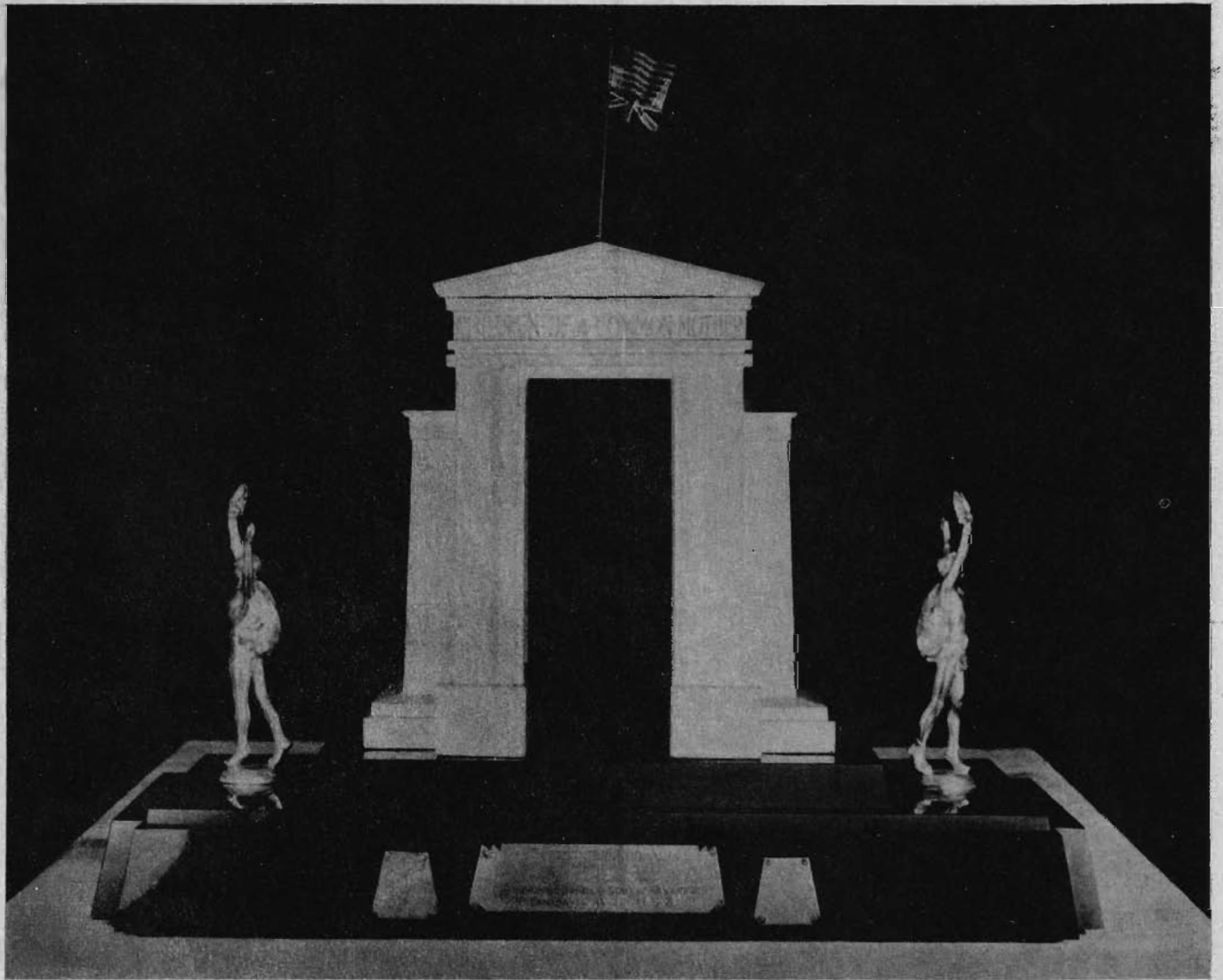


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EDITORIAL

JACK FINNIGAN, our retiring editor, deserves all the credit we can give him. His work, ideas and especially his cartoons are beyond compare. With the aid of his cartoons and ideas I hope that I may fare as well as he has. We take off our hat to you, Jack.

The SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH was, in the opinion of Washingtonians, a complete success. In short we won and have possession of the "Peace Arch Trophy" for another year.

The Canadians, led by Team Captain Dave Greemer, descended upon us from a chartered bus and the moral effect of seeing them enter in a body may have made us cautious enough to win. Regardless of who won, good chess was played by both sides and excellent examples of sportmanship exhibited.

Our hosts from British Columbia made perfect preparations. The supervision of the games and pairings were handled without incident or controversy by the two team captains Jack L. Finnigan and Dave Greemer. It was regrettable that all the players traveling this long distance did not get to play. Washington had a better turn out than did British Columbia and consequently some Washington players were left without Canadian Opponents. Perhaps someone will come up with an idea to prevent this from happening next year.

Before our games started with British Columbia, copies of a "SOUVENIR PROGRAM", published by the WCF and in a form similar to the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER, were distributed to all the players of both teams. This not only gave the players from B.C. a glimpse of chess in Washington but it gave all the players a souvenir of the event and a score sheet.

This SOUVENIR ISSUE was also mailed to non--subscribers to inform them of the match and show them the advantages of being a subscriber.

The idea for the publication of this "SOUVENIR ISSUE" was very well considered and we should all give Dick Allen, who originated it, a pat on the back.

The WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION held a short meeting after the match for presentation of the following trophies:

Peter Husby received the Oscar Award for outstanding service to the WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION for 1949.

Robert C. Stork received a trophy for winning the 1950 Puget Sound Open.

Mrs. Venneberg received a cup for winning the Women's Championship Tourney 1950.

A report has just been received from Dick Greenwood of Spokane Washington that the section of the International Match held at Colville, Washington was also in favor of Washington. That makes the known score at this time Washington--34 British Columbia--17. The results of the Colville match are:

WASHINGTON -- 4

BRITISH COLUMBIA -- 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Dick Greenwood, Spokane ----- 1 | Thomas Middleton, Nelson, B.C. --- 0 |
| 2. Len Bogart, Spokane ----- 1 | Frank Hawkins, Bonnington, B.C. -- 0 |
| 3. Larry Adams, Spokane ----- 1 | John Yeatman, South Slovan, B.C. - 1 |
| 4. Dick Murphy, Cheney ----- 0 | Bill Ludlow, Nelson, B.C. ----- 1 |
| 5. Lester Greenwood, Spokane -- 1 | Jake Vandervalk, Nelson, B.C. ----- 0 |

RESULTS OF WASHINGTON—BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL MATCH HELD AT MOUNT VERNON, B.C.

June 18, 1950

CLASS A

WASHINGTON — 16

BRITISH COLUMBIA — 12

1. Robert C. Stork	*
2. C. Joachim	1
3. Bob Neale	*
4. Neil Power	0
5. G. Schain	0
6. G. Müller	0
7. Max Bader	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. V. W. Bever	$\frac{1}{2}$
9. J. A. Mass	0
10. J. Hourse	0
11. Dr. Shephard	0
12. D. Seitor	0
13. L. Taro	1
14. S. Miller	$\frac{1}{2}$
15. R. F. Allen	0
16. S. Hourse	1
17. Dr. Gold	0
18. L. Allyn	1
19. D. Murray	1
20. C. Enz	1
21. Ed. Lindstrom	1
22. L. Coubrough	1
23. J. H. Lynch	1
24. T. Davidsen	1
25. O. Traynor	0
26. L. A. Mercy	1
27. D. Allyn	1
28. L. Gustafson	$\frac{1}{2}$
29. B. Sprague	1
30. G. L. Christy	1

1. Jursevskis	*
A. Helman	0
J. Taylor	*
C. F. Millar	1
Dave Greener	1
H. Pratt	1
A. Engleman	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Blake	$\frac{1}{2}$
H. Butler	1
F. Atnikov	1
O. Hawes	1
A. Stevenson	1
C. Carroll	0
J. Prentice	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. Stenc	1
S. Jackson	0
W. C. Hobden	1
V. Noske	0
F. G. Crompton	0
A. E. Russell	0
G. Culbert	0
F. T. Honey	0
C. D. Garrett	0
H. Coplestone	0
P. A. Douglas	1
T. Gowan	0
B. Arden	0
C. H. McLeod	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. H. Emenson	0
J. Dalton	0

*To be adjudicated

CLASS B

WASHINGTON — 14

BRITISH COLUMBIA — 4

31. J. I. Paterson	1
32. J. Ring	1
33. T. Warner	0
34. E. Arnold	1
35. H. Case	1
36. C. F. Raymond	0
37. J. J. Butterfield	1
38. E. I. Walker	1
39. R. Picken	1
40. F. A. Butler	1
41. P. Husby	1
42. F. Burgess	1
43. J. Roth	1
44. W. H. Hoge	1
45. H. Anderson	0
46. K. Seekamp	1
47. H. R. Buhor	1
48. E. J. Tweeddale	0

P. Siemens	0
J. H. Lacey	0
W. Lott	1
D. Lowther	0
Dr. J. T. Lawson	0
E. B. Nelson	1
C. J. Littlewood	0
C. G. Powis	0
J. Garrett	0
H. W. Dunn	0
H. C. Purchace	0
S. E. Jenkaw	0
H. Brook	0
F. C. Eckhoff	0
H. O. Ensor	1
W. Greer	0
H. Matheson	0
J. H. McCharles	1

PROBLEM COLUMN

(Solutions on page 6)

1. Mate in two
Black 6 men

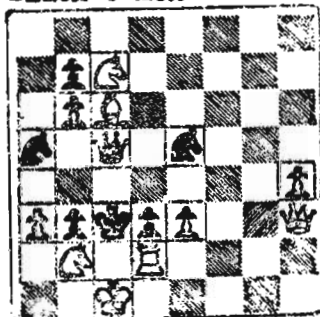


White 6 men

We are introducing for the first time a long desired page in the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER a "PROBLEM COLUMN". The equipment making this possible has just been purchased thru the Federation and difficulties are being ironed out to make the idea workable and we hope, a success. This is still in the experimental stages and any suggestions for improvements will be warmly welcomed.

If you have any ingenious chess problems, send them in and we'll pass them around.

2. Mate in three
Black 6 men

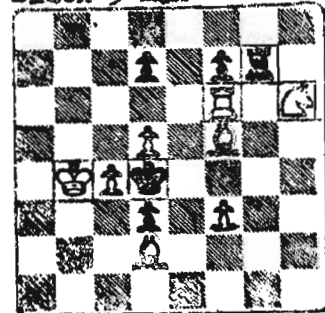


White 10 men

PROBLEM NO. 1
(Author unknown)

White has 6 men and black 6 men. Black has managed to get his queen pinned but white doesn't need to take advantage of this. Instead white to move and mate in two. Short but clever.

