

● Chessmaster Herman Steiner of Los Angeles informs us that he has obtained 540 new members for the U. S. Chess Federation, that San Francisco will probably be the scene of the next California State Championship Tournament, that he is giving a gigantic simultaneous exhibition in Los Angeles during November for the benefit of the Russian War Relief. He also reports that plans for the National Open Championship, to be staged in Los Angeles next year, are well under way. One of Herman's many friends on the West Coast has already contributed a \$500 trophy in sterling silver. Chess interest in California is increasing by leaps and bounds.