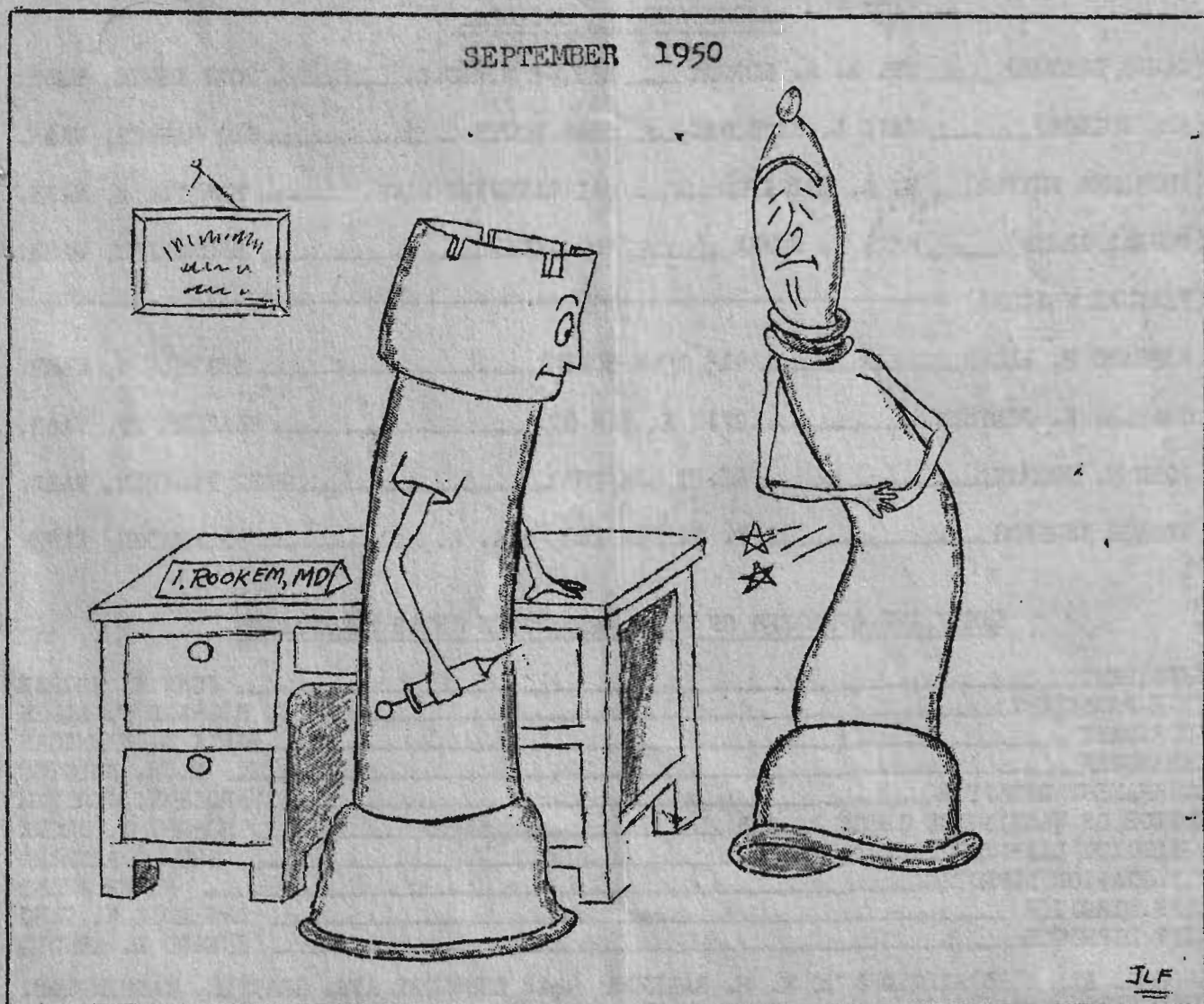


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"I think it's me fianchetto actin' up again, Doc!"

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EDITORIAL

The beginning of the 1950 Puget Sound League found a very sad Olympia team returning from their first match with Seattle Y.M.C.A. Olympia took a very sound trouncing at the hands of the Y team with a score of 7 to 3 and it may be said without a doubt that the Seattle Y.M.C.A. most certainly has a powerful team. They will indubitably place higher than they did in 1949.

The other match, there have only been two completed as the U of W and West Seattle entered late, was Seattle playing Kitsap in Bremerton. The results of this are somewhat of a surprise although Seattle forfeited on one board they managed to win five points for a draw. G. S. G. Patterson of Seattle came through with two wins as seems to be indicative of his skill. I for one would like very much to see you enter more competition Mr. Patterson. If our best players enter our tournaments and matches then our overall ability will no doubt improve. We need you players who have not been participating. How about it? While I am on the subject of players ability the Washington Chess Letter would like to ask apologies of Tacoma City Champion Vernon K. Holmes. Heretofore Mr. Holmes has not been rated as an expert in the WCL list because the editor was unaware he had won the Tacoma City Championship three times. I'm certain there has never been a doubt that Holmes' ability places him in the expert class. And he is not alone in this position for Washington has other players who could well qualify for this rating if they would enter into more competition. However this designation of skill this title of "Chess Expert" was created by man and man's ability at the game of Chess does not alone entitle him to be rated as such. He must prove this ability under specific conditions. I say again there are many players who can do this, such players as Patterson, Nourse, Rehberg, Dr. Murray, Schain, Neale, Muller, Bader, L. Allyn, Ballantine, Mulford and others, ——— so fellows let's see you playing in the State Qualification Tournament. Let us have all the best.

players participating then there will be no doubt of the winners ability!