3. Mate in four
Black 5 men



White 8 men

PROBLEM NO. 2
(Author unknown)

White has 10 men and black 6 men. Here white accepts the challenge and finishes the game in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 3

The author of this problem is Mr. J.J. Butterfield of Conralia, Wash.

The answer here is far from obvious and this is a dandy 4 mover for white.

4. White to win
Black 16 men



White 7 men

PROBLEM NO. 4

The author of this problem is C. D.H. Moore of Oak Bay B.C.

This is one of the most spectacular problems I have ever seen, and the final position is astounding. Solve it if you can. White to play and win.

POSTAL CHESS

NEIL F. POWER

POSTAL CHESS EDITOR

Those players whose specialty is postal chess can get into the act by sending their entry to Neil Power, 429 Cedar, Snohomish, Washington. This is for the players who prefer the postal game so send in your 50¢ today and improve your game. Neil will send you your opponents and you can start playing immediately.

Postal Chess Ratings

Big A's

Charles Ballantine-----	1581
J. A. Nass-----	1532
Neil F. Power-----	1479
L. H. Green-----	1397
E. Tweedale-----	1375
Miss Alice Grey-----	1369
Leslie Coubrough-----	1361

Class A

Ballantine-----	1581
Bever-----	1229
Bushnell-----	1210
Cerretelli-----	1275
Christey-----	1229
Coubrough-----	1361
Gordon-----	1237
Greene-----	1397
Miss Grey-----	1369
Harmeson-----	1262
Hazen-----	1288
Kaffenberger-----	1236
Magerkurth-----	1294
Haas-----	1532
Power-----	1479
Tweeddale-----	1375
Yocom, H. E.-----	1314
Hardinge-----	1250
Norman-----	1167

Class B

Allen-----	972
Amsden-----	1132
Arntzen-----	1052
Blakefield-----	1044
Cairncross-----	1152
Cutshall-----	1054
Dolle-----	1130
Emerson-----	1046
Hellums-----	1177
Howard-----	1095
Husby-----	1062
Landenberger-----	993
McCarthy-----	1140
McArthur-----	977
Merik-----	1103
Moore-----	1137
Mulder-----	1051
Orme-----	998
Parry-----	1012

Raleigh-----	913
Rich-----	1195
Roberts-----	984
Running-----	994
Sams-----	1062
Seekamp-----	1026
Taylor-----	1079
Yocom, C.-----	1007
Baker-----	1044

Class C

Hiscox-----	829
Karch-----	746
Marshall-----	762
McCormell-----	850
Mrs. Moss-----	734
Neilson-----	805
Plume-----	732

CORBETT'S CHATTER

They have given yours truly a new job, that of "New Excuse" editor. I am still wondering whether or not it was a personal reflection. Not, mind you, that I tend to make excuses for the few games that I lose, but there does seem to be mitigating circumstances in most of those "few" games. I am sure that I am not the only one who has a reason for losing, and for this reason it seems strange that I have received no answers to the notice in the classified advertising. Just wait until they send a bill out on that ad — will I tell them.

The story behind that ad is an interesting one too. It seems that T. Pat was calmly perusing his copy of Modern Chess Openings when the telephone rang. Those of you who know Dick Allen can picture the tone of the conversation. Dick wanted to know whether your humble servant could fill in on the job of the New Excuse editor. After describing the glories of such an occupation, and yet never mentioning what work could possibly be involved, Dick convinced me that I should elevate myself by taking the position. I was less surprised than amused when my copy of the "Washington Chess Letter" arrived in the mail the next day. The puzzle is what Dick would have done had I refused to accept his kind offer, he could hardly have changed the already printed and mailed copies with my name as excuse editor. But then that is Dick Allen.

Most of us know Dick through his work in the Washington Chess Federation, as well as the marvelous job that he has done for the interests of chess in general. It is unfortunate that there are not more men with the interest and vitality of Dick. Washington Chess would be better for it. Not that we can always agree with his tactics, a politician is seldom loved even by his own associates. I dislike being railroaded as much as the next fellow, but I realize that very little would be done in this world if we didn't have people like Dick Allen. We should give him a vote of thanks for great work and perseverance. Why, I haven't even received any excuses from him — yet.

RUSSIANS WIN IN CANDIDATES

As predicted, the Soviet players cornered the top spots in the alleged candidates tournament at Budapest, with Boleslavsky and Bronstein tied for first place with 12 — 6 each. Smyslov placed third with 10-8, Keres fourth with 9½-8½ and Najdorf fifth with 9-9.

Boleslavsky lost no games but drew 12, while Bronstein lost 2 and drew 8. The co-victors will play a match for the right to meet World Champion Botvinnik, if FIDE helplessly decides that this was indeed a legitimate candidates tournament.

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Budapest, 1950

Boleslavsky	12 - 6
Bronstein	12 - 6
Smyslov	10 - 8
Keres	9½ - 8½
Najdorf	9 - 9
Kotov	8½ - 9½
Stahlberg	8 - 10
Lilienthal	7 - 11
Flohr	7 - 11
Szabo	7 - 11

SOLUTIONS FOR "PROBLEM COLUMN"

(From page 4)

Problem No. 1 — 1. Q-Q3 and, if 1... Q moves then 2. QxR mate, if 1...RxQ 2. NxB mate, if 1...KP-K4, 2. NxB mate, if 1...KBr-B4 2. QxR mate, if 1...B moves 2. BxQ mate.

