil Smith - Tournament Director

Robert E. Baker was re-elected president of the Fresno Chess Club in the annual meeting. Other officers for 1957 are Phil Smith, vice-president and tournament director; Ernest Cook, treasurer, and Dave Hudson, secretary.

CHESS FRIENDS SPRING OPEN

Bob Zeiler of San Francisco won his first major title in this event, staged for the benefit of the Chess For Youth fund (which is co-sponsor of the 1957 U.S. Junior Championship) at the Red Cross cafeteria in San Francisco at the end of March. Mike Bredoff (Redwood City), Robert Dickinson and Henry King (S.F.) tied for second. There followed Steve Joplin (Oakland), Monsur Saca (Sacramento), W. Stevens (S.F.), Ronald Thacker (Richmond) and William Rebold (Berkeley).

Dan McLeod of San Bruno won in Group B, followed by Leonard Hill (Mountain View), W. Joplin (Oakland), Ernst Bartholomew (Hayward), John Carson (Berkeley) and Lou Osternig (Oakland). Group C was headed by Col. Lawrence Fuller (Palo Alto), ahead of Stan Shapiro (Oakland), David Krause (Palo Alto), and Charles Crayne (Oakland). A special event for juniors was won by Allen Haley, 12, of Nevada City. Janet Pattullo (S.F.), 9, was second, followed by Ivan Vegvary and Mike Cooper (S.F.).

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE

In Division "A" a startling last-round upset gave the Mechanics' Institute "Knights" a tie with Golden Gate, both $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. The Knights beat Golden Gate $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$, but this was not the upset - it was the M.I. "Bishops" who kicked over the dope bucket by trouncing the favored University of California team, 4-3. Previously, U.C. had eliminated the Castle Chess Club team from contention and stood alone in second spot with the championship theirs if the Knights should defeat Golden Gate.

In Division "B" the Mechanics' Institute Bs made an early lead stand up, although losing in the last round to Golden Gate. The Golden Gaters tied for second with the up-and-coming Alameda team, the Mechanics' Institute B/ls came in fourth, and last year's champion Oakland team, somewhat weakened by player losses, was fifth. The league's newest team, Precita Valley, added a tie with U.C. to its previous win over Golden Gate to tie U.C., $1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$.

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<u>Castle 3, U.C. 4</u>				4 R Willson	1 E Simanis	0
1 N Falconer	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Hursch	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 W Hendricks	0 D Peizer	1
2 G McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Currie	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 F Adalman	1 A Chappell	0
3 Dr R Hultgren	0	O Celle	1	7 E Hoffer	0 P Dahl	1

<u>M.I. "Bishops" 2$\frac{1}{2}$, Golden Gate 4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>				4 E Jonas	0 H Gross	1
1 W Addison	1	G Ramirez	0	5 D Nieder	$\frac{1}{2}$ H Rosenbaum	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 R Plock	0	W Pafnutieff	1	6 O Wreden	$\frac{1}{2}$ Dr K Colby	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 A Stamer	0	C Capps	1	7 H Morgan	$\frac{1}{2}$ SH VanGelder	$\frac{1}{2}$

<u>M.I. "Knights" 6$\frac{1}{2}$, Oakland $\frac{1}{2}$</u>				4 E Pruner	1 R Freeman	0
1 C Bagby	1	J Demos	0	5 K Bendit	1 R Trenberth	0
2 J Schmitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 C Svalberg	1 R Cuneo	0
3 H Bullwinkel	1	C Bergman	0	7 A Bourke	1 E Lien	0

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<u>Oakland 3, Palo Alto 4</u>				4 R Trenberth	1 T Bullockus	0
1 J Demos	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Festinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 R Cuneo	$\frac{1}{2}$ H Harrison	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 C Sedlack	$\frac{1}{2}$	Col L Fuller	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 E Lien	$\frac{1}{2}$ V Ricketts	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 R Freeman	0	C Stein	1	7 F DeLozier	0 Col J Pesek	1

<u>Golden Gate 2$\frac{1}{2}$, M.I. "Knights" 4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>				4 H Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$ H Bullwinkel	$\frac{1}{2}$
1 G Ramirez	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Bagby	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 H Rosenbaum	K Bendit	
2 W Pafnutieff	1	J Schmitt	1	6 Dr K Colby	$\frac{1}{2}$ A Bourke	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 C Capps	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Pruner	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 S Van Gelder	0 C Svalberg	1

