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The "Sacramento Chess News" is planned to be issued semi-monthly, near the middle and end of each month. It will be issued at cost of materials to chessplayers in the Sacramento vicinity, by the Capital City Chess Club. It is not necessary to be a member of the Chess Club in order to receive "Chess News". If all recipients of this will please send to the Secretary the names and addresses of chessplayers who are not receiving "Chess News", we will soon build a large circulation - which will be all chessplayers.

We still have on hand between 30 to 40 copies of the 1948 Yearbook. Club members without a copy please contact an official of your Club as you are entitled to one. For non-club members the cost is 10¢ per copy. The 1948 Yearbook is the last one issued to date; 1949 is ready to be run off - but it may be decided to wait until 1950 tournament results are available and combine the two years into one book.

Your club dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$1.25 each three months. These should be paid as soon as possible - the club needs the money to operate.

Score sheets are available in pads of 100 sheets, 50¢ per pad. See Secretary.

For your general information, club officials are:

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Tournament Chairman, Neil Austin, 1608 42nd st., 5-6081

In the Feb. 20th issue of USCF's Chess Life, we read that Yugoslavia defeated (that means beat) the United States by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Denker and Bisguier, on 4th & 10th boards, played outstandingly for the U.S., each winning a game and drawing one.

BOOK REVIEWS

LET'S PLAY CHESS (\$1.00 - Chess Review) This is a large magazine size book, giving the elements of chess step by step with many diagrams, fully explained and easily understood. Main lines of play are given for main openings. A good beginner's book.

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (H. Golombek, \$3.00; David McKay Co. Philadelphia, publisher) Publication date is March 1, 1950. This is an excellent record of the recent championship. You will have to see it and play out some of the games to be able to thoroughly appreciate its contents. Well worth the price asked and every chessplayer should have one.

WORLD CHESSMASTERS IN BATTLE ROYAL (I. A. Horowitz & Hans Kmoch, published by Chess Review) Covers the recent world championship, utilizing the benefits of Horowitz's knowledge of the participants and Hans Kmoch's excellent annotations. Price is only \$3.50. We suggest owning this book and Golombek's too, for the purpose of comparison of notes and the different slants given to the tournament.

Your reviewer (J. B. Gee) has copies of the above books which you may inspect and check over - in case you are interest in purchasing some good chess books.

Comments by Flynn

Among the newcomers...Jim Rochelle. Jim took up chess only recently but already he's convinced it's a great game. Despite his lack of playing experience he is already developing a good attacking game. Moreover he has the courage to go with it. Entered the tournament too. Figures he can't do any worse than lose and sometimes you learn more by losing, and faster. He has several chess books, recently acquired, and as he digests those books, look out for Jim Rochelle!

Vic Burns brough a friend with him last time -- Harry Reichow. Welcome to the club, Harry. Hope we can give you some good games and enjoy our hobby together.

Wonder if it's true, that gag about our favorite dentist, Dr. Yuke and Dick McDonald, his opponent in that first-round draw -- one of the tightest games ever seen hereabouts. When they got down to one bishop each, and a locked pawn position -- somebody said: "All you got to do, Dick, is win one little pawn. Taking pawns from Yuke is easy, heh, heh!" McDonald snorted: "Easy, yeah. Just like pulling teeth!"

A picture in concentration -- Sam Johnson vs. Mr. Trousdale in their second-round tournament game. Both deep, deep in thought -- and having a wonderful time.

When Soligan and Flynn (lucky boys) drew Gee and Meyer in the second round, were they scare? Soligan put up a brave front, gulped and said: "A cinch. Let's go home early." Flynn mumbled the old gladiator mott: "We who are about to die salute you."

Steve Spaulding wants to know when we're going to have a youngster tournament -- says he has a couple of kids that know the game and are regular little piece-stealers. Maybe he could bring them down sometime just for fun and we could give them odds. But from what he says, I don't know. Maybe they should give us odds.

We need material for the "Chess News". Let's not let all the work fall on the shoulders of Flynn, Austin, Marianos, and Gee. Anyone who has anything of interest (comments, jokes, articles, etc) please send it in. Only one requirement imposed: It must be about chess - chess - and more c-h-e-s-s!

And be sure to send in names and addresses for our mailing list! Through this small paper we can let all chessplayers in and around Sacramento know what is going on (and to whom!) and that will arouse interest - and incidentally increase the size of our club - we hope!

So let's all help - in whatever way possible.

TEAM & TOURNAMENT PLAY
By Neil Austin

<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>	
1. Slavich	0	Gee	1
2. Mueller	1	Meyer	0
3. Crofut	$\frac{1}{2}$	Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Daugherty	0	Applegate	1
5. Malig	1	Johnson	0
6. Buschine	0	Trousdale	1
7. MacCarty	1	Marianos	0
8. Talcott	<u>1</u>	Spaulding	<u>0</u>
	$\frac{4}{2}$		$\frac{3}{2}$

The final standings of the teams were:

1. Modesto	5 - 0
2. San Jose	4 - 1
3. Sacramento	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
4. Stockton	2 - 3
5. Fresno	1 - 4
6. Oakdale	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

White	Black				
Gee	Slavich (SJ)				
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	11. KR-K	P-N3	21. Pxpch	N(2)xF
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	12. P-K4	PxBP	22. B-N3	P-N4
3. N-QB3	P-Q4	13. QxBP	B-N2	23. B-N6	B-B
4. P-K3	P-B3	14. B-N5	Q-B	24. B-B7ch	K-R
5. N-B3	B-N2	15. Q-N3	QR-B	25. N-K5!	N-K2
6. Q-N3	O-O	16. P-K5	N-Q4	26. BxP	BxB
7. B-Q2	P-K3	17. N-K4	R-R	27. QxB	N(3)-Q4
8. B-Q3	QN-Q2	18. N-Q6	KR-N	28. N-Q7	Resigns
9. O-O	R-K	19. B-R4	P-KR3	1:36	1:35
10. QR-Q	Q-K2	20. B-K4	P-B4		

And Gee says he isn't going to put his game scores in this paper every time - so if you want a game or two to play over - better turn in some scores to print!

TOURNAMENT

With most of the second round games played, the tournament leaders are J. B. Gee, Geo. Flynn, and Sam Johnson all with scores of 2-0. The sensation of last week's play was Flynn's win from Meyer. It was certainly a very creditable effort.

No forfeits have been called as yet for failure to show up for the first night's play in a round. However, the committee urges that, if you cannot appear, you notify someone of the fact. We are allowing two weeks for each round, but everyone should try to get their game started in the first week.