Problem No. 2 — 1. Q-N4 and if 1... NxB 2. RxB mate or 1...B-K5 2. QxB Qx either P 3. Q mates, if any other move N-Q1 and mate.

Problem No. 3 — 1. B-N6, if 1...RxB 2. RxB PxR 3. N-N4 P move 4. B-B3 mate, or 1...K-K4 2. N-N4ch K-Q5 3. B-B3 or R-B4 mate.

Problem No. 4 — 1. N-N3ch Pxd forced, 2. Q-R7ch NxQ forced, 3. B-K3ch KxN forced, 4. P-Q4ch BxP forced, 5. B-B4ch PxB forced, 6. PxB mate. White wins with only one pawn and no pieces against all of black's pieces.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Charles Joachim - Tournament Director

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
Wash Woodpushers	Sep 16-17 9AM 1950	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00	Seattle YICA
State Championship	Dec 2-3 9AM 1950	6 Round Swiss	2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Qualification Tournament for State Championship	Jan 27-28 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
State Championship	Feb 10-11 9AM 1951	Round Robin, Seeded and qual. players	2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Women Championship	Feb 24 1 PM 1951	3 Round Swiss	1.00	Seattle YICA
Wash State Speed Championship	Feb 25 1 PM 1951	Round Robin	1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Wash State Junior Championship	Mar 31 9AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	1.00	Seattle YICA
Fuget Sound Open	Apr 28-29 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
4 District Tournaments	May 12 9AM 1951		1.50	Everett, Brem., Olym., Wenatchee
Master-Expert Tournament	May 26-27 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	3.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle

Section IX Paragraph 3 of the WCF By-Laws allows a 50% reduction to all WCF members.

OUT OF STATE TOURNAMENTS

51st U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP -- July 10-22 at Edison Chess & Checker Club, Detroit,

Michigan. Entry fees; \$10.00 plus 1950 USCF Dues \$3.00.

9th ANNUAL U. S. LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP July 15, 11:00 A., Detroit, Michigan.

<p>G. S. G. Ratterson, Seattle Chess Club star, recently staged a simultaneous chess exhibition at the Aberdeen Chess Club. George made a clean sweep of the fourteen boards.</p>	<p>The Tacoma Chess Club will meet this summer at the U. S. O., 13th and Fawcett, every Friday evening. Aberdeen Chess Club c/o Mr. I. Jeffery 614 Simpson Ave., Aberdeen, Washington.</p>
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-GAMES-

Puget Sound Open, 1950

FRENCH DEFENSE

R. Stork	J. Gerretelli
White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K3
2 P-Q4	P-Q4
3 N-QB3	N-KB3
4 P-K5	KN-Q2
5 N-B3	B-N5
6 N-N5	P-QB4
7 Q-B3	Q-K2
8 P-QR3	PxP
9 PxB	PxN
10 QxQBP	N-QB3
11 P-B4	QxP
12 B-Q2	QxQ
13 BxQ	P-KR3
14 N-B3	P-QR3
15 P-KN4	P-B3
16 B-N5	R-QN1
17 BxN	PxB
18 N-Q4	N-B4
19 PxP	PxP
20 NxBP	R-N3
21 N-R5	N-K5
22 B-Q4	R-N5
23 N-B6	R-B5
24 N-R7	K-B2
25 NxB	KRxN
26 P-B3	R/5-B3
27 KR-B1	R-QN1
28 R-R2	R-N1
29 P-R3	P-B4
30 PxP	PxP
31 R-B3	R-N7
32 R-Q3	R/3-KN3
33 B-R7	R-R7!
34 RxQP?	R-R8ch

Question of the month: how long could White delay mate if Black plays 34...R/3-N7 instead?

35 K-K2	R-N7ch
36 K-Q3	R-Q8ch
37 K-B4	N-Q3ch?

After 37...RxR 38 KxR, NxPch regains the pawn besides winning the exchange.

38 RxN!	RxR
39 R-R5	K-N3

40 P-N4	R-KR7
41 B-Q4	RxF
42 K-B5	R-K3
43 K-Q5	K-B2
44 R-B5	R-R7
45 R-B7ch	R-K2
46 R-B6	R/7-K7
47 R-B6ch	K-K1
48 RxKRP	R-Q2ch
49 K-B6	R-KB2
50 K-B5	R-QR7
51 K-B6	P-R4
52 B-B5	R-KN2
53 R-R8ch	K-B2
54 R-R8	P-R5
55 P-N5	R-N3ch
56 K-Q5	R-N6?
57 R-B8ch	K-N3??
58 R-N8ch	Resigns

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

G. Muller	G. Stearns
White	Black
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 N-KB3	P-K3
3 P-K3	P-QB4
4 QN-Q2	PxP
5 PxP	B-Q3
6 B-Q3	N-KB3
7 O-O	O-O
8 N-K5	N-B3
9 NxN	PxN
10 R-K1	P-B4
11 P-QB3	P-B5
12 B-B2	P-QR4
13 N-B3	P-R5!?
14 BxQRP	N-K5
15 B-B2	P-B4
16 N-K5	BxN
17 PxB	Q-R5
18 BxN?

White clears the KB file gratis. With 18 P-B3 he could make this service more costly for Black.

