



A Memo from

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Things You Should Know

ABOUT THE San Francisco Chronicle CHESS COLUMN

You are always welcome to join the Sunday Ladder Solving Competition. One point is given to all contestants who send in a solution—right or wrong; two points for each correct solution of a two-mover; one additional point for "cooks" (more than one correct key move); two points for a no-solution claim if justified (we do not print "no-solution" problems intentionally—but when such a problem does turn up, your claim of a "no-solution" gets you two points); four points for each correct solution to a three-mover. Only KEY moves should be sent for two-movers. Each month there are two book prize winners, who then lose their points and start again at the bottom of the ladder. Solutions must be postmarked before midnight of Tuesday following publication of the problem. **CARD MUST BEAR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SENDER.** If answers to questions are desired, enclose a self-addressed, stamped post card.

A list of the solvers appears each month.

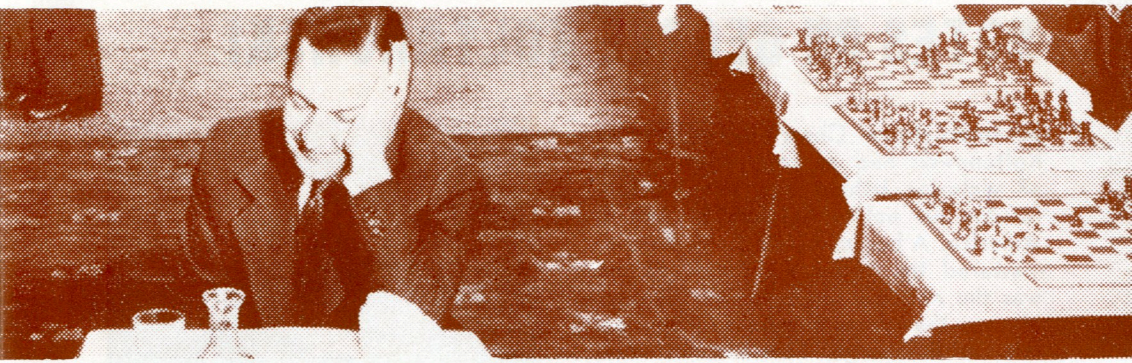
CHESS BY MAIL

You are welcome to play a game by mail with George Koltanowski—just send a card asking for a number and state what color you wish to play. If you choose the white pieces—add your first move. You will then find your name and number, appearing in the daily chess column, with an answer to your move. You then have three days to answer. If you win you receive a chess book as a prize. Always include your name, address, telephone number, move number and game number on your card.

ADDED COMPETITIONS

Many competitions with numerous chess books and magazines as prizes are run continually during the week-days. A special Chess News Column will be found in the Sunday Chronicle. Readers are also invited to join The Chronicle Chess Club.

ALL CHESS QUESTIONS ANSWERED FREE OF CHARGE



REGARDING THE NOTATION

The following diagram will show you how to record your moves. It's important that you learn the notation, since you will then be able to follow all the games and articles that are published daily in the San Francisco Chronicle.

N stands for Knight

O-O stands for Castling King's side

O-O-O stands for Castling Queen's side

x stands for take

— stands for to

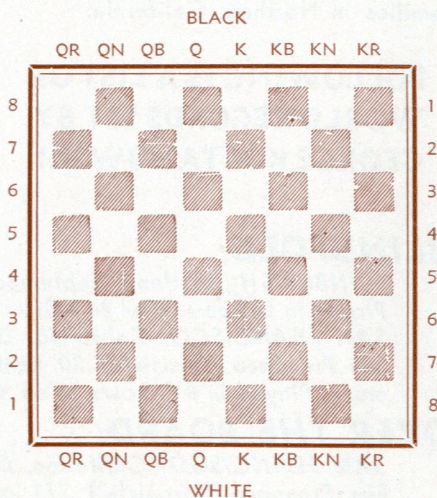
! stands for good move

? stands for bad move

ch stands for check

dis ch stands for discovered check

d ch stands for double check



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GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI'S Chess Column
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NOTES ON GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

An International Chess Master, George Koltanowski had an impressive record of victories behind him even before leaving his native Belgium to live in America. A beginner at age 14, he soon mastered the game. At seventeen, he was the national champion of Belgium. He won the World Blindfold Championship at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1937, and since that time has reasserted his mastery at the blindfold game.

His column has appeared regularly in The Chronicle since May, 1947 and his name has become synonymous with good chess among countless Chronicle families in Northern California.



FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF WORLD RECORDS SET BY GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

CHAMPION AT 17

BLINDFOLD:

EDINBURGH, Scotland, September 20, 1937: 34 games simultaneously. Played in 12 hours. Won 24—Drew 10!

SAN FRANCISCO, California, December 2, 1951: (Sponsored by The San Francisco Chronicle) 50 games—ONE AT A TIME—10 seconds a move. Played in 8½ hours. Won 43—Lost 2—Drew 5!

OVER THE BOARD:

SAN FRANCISCO, California, December 4, 1949. (Sponsored by The San Francisco Chronicle.) 271 games simultaneously (started with 40 boards). Played in 12 hours. Won 251—Lost 3—Drew 17!

LOS ANGELES, California, May 22, 1955. 110 games simultaneously (ALL AT ONCE). Played in 12 hours. Won 89—Lost 4—Drew 17!

Chess Books Written By George Koltanowski . . .

In FLEMISH

Het Geweigerd Demegambiet
1929, Antwerp

Dame-Indisch . . . 1929, Antwerp

Konings-Indisch . . 1930, Antwerp

De Budapester Verdediging
1930, Antwerp

Hoe meester G. Koltanowski; het wereldkampioenschap Blindsimultaan veroverde . . . 1931, Antwerp

In FRENCH

Mollet 1935, Brussel

Rosas 1935, Brussel

In SPANISH

Hastings . . 1934, 1935, Barcelona

In ENGLISH

En Passant 1937, Edinburgh

My Castles in Spain

1940, Lynchburg, Va.

Chess Chats . . . 1950, Santa Rosa

Practical Chess 1948, New York

Chess Annual, 1954

1955, San Francisco

Adventures of a Chess Master

1955, New York

Colle System I and II

1957, San Francisco