RESULTS OF PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

<u>Seattle YMCA</u> 7	<u>Olympia</u> 3
Charles Joachim _____ 1	R. C. Stork _____ 1
Max Bader _____ 1½	Dr. A. Murray _____ 1½
Mr. Wade _____ 1½	J. Cerretelli _____ 1½
Ted Warner _____ 1½	Dick Murray _____ 1½
Floyd Hebert _____ 1½	J. Butterfield _____ 1½

<u>Seattle</u> 5	<u>Kitsap</u> 5
G. Patterson _____ 2	G. Rehberg _____ 0
G. Müller _____ 1	J. Nourse _____ 1
Forfeit _____ 0	C. Magerkurth _____ 2
Sturges _____ 0	R. P. Allen _____ 2
T. Davidson _____ 2	G. Christy _____ 0

The University of Washington will be scheduled with a bye the first round because they do not have time to organize their team for the first round.

Tacoma will play West Seattle at the Seattle Chess Club in the Assembly Hotel on October 8th. West Seattle has combined their team with Duwamish and will enter into the Puget Sound League Competition for the first time.

If any Chess Clubs are short of Chess boards they may be obtained in lots of 50 at the rate of 10 cents each. Mr. Bushnell of the Seattle Chess Club says he will use 25 if some other club or combination of clubs could find us for the other twenty five. These boards are green and buff and are printed on a heavy paper. Anyone interested write to Mr. Bushnell, Seattle Chess Club, Assembly Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

CARL ENZ WINNER !!!

CARL ENZ, 18 year old Seattle player, won the FIRST ANNUAL WASHINGTON WOOD-PUSHER'S TOURNAMENT with a remarkable exhibition of excellent playing and a score of 4-0. Unexpectedly he upset Ted Warner, following this he defeated Kenneth W. Mulford, 1949 University of Washington Champion, and then Gerry Schain, 1950 University of Washington Champion and first board for the University of Washington Team, and finally in a beautiful finish he overcame none other than Charles Ballantine, Washington Junior Champion. With this tournament Carl has shown his ability to play first rate chess and it will not be entirely unexpected to see him rate high in many future tournaments. Nice going Carl, keep it up.

Second place was taken by Ted Warner with a score of 3-1 and third was a three way tie broken down by S-B in the following way. Third, Gerry Schain, Fourth, Charles Ballantine and Fifth Kenneth W. Mulford. Sixth place Tied between J. J. Butterfield and Steve Miller and could not be broken, even by the S - B System. Seventh place went to Mr. Allyn who had to leave early and could not complete all his games.

As this was the entry into existence of the WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER'S TOURNAMENT it was not entirely surprising that a small turnout occurred, However the lack of attendance was well replaced by the quality of chess displayed by those present.

RESULTS OF WASH. WOODPUSHERS TOURNAMENT

CARL ENZ	4 - 0
TED WARNER	3 - 1
GERRY SCHAIN	2 - 2
CHARLES BALLANTINE	2 - 2
KENNETH W. MULFORD	2 - 2
J. J. BUTTERFIELD	1½ - 2½
STEVE MILLER	1½ - 2½
MR. ALLYN	0 - 4

ATTENTION !! SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP IN OCTOBER

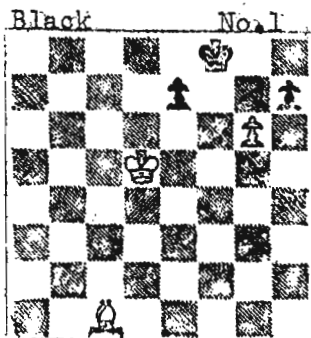
The Annual Seattle City Championship, which was won in 1949 by Artone Wallock, will be held at the Seattle Chess Club, located in the Assembly Hotel at 9th and Madison. The City Championship Tournament will be decided in a 6 round Swiss System in place of the double round robin as it has been previously. The entry fee will be \$1.00 and a trophy as first prize. Play will begin at 9:00 A.M. October 14 and finish up October 15. Glenn Muller, 9309 Linded St. Seattle 3, Wash. will be tournament director.

SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:

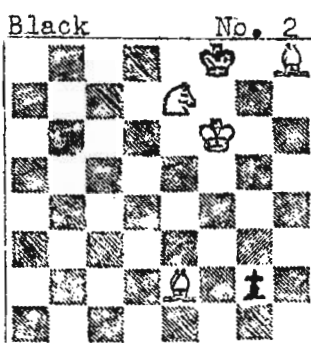
DATE	9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 14 & 15
PLACE	ASSEMBLY HOTEL.
SYSTEM	SIX ROUND SWISS
ENTRY FEE	\$1.00
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	GLENN MULLER

PROBLEM COLUMN

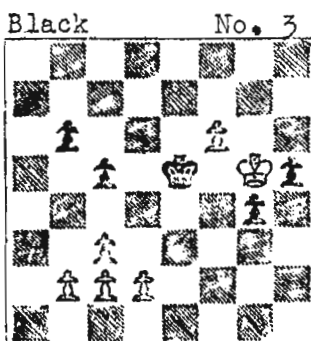
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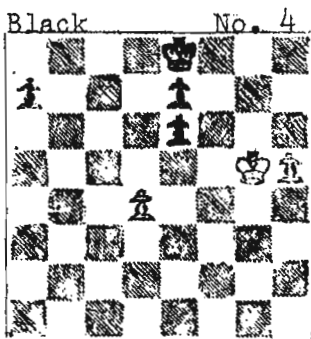
White to move & win



White to play & win



White to play & win



White to play & draw

PROBLEM NUMBER ONE

by Troitsky

This is a very excellent example of "Zugzwang" or sitting back and waiting for your opponent to move himself into an unfavorable position.