18	BPxB
19 B-K3	B-Q2
20 Q-Q2	R-B4
21 B-Q4	QR-KB1
22 R-KB1	R-R4
23 P-KR3	R-B6!
24 PxR?	QxRP
25 Q-B4	Q-R8 mate

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

C. Enz	White	G. Schain	Black
1	P-Q4	P-K3	
2	P-QB4	P-QB4	
3	P-Q5	PxP	
4	PxP	P-Q3	
5	P-K4	N-KB3	
6	N-QB3	QN-Q2	
7	N-B3	B-K2	
8	B-KB4	O-O	
9	B-Q3	R-K1	
10	O-O	N-R4	
11	B-Q2	P-QR3	
12	P-QR4	N/4-B3	
13	P-R3	N-B1	
14	B-KB4	N-N3	
15	B-R2	B-B1	
16	R-K1	P-N3	
17	B-B2	N-Q2	
18	N-Q2	B-N2	
19	P-B4	P-B3	
20	N-B4	K-R1	
21	Q-R5	P-N4	
22	NxQP	BxN	
23	P-K5	N/2-B1	
24	PxB	QxP?	
25	P-B5?	

White can win a piece now with 25 RxR, RxR 26 P-B5.
 25 N-K4
 26 PxP PxP
 27 NxP?

Here White can hold his own with 27 RxR, RxR 28 R-Q1.
 27 QxP
 28 B-K4 RxR!
 29 BxQ RxRch
 30 K-B2 N-Q6ch
 31 K-N3 BxB
 32 B-N1 R/1-K7
 33 N-B3 RxPch
 34 K-R4 P-N4ch
 35 PxP e.p. NxPch
 36 Resigns

 Kitsap vs. Olympia

ALEXANDER'S DEFENSE

J. Nourse	White	Dr. A. Murray	Black
1	P-K4	N-KB3	
2	N-QB3	P-Q4	

3	P-K5	KN-Q2
4	P-Q4	P-K3
Reaching a well known variation of the French Defense.		
5	N-B3	P-QB4
6	B-K3	PxP
7	BxP	N-QB3
8	B-N5	P-QR3
9	B-K2	NxB
10	QxN	B-B4
11	Q-KN4	O-O
12	B-Q3	P-B4
13	Q-KB4	Q-B2
14	N-K2	P-QN4
15	Q-N3	B-N2
16	O-O	QR-K1
17	KR-K1	B-R2
18	N-B4	N-B4
19	N-N5	P-R3
20	N-B3	R-K2?
21	N-N6	R/1-B2
22	NxRch	QxN
23	QR-Q1

In order to answer 23 ... N-K5 with 24 BxN, BPxB 25 N-Q4:
 23 P-N4
 24 P-KR4 P-KN5
 25 P-R5?

White unnecessarily concedes his KN5 to Black's queen.
 25 R-N2
 26 N-R4 Q-N4
 27 N-N6 RxN!?

More expeditious than 27 ...QxP, but also more dangerous.
 28 PxR P-B5
 29 Q-R2 P-N6!
 30 Q-R3 PxPch
 31 K-B1 PxR/Qch
 32 RxQ B-B1
 33 R-K2 K-N2
 34 P-QN4 NxB
 35 QxN Q-R5
 36 R-Q2

36 Q-R3, QxQ also leads to a won ending for Black.
 36 B-K6
 37 Q-B3

The rook cannot move.
 37 Q-R8ch
 38 K-K2 QxPch
 39 K-Q3 Q-K5ch
 40 K-K2 B-Q5dis ch
 41 Resigns

REHBERG SAYS

Three months of the Summer Chess doldrums are upon us fellas. You can't compete with Summer weather. The K. C. Club attendance is at its usual minimum for this time of the year.

Then of course in the Fall we have the minor sport of football to contend with, which sport by the way seems to have a much greater popular appeal. Who ever heard of 50,000 fans cheering a checkmate? And of course a Stalemate would hardly be worth mentioning.

How about a bunch of us boys getting together to give the Portland Chess Club a lesson in the fundamentals of the game? Via Radio? Might work better if a team combined their efforts on one board with a team captain supervising the final choice of moves. It would be quicker I believe than a match featuring 5 boards. Would the Portland team accept such a challenge?

Thoughts while playing a certain match game: Got to open this one different from the last games. Lucky I've got white, he can't do a thing about that anyway. I'll try the Queen's pawn this time he won't expect it. Yup that's it, 1. P-Q4 and he looks just a little surprised. Ten moves later.....He was not only surprised he was pleased as well! Here I am all bogged down can't break loose with a thing he's all covered everywhere too. Twenty moves later.....No action yet, it is really all bogged down now. Can't get through but neither can he, I hope. Queens off the board, Knights gone and one Bishop off too. Looks like a mean End Game. Pawns all over the board. Oh! Oh! He's going to try something, got tired of blocked position. Left himself open that time. Two pawn moves will do it now. Lure him in with the first move and check with the second. Worked like a charm for once. Will I have to work for it or will he resign (he's a piece down now). Nope have got to work for it. Be brutal trade him out quickly, he'd do it to you wouldn't he? 5 moves later..... He sees the light and resigns and with a smile extends his hand. A good loser.

One of our steadiest customers at the K.C. Club is C. F. Wagner a Chief Warrant Officer in the Marines who learned a lot of chess in China from the Russian refugees there.

Charles Magerkurth of local fame actually turned down a chance to play against B. C. for of all things a checker tournament. Guess he does all right in that field too.

