# Pair Finish in Tie for First Place in Chess Tourname

## MAY 13 1955 **PG&E Players** Schedule Match

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

Alex Nikitin and Eric Salo finished in a tie for first place in the advanced players' tournament of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The two top men will play a short match to determine the champion. Here are the final standings:

Alex Nikitin
Eric Salo
David Lee
George Maneatis
Dick Moon
S. Davies
Leo Orloff
Clarence Young
Simon Paters 5½-3½ 5-4 4-5 3-6 Simon Peters George Wiwel 1/2-81/2

PG&E finished The team second in the team tournament of the Bay Area Industrial Chess League. This was very good, considering that it was the team's maiden attempt.

## Win Book Prizes

Karl Bopp Jr. and Richard Neeld, both of San Francisco, win book prizes for the best analyses of the end-game by A. Kazantsev, published in column two weeks ago. This composition won first prize in an important competition in 1953.

The best play for both sides : 1 R-Kt7, Q-K4; 2 B-Q1ch, K-R4; 3 P-Kt4ch, K-R3; 4 B-K2ch, QxB; 5 K-Kt8, Q-K4ch; 6 K-B8, Q-K1ch; 7 K-B7, BxP; 8 P-R8-(Q)ch, QxQ; 9 R-Kt6ch, K-R2; 10 P-Kt5, B-Kt2; 11 R-R6ch,

BxR; 12 P-Kt6 checkmate. Bopp and Neeld sent in per-

fect solutions to this very pret-ty-and difficult-ending. Congratulations! A number of our very best

solvers were fooled by the near try 4 B-Kt3, which leads to a win in most variations, but not all. Black's best reply is BxP.

We warned our solvers that Task No. 95, the three-mover by Dr. A. Kraemer, was very tricky, but apparently our readers didn't believe us!

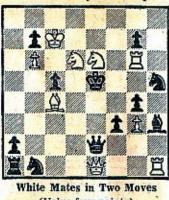
#### Extra Points

Over 50 per cent of our solvers sent in R-B1 or R-R1, or b o t h, as key-moves, and claimed extra points for "cookboth, ing" the problem.

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However, after R-B1 or R-R1, 15 R-K1 15 R-K1 15 R-K2 17 R-K3 17 R-K4 17 R-K5 17 R-K

Task No. 97-By R. Thompson



(Value four points) Answer to Task No. 96: P-Kt4

to play and draw, which won a prize a couple of years ago. It is by the Russian composer A. P. Gulyaev.

White (six men): King on QB6; Rook on KR5; Bishop on KB8; Pawns on K3, K5, and QR4. Black (four men): King on KKt1; Rook on QR3; Bishop

on QKt3; Pawn on KB7. White' to play and draw.

### East-West Matches

We offer a copy of a recent chess publication for best analysis. Solutions should be postmarked not later than May 18. Don't forget the team match between East Bay and West Bay tomorrow night at Me-

chanics' Institute, 8 p.m. Every-

body is welcome.

Deadline for entry in the San Francisco championship tourna-ment is Friday, May 20, mid-night. Send your entry to Guth-McClain, 244 Kearny-st. fourth floor, San Francisco 8.

The following bitter struggle occurred at board 4 in the re-cent match between Mechanics' Institute and Golden Gate.

and Golden Gat QUEEN'S PAWN White—D. Poliakoff Black—H. Gross Kt-KB3 27 RxPch P-Q4 28 QxRch B-B4 29 Q-Q3 9-B4 30 R-Q1 Kt-B3 31 B-Kt6 P-K4 32 B-K3 P-Q7 34 QxR P-Q5 34 QxR PxP 35 Q-K12 Kt-K5 36 P-R4 KtxP/4 38 Q-Q5 BxKt 39 Q-K6 B-K3 40 B-K15 Q-R3 41 PxB 1 P-Q4 2 Kt-Q2 3 KKt-B3 4 P-KKt3 5 PxP 6 P-B3 KxR Q-K3 K-K+1 B-K2 R-K+1 R-Q1 RxRch Q-Q3 K-R1 B-B3 50lv-50lv-7 Kt-Kt3 8 P-QR4 9 B-Q2 10 PxP 11 B-Kt2 200k-12 O-O 13 KtxKt 14 Kt-R4 -Kt3ch Rt-K5 KtxP/4 Q-Kt3 BxKt B-K3 Q-R3 B-K2 R-Q1 O-O 40 B-Kt5 41 PxB 42 P-KB4 43 K-B1 44 PxP 45 Q-K8ch 46 Q-Q7ch 47 Q-K8ch 48 Q-Q7ch 49 Q-K6ch 50 Q-B6ch Draw sorre Kt-K2 Q-B4ch PxP KR-K1 B-B5 Q-R1 B-Q4 RxB