White has a Bishop on Q1, one Pawn on K6, and K on Q5.

Black has two Pawns, on KR2 and K2, One King on K1.

PROBLEM NUMBER TWO

"From a British Chess Magazine"

A forced win, though it appears unbelievable because White has no way to stop Black's Pawn from queening.

White has two Bishops, on K2 and KR8, one Knight on K7, and a King on KB6.

Black has one Pawn on KN7 and his King on K1.

PROBLEM NUMBER THREE

by Henri Rinck

An end game study in pawns--- Done incorrectly and Black wins.

White has four Pawns, on KB6, Q2, QB2, and QN2.

Black has five Pawns, on KR4, KN5, QB4, QB6, QN3.

PROBLEM NUMBER FOUR

by Troitsky

A beautiful draw. Black appears to have a clear win but with correct play by White, amazingly enough he can not force it.

White has two Pawns, one on KR5 and one on Q4. The King on KN5.

Black has three Pawns, on QR2, K2 and K3. The King on K1.

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THE OPENING LABYRINTH

BY CHARLES K. JOACHIM

DAMIANO'S DEFENCE.

One of the first things we learn about the game of chess is that it is not good to defend the King pawn with the KBP in the following manner.

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KB3 ? ? . . . |

This move allows NxB and gives White the superior game. Now let us analyze how far this superiority goes.

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|------------------|-------|
| 2. | P-KB3 |
| 3. NxP | PxN |
| 4. Q-R5 ch. | K-K2 |
| 5. QxP | K-B2 |
| 6. B-B4 ch. | K-N3 |
| 7. Q-B5 ch. | K-R3 |
| 8. P-Q4 dis. ch. | P-N4 |
| 9. P-KR4 | K-N2 |
| 10 Q-B7 ch. | K-R3 |
| 11 PxB mate. | |

This is of course the most obvious pit-fall, but other alternatives find White with at least a small advantage.

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| 6. | P-Q4 |
| 7. BxP ch. | K-N3 |
| 8. P-KB4! | B-Q3 or Q-B2 |
| 9. P-B5 ch. and White has an overwhelming position. If Black attempts to find an escape in --- | |
| 8. | P-KR3 |
| 9. BxQNP | B-Q3 |
| 10 Q-R5 leaves him with a useless game. | |

This variation of Damiano's Defence was played against none other than the Great Teti and won by Charles Joachim in a simultaneous exhibition given by the master.

REMI	CHARLES JOACHIM
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	P-KB3

3. NxP PxN
4. Q-R4 ch. P-N3 ? this is a questionable move but inviting to a trap.

5. QxPK5 ch. Q-K2
6. QxR N-KB3 here the trap door is closed and the Queen has no square to go. However there is no piece which can capture or attack the Queen at least within three moves. White must free his Queen and the best way is;

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| 7. P-Q3 | K-B2 |
| 8. B-R6 | BxB |
| 9. QxB | the Queen seems to be free and attacking two unprotected pawns but White's king is exposed to attack. |
| 9. | Q-N5 ch. |
| 10 K-K2 | other moves are worse. |
| 10 | QxPN7 |
| 11 QxPB7 | QxR |
| 12 QxPN7 | N-B3 |
| 13 QxR | N-Q5 ch. |
| 14 K-K1 or Q1 | QxN mate |

Less romantic but more scientific is the way shown in M.C.O.

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|----------|--|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KB3 |
| 3. NxP | Q-K2 |
| 4. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 5. P-Q3 | PxP |
| 6. PxB | and White's position is shown as superior in spite of the fact that Black regains his lost pawn. White has developed two minor pieces and Black's Queen is prematurely exposed to attack. The King side for Black is in a weakened condition which also helps to give White a slight edge. |

Many openings that may in reality be considered unsound can be used to surprise and amaze opponents that do not see the depths of the calculations.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE SCHEDULE
1950-1951

Participants to date: Seattle, Olympia, Tacoma, Kitsap, Y. M. C. A., University of Washington, W. Seattle. (because of the odd number we have room for one more team, how about it Seattle University and Bellingham ?)

Regulations: 45 moves in 1½ hours (slower than last year and definitely an improvement) and each additional 15 moves in 30 minutes. Play begins at 1 P.M. These rules may be changed by mutual agreement between teams before the first game has been started.

If two or more teams tie in the final standings, the team with the highest game point score will be considered the winner.

Round 1, September 24, 1950

Seattle at Kitsap; Olympia at Seattle YMCA; W. Seattle vs. Tacoma; University - bye.

Round 2, October 22, 1950

Tacoma at Olympia; Seattle YMCA at Seattle; University at W. Seattle; Kitsap - bye.

Round 3, November 26, 1950

Seattle at Tacoma; Olympia at University; W. Seattle at Kitsap; Seattle YMCA - bye.

Round 4, December 10, 1950

University at Seattle; Kitsap at Olympia; Seattle YMCA at W. Seattle; Tacoma - bye.

Round 5, January 7, 1951

Olympia at Seattle; Tacoma at University; Kitsap at Seattle YMCA; W. Seattle - bye.