WCF President John Nourse is recuperating from an operation at the Harrison Memorial Hospital in this city of Bremerton at the present time. That is at the time that this is being written. By the time that you read this he will be up and about again. He has a peg-in chess set with him courtesy of G. L. Christey.

W. H. Raleigh, WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION Treasurer, reports the International Match between Washington and British Columbia netted \$51.00 for the WCF. Also at least a dozen new subscriptions to the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER were obtained through the publication of the "Special Souvenir Issue". If any players have any prospective subscribers please refer them directly to the WCF Treasurer W. H. Raleigh, 4313 Densmore Ave. Seattle 3, Washington.

A HISTORY OF ORGANIZED CHESS
IN WASHINGTON STATE
by Jack Hourse

PART TWO

From the first record of Washington Chess being played in 1862 up to Feb. 1932 when Mr. B.C. Bagley passed away, the history of Washington is largely the history of Pop Bagley.

Through all these years this one man's friendly personality, his sportsmanship, his unflinching good humor, his generosity, plus the ability to play a strong interesting game combined to attract to him many players who through a mutual love of the game, became his lifelong friends.

Mr. C. T. Conover, in his column in the Seattle Times, pays him this tribute; "Clarence Bagley was clean and honorable in thought and act. He lived a full life, absorbed in an interest of which we are the beneficiaries, and we owe him much."

Leonard Sheets calls him the "Grand Old Man" of Chess. Norman Jenner says, "No Chess history would be complete without him", and all through the voluminous correspondence I have acquired, Pop Bagley is the recipient of a continuous accolade of praise. The outstanding feature of this picture of pioneer chess is the deep affection and great respect existing between most of these pioneer players. That this purely mental game of ours should have the capacity to weld such a sentimental bond of affection between so many different types conveys to me a heart warming feeling.

Mr. B. A. Erickson words it thus, "The name, Seattle Chess Club, was chosen to give an impersonal aspect, while in reality, it was simply, C.B. Bagley's Chess Club. I may say with fair accuracy that from the time it was organized up to the time of his death in 1932, the so-called Seattle Chess Club consisted of a band of chess partners who rallied around Pop Bagley, who cheerfully carried the full responsibility of the management, personally taking care of operating expense, providing equipment, and all administrative duties. There were no elected officers in any capacity, beyond those who volunteered to assist, which of course explains why no official or other records are found. No one felt obligated to make any record or memorandum. No one felt any concern about the treasury or bank balance. If there was a shortage in anything, no matter what, Mr. Bagley would simply pay the deficit from his own account. The matter of paying dues was more or less on the honor system, which tended to load up the club with dead beats who had no interest except to enjoy themselves. As for the members who lived up to their obligations, none of them, myself included, felt called upon to assume any duty to which they had not been assigned. Mr. Bagley's organization, or band of loyal friends, was his adopted brain child, left to his tender care, and in case of reversal, it was his full right and privilege to pack and store all equipment and vacate the premises without consulting anyone." This was the early Bagley (Seattle) Chess Club.

Clarence Bagley's profession was journalism. He came to Seattle in 1853 at the age of 10, with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Bagley. He became in turn a reporter, editor and part owner of the Washington News, later to become the P. I.

His chess interest commenced with studies of Morphies games, and later he became a pupil of Mr. Piper. Mr. Jenner states: "In the pioneer days, my father played Mr. Bagley for most of a year at checkers before each became aware the other played chess they then switched to chess and made up for the wasted time."

LATE FLASH!!! THE 3RD ANNUAL OREGON OPEN will be held at the Portland Chess Club July 15 and 16. It will be a 5 round swiss, with entry fee and cash prizes. all out of state entrants are invited.

EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

All Hail our new editor, Robert C. Stork. The WCF is very fortunate in finding a man of his ability and enthusiasm to carry the torch for chess. As Jack Nourse says, "When you find a man that wants to do some work, it's like finding gold. Don't fight him, help him." With this, I agree completely.

Stork is so conscientious that he refused to send out the International Match Souvenir issue of the WCL to the regular members. Instead, it was sent to all the non-subscribers we could list and also was given to all the players at the Mount Vernon match. Due to the rush on this special edition, he would publish two editions for June rather than give something inferior to the regular circulation.

Now, reports are coming in on all sides that this so-called "inferior issue" is the best chess letter to be published so far! What's more, new subscriptions and renewals are pouring in, in response to this friendly gesture. Some seem to fear that with all these improvements, we're planning on boosting the dues. This is not the case.