<u>U.C. 3, M.I. "Bishops" 4</u>				4 H Holden	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Jonas	$\frac{1}{2}$
1 J Hursch	O	W Addison	1	5 E Simanis	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Stamer	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 R Currie	1	R Plock	0	6 A Chappell	0	K Bopp	1
3 D Feizer	1	D Nieder	0	7 E Thompson	0	O Wreden	1

FINAL STANDINGS:

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Mech. Inst. "Knights"	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	30
2. Golden Gate	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	27
3. U.C.	4-2	$23\frac{1}{2}$
4. Castle	4-2	$23\frac{1}{2}$
5. Mech. Inst. "Bishops"	3-3	$20\frac{1}{2}$
6. Palo Alto	1-5	12
7. Oakland	0-6	$10\frac{1}{2}$

There will be a playoff between Golden Gate and the Mechanics' Institute "Knights" for the trophy.

DIVISION B

ROUND VII, April 13, 1957

M.I. "B/1" 6, Oakland 1

4 D McLeod	1	Forfeit	0
1 L Tomori	1	Forfeit	0
5 N McLeod	1	Forfeit	0
2 R Keil	1	Forfeit	0
6 R Barringer	1	Forfeit	0
3 L Miller	1	Forfeit	0
7 F Wreden	0	C Larsson	1

M.I. "B" 3, Golden Gate 4

4 Freund	1	H King	0
1 J Cook	0	Dr B Gross	1
5 W Hudson	1	C Huneke	0
2 McMurdo	0	H Edelstein	1
6 F Rodnite	0	G Lutz	1
3 H S King	1	J Vaughn	0
7 I Foster	0	B Wong	1

Precita Valley $3\frac{1}{2}$, U.C. $3\frac{1}{2}$

4 J Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Yee	$\frac{1}{2}$
1 N Renaud	0	Jacobson	1
5 D Gibson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Luederitz	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 J Cook	1	P Nielsen	0
6 D Ryan	0	R Wiebe	1
3 L Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Roth	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 I Vegvary	1	R Tinder	0

FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Mech. Inst. "B"	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$
2. Golden Gate	4-2	$24\frac{1}{2}$
3. Alameda	4-2	21
4. Mech. Inst. "B/1"	3-3	$24\frac{1}{2}$
5. Oakland	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$
6. Precita Valley	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$
7. U.C.	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$

GEORGE A. STEVEN

George Steven of Van Nuys was killed on or about March 19 in Illinois, in an airplane accident. George was on a business trip, and when a scheduled flight was cancelled out he and his associates chartered a plane. The aircraft crashed.

George Steven was one of the founders and leading players of the Santa Monica Chess Club. He was a member of that club's state championship team of 1949 and one of the leading figures in the Southern California Chess League. When he moved to the San Fernando Valley several years ago, he organized the Valley Chess Club and a club in Van Nuys.

To George Steven's widow and the children, our deep regret and condolences.

GAME OF THE MONTH

The 1954 Pan-American Open was a great tournament. It was an opportunity for local players to meet the best in the country, attracted to Hollywood by the prospect of a California vacation, financed by the liberal cash prizes.

One of the strong New York players in the tournament was Joseph Hidalgo. In the following game George Steven brilliantly defeats the New Yorker.

PAN-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN, HOLLYWOOD, 1954

Game No. 378 - Staunton Gambit

White	Black
G. Steven	J. Hidalgo

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-KB4 |
| 2. P-K4 | PxP |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4. B-KKt5 | P-B3 |

An unusual reply. Usual is ... Kt-B3, ...P-QKt3 or ...P-KKt3.

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| 5. P-B3 | PxP |
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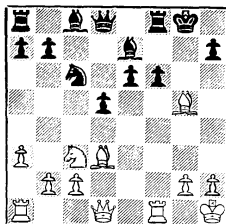
The purpose of Black's fourth move is 5...Q-R4!, putting the question to White's Bishop.

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| 6. KtxP | P-K3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | B-K2 |
| 8. O-O | O-O |
| 9. P-QR3 | P-B4 |
| 10. PxP | BxPch |
| 11. K-R1 | P-Q4 |
| 12. Kt-K5 | Kt-B3 |
| 13. Kt-Kt4 | B-K2 |

This B has moved three times!

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| 14. KtxKtch | PxKt |
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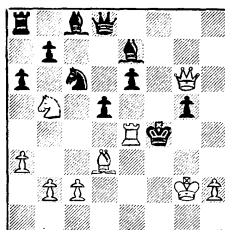
Hoping to start a pawn-roller in the center with the gain of a tempo, but if Black had foreseen White's next move he would have played 14...BxKt.