Round 6, February 24, 1951

W. Seattle - Seattle; Kitsap at Tacoma; Seattle YMCA at University; Olympia - bye.

Round 7, March 18, 1951

W. Seattle - Olympia; Seattle YMCA at Tacoma; University at Kitsap; Seattle - bye.

ATTENTION: CLUB TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS PLEASE KEEP THIS SCORE SHEET

TEAMS	SEATTLE	OLYMPIA	TACOMA	KITSAP	YMCA	U. of W.	W. Seattle
SEATTLE							
OLYMPIA							
TACOMA							
KITSAP							
YMCA							
U. of W.							
W. Seattle							

Tacoma will play West Seattle at The Seattle Chess Club October 8, 1950 (Off schedule)

SEATTLE CITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE
1950-1951

The Seattle City League will start off this year at 8 P.M., October 11th at the Assembly Hotel, Seattle.

RULES: 45 moves in 1½ hours, with each additional 10 moves in 10 minutes. 5 man team

Group A Seattle City League

Round 1, October 11, 1950

Seattle vs. University of Washington: YMCA vs. West Seattle: Post vs. Duwamish:

Round 2, November 3, 1950

West Seattle vs. Seattle: Duwamish vs. YMCA: University of Washington vs. Post:

Round 3, November 22, 1950

Seattle vs. Duwamish: YMCA vs. Post: West Seattle vs. University of Washington :

Round 4, January 12, 1951

Post vs. Seattle: University of Washington vs. YMCA: Duwamish vs. West Seattle

Round 5, (date not yet scheduled)

Seattle vs. YMCA: Post vs. West Seattle: Duwamish vs. University of Washington:

Group B Seattle City League

The dates and places of matches of Group B participants will be fixed by Club Captains. Those participating are; Seattle University, Boeing's, Ladies, and Madrona.

SEATTLE CITY LEAGUE SCORE SHEET

TEAMS	SEATTLE	YMCA	POST	DUWAMISH	W. SEATTLE	U. of W.	W	L	D	SCORE
SEATTLE										
YMCA										
POST										
DUWAMISH										
W. SEATTLE										
U. of WASH.										

Attention Club Captains:

After completion of round please mail results to Charles Joachim 2712 E. Fir St. Seattle 22, Washington in the following manner.

CLUB (NAME)			OPPOSING CLUB (NAME)		
Board	Player's Name	Score	Board	Player's Name	Score
(1)	John Doe	2	(1)	Jim Jones	0
(2 etc.)			(2) etc.		

REHBERG SAYS



Tomorrow we play Seattle and altho the match will be history by the time you read this, gentle reader, its still a crystal ball story to me. The Fall and Winter players are coming back into the Kitsap County Club now. I even heard a rumor (strictly unconfirmed) that Dick Allen was thinking of signing up with us for the Winter season.

I think one of the biggest drawbacks to better public relations for Chess is the fact that the fellow who goes to the Chess Club does not want to do anything further than sit and play Chess. Of course that is the main purpose of the Clubs after all. But---there is a certain amount of work to be done and decisions to be taken in any organization. And if Chess is to become the popular game that we would like it to be we must all work toward this end.

Maybe though I'm barking up the wrong tree gentlemen. Maybe YOU don't give two hoots if Chess becomes popular or not. It probably won't so if you feel that way I certainly envy you.

Predictions of things to come:

- 1...Notre Dame loses all her football games this seasons.
- 2...Washington wins all her games this season.
- 3...Taxes get lowered.
- 4...Kitsap County Chess Club wins Puget Sound Chess League title.

Why is it that your opponent is always sure that he could have beaten you if only you hadn't made such and such a move, or if he hadn't made that silly mistake that even a beginning player could have taken advantage of if he were playing a beginner?

It doesn't pay to let your opponent win games just because you happen to feel sorry for them. One of the KC Club members who was just released from a local institution has been broadcasting his triumphs over me while he was confined in that institution and under the influence of powerful drugs.

I repeat it doesn't pay.

Mr. Magerkurth now has so many books on Chess that he is thinking of starting a lending library. He could do it too believe me.

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Everybody see Jack Finnigan's picture in the P.I. for picking the winning teams in the Coast Football Conference a couple of years ago? And getting to go to the Rose Bowl? Remarkable feat for anybody else but for a Chess player of Jack's ability it really wasn't cricket to take the tickets. I mean to say that compared to winning a Chess game over a mediocre opponent the chore of picking winning football teams is comparatively simple. In fact hardly worth while as a serious mental task especially when one can give as many entries as he likes.

Now all this sounds like I'm trying to be-little Jack Finnigan's effort but I am not. I think that he is an excellent Football prognosticator (predicter that is) and of course really deserved the Rose Bowl trip.

The point that I am so laboriously making is: What would the P.I. give Jack Finnigan (or anybody else) for the extremely difficult task of winning the State Chess Title? Or the National Chess Title? Or for that matter what kind of a story would they give Finnigan for becoming World's Chess Champion?

Bet he wouldn't rate over five lines of type and as for a picture---hah!! Still wanta play Chess??

USSR CONTENDERS TIE IN MATCH

The 12-game match between David Brontein and Isaac Boleslavsky to determine which shall play Mikhail Botvinnik for the World Championship ended in a tie with 8 draws and 2 wins for each. Under FIDE rules two more games will be played in an endeavor to qualify a contender.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

SEATTLE

The Seattle Chess Club will hold the Annual City Championship Tourney on October 14 and 15. This promises to be quite a large affair as it always has been, and perhaps more so this year because it has been changed to a swiss system from the usual double round robin thus giving more players an opportunity to enter because of the shorter time required to participate. In deference to majority wishes a trophy will be purchased and on display during the tournament. This is an excellent idea and could well be considered by the Washington Chess Federation.