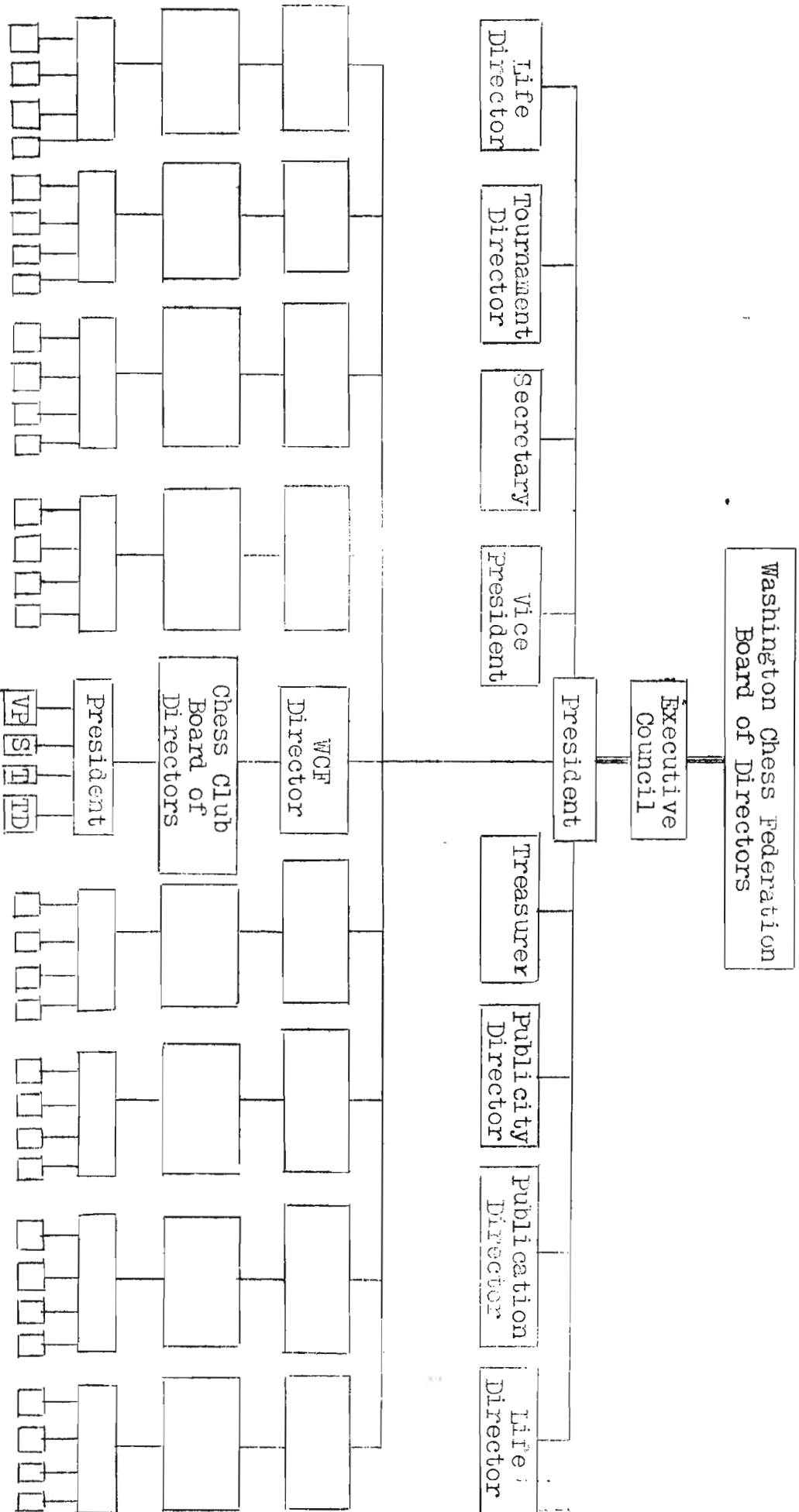
Finnigan certainly deserves a big hand for his excellent work on the WCL. We are fortunate in retaining him on the staff as art-editor. How about a comic strip, Jack? Finnigan let me get away with more than Stork does. Stork is a slave-driver. When the editorial staff met to whip-up the Souvenir issue, one of the first things he said was, "I want everyone to send their stuff directly to me, and if it isn't there by the deadline, it doesn't go in."

This is the thing that reminds me of Larry Taro, our first editor. Taro did a magnificent job in starting up the Washington Chess Letter practically from scratch. I've had my chess letters bound in yearbook form, and if I knew they were irreplaceable, I wouldn't sell at any price. As loose copies, they don't look like much, but when bound by Husby (see classified ad, plug) they do justice to any library shelf.

It is the expressed policy of the WCF that all members know the structure and function of the organization as expressed in our constitution and by-laws. Several amendments were incorporated at the last director's meeting, and a complete codification is being prepared for an early issue.

Our by-laws allow the Tournament Director to establish the time and location of all WCF tournaments and matches except the International Match. This decision is reserved to the board of directors, and according to our by-laws, 1951 is our year to choose the time and the place. Our team-captain, Jack Finnigan, tentatively proposed Blaine, Washington for 1951 after the Mt. Vernon match, which was agreeable to the British. This suggestion was later put in the form of a motion at a meeting of the WCF executive council and was passed over my objection. This action has no legal standing and amounts simply to a recommendation for the next Board of Directors to consider. A quorum was not present... There was no discussion. A lot of people are involved in this affair, we have a whole year to think it over, what's your hurry?

WCF ORGANIZATION COORDINATION CHART



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charles Joachim

Now the 1949-1950 season has passed, and all the players, tournament directors and other woodpushers including experts are exhausted from their strenuous activities. The proper time has arrived, to relax and report and enjoy the past.

First of all the greatest event, the Puget Sound League which includes nearly all major cities of western Washington such as Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham, Bremerton and Olympia, has become a part of chess history, at least for this season and the first time since it came into existence the Seattle Chess Club has wrestled the crown from the strong Tacoma Chess Club. The strong Southerners (nick name for Tacoma) who held the PSL title for the third consecutive year, got an award for their splendid showing, - the trophy they had held for three years is theirs now for good.

In a five round Swiss tournament Robert Stork from Olympia out-nosed (I mean a nose is one point) Vernon Holmes from Tacoma, and proved by winning the Puget Sound Open, that his good showing was not a lucky punch.