15. BxPch! K-Kt2
 Naturally not liking ...KtxB;
 16. Q-R5ch, K-Kt1; 17. B-R6 win-
 ning. Besides, he gets the other
 Bishop.

- 16. Q-R5 PxB
- 17. Q-Kt6ch K-R1
- 18. Q-R5 K-Kt2
- 19. B-Q3 R-B4
- 20. P-KKt4 R-B5

- 21. Q-R7ch K-B3
 - 22. Q-Kt6ch K-K4
 - 23. Kt-Kt5
- Allowing Black no escape.
- 23. ... RxRch
 - 24. RxR P-QR3
 - 25. R-Klch K-B5
 - 26. K-Kt2 KxP
 - 27. P-R3ch K-B5
 - 28. R-K4ch! Resigns.



HENDERSON DEFIES THE NORTH!

Acknowledging North Captain Guthrie McClain's introduction prior to Nick Rossolimo's MICC simultaneous exhibition, April 27th, South Captain Charles Henderson forecast dire results for the northern contingent when they meet his South group in the annual North-South Match at Fresno on June 2nd.

Charlie forecast a repetition of last year's South victory, offering to back his judgment with a large fistful of Play Money and Confederate shinplasters, even raiding his gracious wife's purse for stray United Cigar Coupons. His wager went uncovered; someone had made away with the MICC scratch pad.

In a serious vein, Henderson announced plans for a series of inter-team warmup matches in Los Angeles. He described his lineup, and forecast more than one hundred Southern Californians would make the Fresno trek.

There is some speculation concerning how much Charlie's speech may have contributed to the rough evening that the Northerners gave Rossolimo that evening. Sparks were flying when the Hendersons discreetly withdrew. If the head of steam that he engendered does not abate by June 2nd, the Fresno match promises to be hotly contested.

NANCY ROOS

Mrs. Nancy Roos died in Los Angeles on April 6, 1957, of cancer after a long illness. Nancy was women's co-champion of the U.S., a title she won last Fall in New York. A formidable exponent of the Polish Opening, she was especially strong at rapid-transit chess. She was also an expert at the Japanese game of Go. The following tribute was written by her good friend Mrs. Lena Grumette:

"The loss of Nancy Roos is a tragic one to all of us who knew, loved and admired her for the many remarkable qualities that were hers; and in the world of chess in which she was a leading figure, her death leaves a void that will not soon be filled.

"The fortitude and courage she revealed in her nine-year fight against the disease to which she finally succumbed was of a magnitude as overwhelming as it was incredible; her tenacious will to live, undaunted by the inexorable inroads of the disease was a constant source of wonder not only to her many friends, but to members of the medical profession who lent their fine skills to prolong her life.

"Even in her final confinement to bed, her extraordinary zest for life - painwrecked as it was - remained undimmed. Defying the paralysis that crept through her tortured body, she mustered all her strength and prepared herself for her last chess party, a party given by her club. Happy and excited at the prospect of seeing so many of her friends again, this spirited and fearless woman came to the party attended by a nurse - and in a wheel chair. In her face was peace and contentment. A week later she died.

"Nancy, with her warm, vivid and refreshing personality, endeared herself to an unusual number of people, among them many notables in the chess world. But included in the vast circle of people who fell under her spell were also her fellow students in her college classes, her teachers, and almost the entire staff of nurses and doctors at the City of Hope, an institution in which she spent many of her remaining days, and one which to her had been 'heaven on earth.' Resigned to her devastating illness, she was nevertheless bountiful in her appreciation and praise for the wonderful protectiveness and care the City of Hope gave her. And thus, in gratitude, and with a compassionate insight into the needs of medical science, Nancy bequeathed her body to be used in advancing scientific research.

"We who now mourn Nancy Roos may take some measure of comfort in the knowledge that our friendship with this unusual and gifted woman was a rich and stimulating experience which death itself can never wither."

HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB, 1957

Game No. 379 - Vienna

White Black
S. Almgren R. Lorber

(Notes by Robert Lorber)

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. | P-B4 | P-Q4 |
| 4. | PxKP | KtxP |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | B-QB4 |
| 6. | P-Q4 | |

Alekhine gives 6. Q-K2.