TACOMA

A tournament for Tacoma Chess Club Championship ended in a three way tie for first place among R. M. Collins, L. L. Coubrough and V. E. M. Hultman. In two matches for team positions Thomas Dolle scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ against Leslie Coubrough and R. M. Collins won two out of three from Lt. Mercy. The 1950 Tacoma City Championship has not yet been arranged but 1949 City Champion Vernon Holmes expects it to be started soon.

OLYMPIA

In a 10 game match between R. C. Stork and Dr. A. Murray the latter overwhelmed club champ Stork to win the initial game. Stork won the second game however to bring the score back on an even keel at 1 to 1. Olympia's team for the first P.S.L. match will include the following players; Robert C. Stork, Dr. A. Murray, Joe Cerretelli, Dick Murray, and Mr J. J. Butterfield.

U. OF W.

The University of Washington anticipates being one of the top contenders for the Puget Sound League Trophy this year. To strengthen their team they will have Lawrence and Donald Allyn from Wenatchee. Lawrence has been playing

top board on his home team and been doing very well at it. Another addition is to be Charles Ballantine, State Junior Champ and top Postal Player, who will be rareing to make up the time he lost during his recent illness. The U. of W. team will also have their old standbys Gerry Schain and Kenneth Mulford. With these two and the three new players they should form a combination that will be very difficult to match.

WENATCHEE

In a recent match with Yakima, Wenatchee scored a $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ win against the southern team. On the first board Lawrence Allyn took both games from William Hoge while on second board Don Allyn scored a draw and lost one game to Yakima County Champion Eli Treisman. Carl Shantz and Richard Miller on boards three and four respectively shut out their Yakima opponents Hal Dawson and Oliver LaFreniere with a full four point score for Wenatchee. Board five found a split between Wenatchee player Bill Lanthrop and Yakima player Max Miller.

Elections were recently held with the following results; President, Dick Miller. Vice-President, Ed Murray and Sec-Tres., Lawrence Allyn until he goes to Seattle to attend the University of Washington.

PORTLAND

Swante Eikrem, who just finished a four game match with Glenn Bills, and winning by a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, has challenged Suchobek to a title match. This is to be a four game clock match like the other and promises to be just as interesting. In the Reddington-Strong match Reddington won the third game to tie the match up at $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Since they are playing until one side wins three games, with draws ignored, this has all the aspects of developing into a long and interesting match. Evans Dahlberg, the Latvian Displaced person, came from behind to win his match with Donald Turner with a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. After suffering a loss and a draw in the first

two games Dehlberg settled down to win the next two in brutal fashion.

OREGON CHESS PLAYERS JIM SCHMITT
BY DONALD TURNER

This begins the first of a "series" of articles upon leading Oregon Chess Players. (there is some doubt about the series part. It's length will depend upon how long I can hide from a lynch mob of ex-subjects).

I felt that members of the Washington Chess Federation might like to learn something about the Idiot-syncretics of their southern neighbors. Especially since they are playing in more and more of your tournaments. For obvious reasons I chose Jim as the subject of my first article.

At 21 Jim has become the strongest expert in the Northwest. With the exception of the 1949 Master-Experts and one second behind Duke he has taken 1st. prize from every tournament, losing only eight games in all of them since 1948. Three Years. . . .

Jim's outstanding characteristic is his understanding of positional chess. Although not incapable of tactical tricks he is nevertheless the positional player "par excellence". Unfortunately he sometimes shows a Capablanca-ish preference for simple and quiet lines rather than chance stronger but complicated attacking ones.

Not the least of his weapons is his knowledge of opening intricacies. Generally speaking Jim adopts positional 2-side debuts. Here too his "safe" policy occasionally persuaded him to use inferior but quiet variations.

Jim plays his tournament chess very seriously, but however, when he relaxes, Whee. . . . Until you have heard his cockney rendition of "Give got a luvly bunch a coconuts" you haven't lived.

In 1911 the "American Chess Bulletin" reported a telegraph chess match between Spokane and Canada which was won by the American team. At that time the first board for Spokane was played by a former Canadian Champion N. M. Macleod.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bob,

. After several discussions with Ulvestad, Crain and I reached the conclusion that 45 moves, rather than 40 moves, represented the average length of good games and at least by then most of the longer games have passed the critical point and if necessary would be much easier to adjudicate. Therefore 45 moves before the first time check seems best for our purpose.

45 moves in one hour is too fast for class A players but class B players usually have no trouble playing up to full strength in this time and generally would be either bored or would not improve their play at 45 moves in 1 1/2 hours. 45 moves in 1 1/2 hours is about as much time as a class A player can use efficiently, some could probably use another half hour for the 45 moves.

As the team playing league members are about evenly divided between class A and class B players a fair compromise would be 45 moves in 1 1/2 hours. A two game match thus taking a maximum of but 5 hours and leaving an extra hour at the finish for playoff. Rarely would there be a game left for adjudication. . . .

Friend, Vernon M. Holmes

Dear Bob,

. We were disappointed not to have more Washington players in our recent Oregon Open. I sincerely hope more will turn out next year.