Every chess player should know about the chess activities that are going on thruout the state of Washington. There is the above mentioned Puget Sound League; 10 Clubs of five players play a round robin. We are travelling from Olympia to Bellingham and hope for the good fortune that the Bellingham team will return to the league next year. We are playing with chess clocks as a player is only allowed a certain time for his moves. Last year the time limit was 1 hour 15 minutes for 45 moves. This year since many players complained, 1 hour 45 minutes will be allowed for 50 moves.

There is another competitive club tournament, the City League of Seattle, this season the cradle song was heard for my new brainchild and now the anniversary song will be heard soon. I am firmly convinced that there is in every state, and every city, a great interest for chess, as long as it is competitive and organized. But there are some people who do not want a chess club for personal reasons. A few enthusiastic players are reluctant to join a chess club because they are afraid of financial obligations, how little they may be. Some of the players have not sufficient time at their disposal to take advantage of the facilities of a club, some are afraid of risking a self - built reputation. A good point in favor of a City League is that players of a large club who have no chance to play in the Puget Sound League, can thereby gain competitive experience. The Seattle League is not finished yet— the Ladies have still 3 teams to play.

Another yearly competition is the Junior championship, this year won by Charles Ballantine.

If someone likes fast games he should compete in the speed tournaments (last year won by Amidon).

This year the ladies have emerged to celebrity and have established a lady chess club under the able leadership of Mrs. Lindstrom. A women championship was won by a Tacoma lady, Mrs. Vanneberg.

You see we had a large program for the last year and we are planning to extend our activities and add more. There is an old saying: If you offer much, you will offer to more; if you offer more, you will offer to all people.

"MONKEY BUSINESS"

by Carroll Crain
(conclusion)

The next step was to give the monkey some chess lessons. All moves had to conform to a list of chess principles written out as clearly as possible. (Takes a Philadelphia lawyer). After learning the first dozen principles he polished off an uneducated monkey in 28 moves. A few more principles and he made a monkey out of a beginner. He is getting entirely too tough nowadays for me to spot him a Queen.

Here is a recent game:

Jocko	Crain		
1 P-QB4	P-K4	16 BxB	P-N5
2 P-K4	P-QB4	17 B-K2	P-B6(C)
3 N-QB3	P-Q3	18 PxP	PxP
4 KN-K2	P-KB4	19 BxP	Q-R6
5 N-N3	P-B5	20 B-Q(D)	KR-Nch
6 KN-K2	N-QB3	Resigns.	
7 P-Q3	B-K2		
8 N-KN	N-KB3	Notes by Crain	
9 N-KB3	B-N5	(A) I taught him to finish develop-	
10 B-K2	Q-Q2	ment before starting anything.	
11 O-O	O-O-O	(B) You have to keep an eye on him.	
12 B-Q2(A)	P-KR3	(C) A bit crude. I knew he had to	
13 Q-R4	P-KN4	capture..	
14 N-QN5	P-QR3(B)	(D) He saw he was sunk after	
15 N-QR3	BxN	20 Q-Q, N-Q5; 21 B-N2, KR-N.	

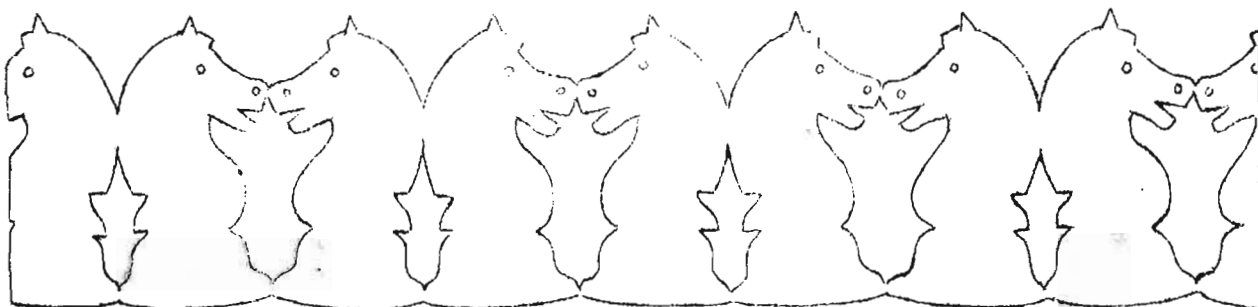
Principles run into conflicts. "Move your pieces out of take". "Always capture an unprotected piece". Simple enough, but suppose you have to do both on the same move? Only solutions are to establish an order of precedence or flip a coin to decide. (Wonder how often I flip a mental coin?)

Some principles cannot be applied. "Do not move to a square that results in loss of material". But supposing some budding Capablanca uncorks a ten move material-winning combination? He might object to the monkey taking back the last ten moves.

Surprising which principles pay off the most. A solid opening, no one move blunders and compulsory captures are enough to whittle down a beginner. "Always check, it might be mate". It wasn't any joke when he had me on the ropes in one game. In fact, one of these fine days he is going to up and beat me, but you can be very sure that no one is going to hear about it.

A couple more lessons and he will be ready to take on Dr. Shannon's gadget. Naturally I do not intend to stop at that. I calculate that a hundred principles will put him on a par with Botvinnik, and when I work up to a thousand principles

NOTE BY ORDERLY-- I regret to say that after the shock treatment, Mr. Crain used the rest of the manuscript for paper dolls.



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