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| 6. | ... | B-QKt5 |
| 7. | B-Q2 | |

If 7. Q-Q3, P-QB4; 8. PxP, B-KB4! †

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| 7. | ... | KtxB |
| 8. | QxKt | B-KB4 |
| 9. | B-Q3 | BxB |
| 10. | QxB | O-O |
| 11. | O-O | P-QB3 |
| 12. | Kt-K2 | P-KB3! |

White has an obvious space advantage and Black must counter sharply to equalize.

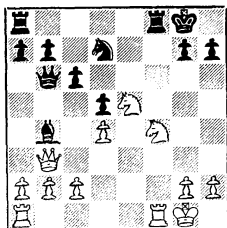
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| 13. | Kt-B4 | PxP! |
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Now if 14. Kt-K6, P-K5; 15. Q-Kt3, Q-K2; 16. KtxR, PxKt; 17. RxB, Kt-R3! =

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| 14. | KtxP | Kt-Q2 |
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With an interesting point!

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| 15. | Q-Kt3 | Q-Kt3!! |
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| 16. | KtxQP! | |
| 17. | K-R1, RxBKt; | 18. P-QB3, RxBch; |
| 19. | RxB, Q-Kt5!; | 20. Kt-K5, Q-K7! + |

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| 16. | ... | QxBch |
| 17. | Kt-K3 | dis.ch. |

If Black had exchanged rooks before QxBch, this would lead to mate in five!

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| 17. | ... | K-R1 |
| 18. | KtxKt | |

Appears to win a piece - but -

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| 18. | ... | RxBch |
| 19. | RxB | R-K1! |
| 20. | P-QR3 | B-Q7 |
| 21. | Q-B7 | QxKtch |
| 22. | K-R1 | P-KR3 |

22...Q-K8 loses to Kt-K5!?

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| 23. | P-KR3 | B-B8 |
| 24. | Kt-B8 | BxP |

Draw agreed.

White must take perpetual check.

Game No. 380 - Vienna

White Black
S. Yarmak I. Rivise

(Notes by Irving Rivise)

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

The books give this as permitting Black to easily equalize but Yarmak has something up his sleeve.

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| 4. | ... | KtxP |
| 5. | Kt-B3 | Kt-Q3 |
| 6. | B-Q5 | |

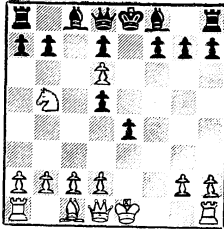
While not entirely original this move has the advantage of getting away from the routine 6. B-Kt3.

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| 6. | ... | P-K5 |
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7. Kt-K5
 Exchanging on White's K4 gives Black an easy game.

7. ... KtxKt?
 An unwise choice to complicate the game. 7...Kt-Q5 was good enough to obtain the initiative for Black.

- 8. PxKt P-QB3
- 9. PxKt PxB
- 10. Kt-Kt5



10. ... Q-R5ch
 11. P-Kt3 Q-R6
 12. Q-K2
 Much better than winning the exchange for after 12. Kt-B7ch, K-Q1; 13. KtxR, Q-Kt7; 14. R-B1, QxRP with ...BxP to follow provides Black with a very strong attack.

- 12. ... K-Q1
- 13. Q-B2 P-B3
- 14. P-QKt3 Q-R4
- 15. B-Kt2

Threatening 16. BxPch but I believe 15. B-R3 was better as Black would then find it difficult to bring his Q-side pieces into play.

- 15. ... P-Q5
- 16. P-QR4 P-QR3
- 17. KtxP BxP
- 18. Kt-B5

White's threats seem almost impossible to meet.

- 18. ... P-K6!
- 19. PxP B-Kt5ch
- 20. P-B3 B-K2
- 21. R-Q1 Q-B2
- 22. P-K4?

Unnecessarily permitting Black to get back into the game. White later indicated that he felt with his Q and B operating along his QR3-KB8 diagonal that Black could not long resist.

- 22. ... QxP
- 23. KtxB KxKt
- 24. Q-B5ch K-B2
- 25. B-R3 R-K1??

An incredible blunder. I had looked at 25...P-Q3 which in later analysis seems to favor Black. However, at the last moment I played the text completely overlooking White's winning reply.

- 26. Q-R5ch P-Kt3
- 27. QxRPch K-K3
- 28. Q-R3ch K-B2
- 29. Q-R7ch K-K3
- 30. Q-R3ch K-B2
- 31. Q-R7ch Draw.

It is apparent that White can win easily but being short of time elected to gain a few moves on his clock by repeating moves. Unfortunately he used his score sheet as a guide and failed to realize his 27. QxRPch had set up the subsequently repeated position for the first time. 'Tis better to be lucky...