By the way I want to congratulate you on your Washington Chess Letter, it is becoming a better and better letter. Sometimes I wonder what those poor fools in the Northwest who don't take the magazine do for news and games. (Editor's note. . . this criticism is only fair.. anyone have an answer ??)

Your Friend, Donald Turner

. Members should see what there is available in beginner's chess pamphlets, so that they may be distributed in order to teach and interest others in the game

Morris Gold

'CHESS LIFE' REPORTS— WORLD CHESS FEDERATION HAS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Summer Assembly of the World Chess Federation met at Copenhagen with delegates present from Twenty-three member countries.

Highlights of the Assembly agenda included the admission of chess organizations from both East and West German Republics, with the provision that as soon as Germany is united the two units must be merged into one. South Africa and Egypt were also admitted as members and the reconstitution of the Palestine Federation as Israel was accepted.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The program calls for Zonal Tournaments in 1951, Interzonal Tourney in 1952, and the Candidates' Tournament in 1953, with the World Championship Match scheduled for 1954. The Interzonal Tournament will be composed of: Soviet Union 5 players, West European 5 players, East European 5 players, USA 2 players, Canada 1 player, Australia 1 player, South America 2 players, Central America 1 player which is a possible total of 22 players.

It was agreed that since Reshevsky was deprived of his opportunity to play at Budapest (because of political restrictions) in 1950 through no fault of his own he would be seeded into the next Candidates Tournament, as would be Dr. Ewue who was prevented from playing by great pressure of business. But it was decided that Fine had already indicated he would not play at Budapest before the Government ban was in force, so he was considered to have forfeited further consideration.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

For the Women's World Championship, a similar plan of Zonal Tourneys in 1951 Candidates' Tourney in 1952 and Championship Match in 1953 was adopted. Those players who placed second to seventh in the World Championship event in Moscow were seeded into the Candidates' Tourney

without need of further qualification.

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The first Junior World Championship was planned in a tournament to be organized in Birmingham, England next May. Each country will be permitted to enter one player under 20 years old, and England will be permitted a second player to avoid a bye, if necessary.

MASTER TITLES

It was decided that FIDE (abbreviation of FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHECS which is the World Chess Federation) titles are granted for life, but that FIDE may withdraw the title when the holder's behavior does not conform to FIDE principles. The title of "International Women Chess Master" was created and granted to all players in the recent woman's world championship event, and also to Mrs. Sonia Stevenson-Graf.

With the decisions of the Copenhagen Assembly, the following are the list of recognized masters of various classes

GRANDMASTERS: Botvinnik, Bernstein, Boleslavsky, Bondarevsky, Bronstein, Duras, Ewue, Fine, Flohr, Grunfeld, Keres, Kostich, Kotov, Levenfish, Lilienthal, Maroczy, Nieses, Najdorf, Rogozin, Reshevsky, Rubinstein, Samish, Smyslov, Stahlberg, Szabo, Tartakower, and Vidmar Sr.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS: Soviet Union: Al-atortzew, Aronin, Kan, Dus-Chotimirsky, Werlinsky, Paxonov, Taimanov, Konstantinopolis, Yudovitch, Tomanovsky, Veresov, Tolush, Chekhover, Lisitzin, Makogonov, Kasparian, Dubinin, Simagin, Mikenas, Ninarokov, Goglidze; Holland: Van Scheltinga. Prins, Cortlever; Italy: Castaldi Monticelli; Peru: Canal; Czechoslovakia: Pachman, Foltys, Opocensky, Sajtar, Kottmayer, Zita; France: Rosalimo; Switzerland: Grob, Johner; Belgium: O'Kelly; England: Sir George Thomas, Atkins, Alexander, Golombek, Wouter; Hungary: Aszt-

also, Barcza, Benko, Florian, Gereben, Nagy, Szily, Vajda; Finland: Book; Sweden: Ekstrom, Lundin, Stoltz; Denmark: Enevoldsen; Yugoslavia: Gligoric, Trifunovic, Pirc, Tabar, Vidmar Jr., Nedeljkovic; USA: Denker, Bisguier, Horowitz, Kashdan, Knoch, H. Steiner; Austria: Muller; Spain: Medina, Pomar; Argentina: Julio Bolbochan, Guimard, Pilnik, Rossetto; New Zealand: Wade; Australia: L. Steiner; Canada: Yemofsky; Brazil: Eliskaeses; West Germany: Unizichler, Ahues, Rellstab, Kieninger, P. Schmidt; East Germany: Kock, K. Richter, R. Keller; Rumania: Troianescu, Erdelyi; Poland: Makarczyk, Flater; Bulgaria: Zvetkov. Also the Woman World Champion L. Rudenko.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN MASTERS: Soviet Union: Roubtsova, Bielova, Bykova; Cuba: Mora; Czechoslovakia: Belska; Denmark: Larsen; England: Trammes; France: Chaudé; Germany: Keller; Holland: Heemskerck; Hungary: Langros; Italy: Benini; Poland: Germanowa; USA: Grasser, Karff, Stevenson-Graf.

U.S. TEAM 5TH AT START

The World Team Championship at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia finds 16 countries participating for the Hamilton-Russell Trophy which was won at Prague in 1931 by the U.S. Team, and later at Folkestone 1933, Warsaw 1935, and Stockholm in 1937.

In the first three rounds the U. S. Team, captained by U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, scored a draw with Holland and victories over Italy and Argentina with a total game score of $7\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ for 5th place in the standings, Yugoslavia and West Germany lead with 9-3 each, followed by Holland with 8-4 and Belgium with $7\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ (due to an adjourned game in the match with Peru).

Reshevsky on board one for USA drew with Elwe and Najdorf and defeated Castaldi. On board two Horowitz drew with Scheltinga and lost to Nestler, while Steiner drew with Bolbochan. On board three Shainswit drew with Cortleaver and defeated Giustolisi, On board three Kremer drew with Rossetto while playing board four he drew with Donner and defeated Primavera. Evans, playing board four, scored a victory over Pilnik.

NO. CAROLINA OPEN

William Peters of Durham won the N. Carolina Open with a $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ score in a 20 man event in which Kit Crittenden of Raleigh placed second with 4-1 and the S-B score of $16\frac{1}{2}$, while Lars N. Enequist of Baltimore was third with 4-1 and a S-B score of $12\frac{1}{2}$.

S. CALIFORNIA PRELIM

The Southern California Qualifying Tournament for the State Championship resulted in the victory of the Los Angeles County Champion Ray Martin with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ score. Also with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ but second on S-B points was Sven Almgren. Third place went to William Steckel who led in S-B points the group scoring $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ in the 14 -layer 7 round Swiss. Emil Bersbach was fourth, also with $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. Martin, Almgren and Steckel were qualified as the Southern California contenders for the California State Championship, to be held in San Francisco.

Martin lost one game to George Hunter, who placed fifth, and drew with Steckel, Almgren lost to Martin and drew with Bersbach.

COLORADO CHAMPION

Victory in a 5 round Swiss with $4\frac{1}{2}$ score gave Jack L. Hirsch, student at the Denver University, the Colorado State Championship in an event played at the Denver Y.M.C.A. 1949 Denver Champion R. Huffman was second with a score of 4-1 and current Denver Champion A. K. Underwood placed third on S-B points in the 15 man event.

N DAKOTA CHAMP

In the finals of the North Dakota Championship, Dr. Robert St. Clair of Northwood retained his title in a close finish by defeating Gordon Anderson, one of his chess pupils, in the final round in a very hard fought battle. Second place went to Stanley Johnson of Grand Forks, and third place to Franklin Hager of Northwood. The tournament was played in four sessions because of the great distances that most of the players had to travel to meet at Grand Forks.

Dr. St. Clair, twice champion, is North Dakota's most outstanding player.

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WASHINGTON STATE TOURNEY

QUEENS GAMBIT ACCEPTED

J. CERRETELLI. D. SEITER.

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| White | Black |
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | PxP |
| 3. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. Q-R4 ch. | QN-Q2 |
| 5. N-B3 | P-B3 |
| 6. QxBP now or never | |
| 6. | N-N3 |
| 7. Q-Q3 | P-K3 |
| 8. P-KN3 | B-K2 |
| 9. B-N2 | QN-Q4 |

10 B-Q2? . . . indicated to prevent the Black knight moving to N5 was White's move 10. P-QR3

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| 10 | N-N5 |
| 11 Q-N1 | P-QB4 |
| 12 PxP | BxP |
| 13 O-O | Q-K2 |
| 14 B-N5 | P-KR3 |
| 15 BxN | QxB |
| 16 N-K4 . . . to remove Black's | K B |
| 16 | Q-K2 |
| 17 P-QR3 | N-B3 |
| 18 NxB | QxN |
| 19 P-QN4 | Q-K2 |
| 20 KR-Q1 | P-K4 |
| 21 P-N5 | N-Q1 |
| 22 Q-K4 | O-O |
| 23 NxP | N-K3 |
| 24 Q-K3 | N-B4 |
| 25 R-Q5 | N-R5 |
| 26 QR-Q1 | B-K3 |
| 27 R-Q4 | N-N3 |
| 28 N-Q7 | NxN |
| 29 RxN | QxR |

- Black has little else to choose.
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| 30 RxQ | BxR |
| 31 BxP | KR-K1 |
| 32 Q-Q3? (Q-B5) | QR-Q1 |
| 33 Q-B4 | B-R6 |
| 34 B-Q5 | QR-B1 |
| 35 B-R6 | KR-Q1 |
| 36 Q-B1 | P-R3 |
| 37 P-R4 | PxP |

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| 38 PxP | R-Q4 |
| 39 Q-N | R-Q3 |
| 40 P-B3 | R-N1 |
| 41 Q-B1 | R/1-Q1 |
| 42 Q-R3 | R-Q8ch. |
| 43 K-B2 | E-Q2 |
| 44 Q-R6 | BxB |
| 45 PxB | R-B8 |
| 46 Q-N7 | R-K1 |
| 47 P-B7 | R-B7 |

threatening R/lxP ch. with hopes of a perpetual check.

48 Q-N8 K-B1
at this point Black offered a draw and it was accepted by White.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE, U of W. VS. YMCA

KENNETH W. MULFORD FLOYD HEBERT

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| White | Black |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | N-B3 |

here NxP is playable and then White's 4. P-Q3 is best with approximate equal.

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| 4. N-N5 | P-Q4 |
| 5. PxP | N-QR4 |
| 6. B-N5 ch | P-B3 |
| 7. PxP | PxP |
| 8. B-K2 | B-QB4 |

book is 8. P-KR3; this permits the N at N5 to go to K4 after 9 N-QB3 P-KR3.