Game No. 381 -- K's Ind.

White Black
M. Kerllenevich G. Soules

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
2. B-B4 P-Q3
3. Q-Q3 P-KKt3
4. P-K4 B-Kt2
5. B-K2 O-O
6. Kt-KB3 QKt-Q2
7. B-Kt3 P-B4
8. P-K5 Kt-K1
9. P-B3 Q-Kt3
10. QKt-Q2 BPxP
11. Kt-B4 Q-B2
12. BPxP P-QKt4
13. QKt-Q2 Pxp
14. O-O P-QR3
15. QR-B1 Q-Kt3
16. Pxp Kt-B2
17. P-QKt4 P-K3
18. Kt-K4 Kt-Q4
19. Q-Kt3 Kt-Kt1
20. Kt-B5 Kt-B3
21. P-QR3 R-K1
22. KR-Q1 R-K2
23. Kt-K4 KR-R2
24. Kt-Q6 B-Q2
25. R-B5 Kt/3-K2
26. Kt-Kt5 Kt-B4

27. B-B3 KtxB
28. BxKt Kt-K7ch
29. K-B1 PxB
30. QxP B-K1
31. KxKt P-R3
32. KKt-K4 R-Q1
33. Q-Kt3 R-K2
34. KtxB R/LxKt
35. P-B4 Q-Kt2
36. Q-Q5 QxQ
37. R/LxQ P-B3
38. Kt-Q6 R-Q1
39. Kt-B8 R/2-K1
40. RxR RxR
41. Kt-K7ch K-R2
42. R-B7 Pxp
43. P-B5 R-KB1
44. P-Kt4 P-Kt4
45. Kt-Kt6 R-Q1
46. K-K3 K-Kt1
47. Kt-K7ch K-R1
48. R-R7 R-Q5
49. P-R3 R-QB5
50. RxP R-B6ch
51. K-K4 RxKRP
52. P-B6 Bxp
53. RxB RxP
54. RxPch K-Kt2
55. R-QKt6 R-KKt6
56. Kt-B5ch Resigns.

U.S. CHESS FEDERATION CANCELS 1958 CHESS OLYMPICS

President Frank R. Graves of the U.S.C.F. announced on April 12 that he has been obliged to withdraw the invitation to FIDE to hold the 1958 international team tournament in the United States due to lack of funds. Mr. Graves reports that in spite of his most diligent efforts he was only able to raise, conditionally, \$50,000. While this sum would go far to stage the Olympics, it was pledged with the condition that the American Chess Foundation underwrite the project and assume full responsibility of financing. Unfortunately, the Foundation was unwilling. Once again the richest country in the world has found itself, chesswise, bankrupt.

REPORTER TASKS: This month we offer a little amusement (we hope) and also a little trouble (we also hope).

Task No. 111 is a multiple problem, carrying a total of ten points, no part credit. After you have solved the original three-mover, remove the Kt, and mate in four. Then remove the Kt and white Rook Pawn, and mate in five. Then remove the Rook, and mate in six.

Task No. 112 is a famous prize-winner, which gave solvers a lot of trouble. It also carries a value of 10 points.

We welcome two new solvers to our ladder competition: Nick Alpatov of San Francisco and George Goehler of Los Angeles. Standings through Task No. 108 are:

66 points: Sven Almgren, Los Angeles; E.C. Jonas, San Francisco;
Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, San Francisco; Jerry Slavich, Salinas;
Karl Bopp, San Francisco.

54 points: D.J. Foley, San Jose.

51 points: R.J. Gardner, San Diego.

40 points: Phil Foley, San Jose.

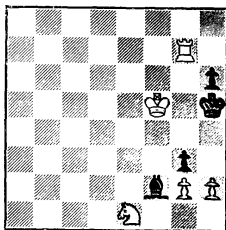
29 points: Prof. L.H. Daugherty, San Jose.

17 points: George Goehler, Los Angeles.

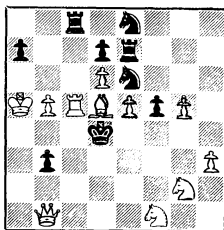
14 points: Hyman Gordon, Los Angeles.

2 points: D.H. Hosea, San Diego; L.S. Wells, Pleasant Hill.

TASK No. 111
White Mates in Three



TASK No. 112
White Mates in Three



ANSWERS: No. 107: 1. Q-Kt7. (N.K. Malakov).
No. 108: 1. B-QKt3. (L.I. Kubbel).

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