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| 9. N-QB3 | P-QB3 threatening the pawn fork at QN4 looks interesting; the ramifications are endless. At least it might give White more play than he gets here. |
| 9. | P-KR3 |
| 10 KN-K4 | B-QN3 |
| 11 P-Q3 | O-O |
| 12 O-O | N-Q4 |
| 13 B-Q2 | P-KB4! |
| 14 N-N3 | R-B3 |
| 15 K-R1 to permit | P-KB4 |
| 15 | B-N2 |

this move appears logical, but may be an oversight. Now, by 16 N-R4 with a

threat of NxB and also P-QB4 and P-QN4 White has an excellent chance to free his game and Black will have to play with care to avoid loss of a piece.

- 16 P-B4? PxB
- 17 NxN QBPxN
- 18 RxP B-B2

19 BxN . . . pretty! the bishop pins the bishop against the Queen indirectly protecting the Rook. Yet the loss of White's KB adds to the vigor of Black's attack.

- 19 BxB
- 20 RxP RxR
- 21 NxR Q-N4
- 22 N-Q4 R-K1
- 23 P-B3 Q-K6 was dangerous
- 23 B-B2
- 24 N-B3 Q-R4
- 25 P-Q4 B-K6

attacking the gaurd on KR7

- 26 P-KR3 forced B-B1
- 27 Q-KB1 B-N5
- 28 K-N1 BxP
- 29 PxB Q-N3 ch.

30 K-B2 ? ? K-R1 was forced, but Black would continue with Q-N6, regaining at least a piece and a pawn and winning chances.

30 Q-N6 ch. . . and mate in two.

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VIENNA GAME

ROBERT NEALE DR. SHEPHARD

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| White | Black |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-B4 | PxB |

3 P-Q4 is the only book line
 4. N-B3 . . . P-K5 looks strong
 4. B-N5
 5. P-Q3 . . . making development of the King's bishop a problem.

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| 5. P-Q3 | |
| 6. BxP | N-B3 |
| 7. B-K2 | O-O |
| 8. O-O | BxN |

but why give up the minor exchange?

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| 9. PxB | P-QN3 |
| 10 B-N5 | P-KR3 |
| 11 B-R4 | Q-K2 |

12 BxN this move has some merit to it, it threatens to win a piece by 13. N-Q4 if Black replies with QxB; thus PxB is forced, doubling and isolating Black's pawns on the KB file. Having accomplished this, White should try to exploit it. He is led astray by visions of mating combinations,

- 12 PxB
- 13 Q-Q2 K-R2
- 14 N-R4 R-KN1

15 R-B5 offering the exchange which Black dare not accept because after BxR, 16 NxR Q-B forced and the situation looks too hazardous. However the correct move for White appears to be 15 N-B5 almost forcing BxN and permitting White to build up fearful pressure on the weak KB pawns.

- 15 R-N4
- 16 QR-KB1? BxR

now the exchange is gladly accepted.

- 17 RxB QR-KN
- 18 Q-B4 R/1-N2
- 19 RxP Q-K4
- 20 Q-KB1 QxBP
- 21 RxBP N-K2
- 22 RxR ch. KxR
- 23 Q-Q1 Q-Q5 ch.
- 24 K-R1 Q-B7
- 25 P-N3 P-Q4

Black's attack goes on relentlessly.

- 26 Q-Q2 PxB
- 27 PxB P-B4
- 28 N-N2 Q-Q5
- 29 B-Q3 this turns out badly

but there are no good moves.

- 29 P-B4
- 30 P-KR4 RxP
- 31 K-R2 R-B6
- 32 Q-Q1 Q-B7
- 33 BxP Q-N6 ch.
- 34 K-N1 Q-B7 ch.
- 35 K-R2 R-B5
- 36 Q-QR1 ch. K-R2
- 37 K-R1 R-N5
- 38 B-B1 N-N3

with the approach of this knight the last ounce of pressure is applied.

- 39 Q-Q1 N-K4
- 40 P-R4 R-N6
- 41 K-R2 N-N5 ch.

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MY STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD TITLE

— BY MIKHAIL BOTVINNIK

Botvinnik's somewhat veiled criticism of the functions of organizations and governments other than his own indicates the Soviet trait of apprehension. It is regrettable that politics should influence Chess and such great Chess players as Botvinnik and Alekhine.

(PART TWO, CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

After the war the situation became even more complicated. Charges of a political character were made against Alekhine by a group of chess masters headed by ex-champion of the world Euwe. Euwe proposed to debar him from all chess events and deprive him of his title until he had cleared himself. To be fair, it must be noted that the group of Alekhine's critics was quite small.

Soviet chess players, who naturally were interested in winning the world crown for the Soviet Union, found themselves in a difficult position, although the problem seemed to be simple enough. Indeed why not deprive Alekhine of the world title and hold a tournament to choose the world's strongest player!

Some believed this was the best way out, but others protested. "Let us assume" the latter said "that the world championship will be decided without Alekhine, and that he will manage to clear himself. Who will then be considered the world's champion?" "You can't make any formal decision," still others argued. "Alekhine in politics is nothing more than a pawn, but in chess he is great. Would the chess world recognize any new champion who had not defeated Alekhine?"

At the end of 1945 Alekhine issued a statement denying the political accusation made against him. At the same time he also announced that he accepted the challenge of the Soviet Champion.

The next move was made on the other side of the Atlantic. Evidently there were people who did not like the idea of Alekhine meeting a Soviet chess player. R. Fine wrote a letter to Moscow announcing that the American chess committee in California had the necessary funds needed to finance a match-tournament with the participation of Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Keres, Smyslov, Botvinnik, and Alekhine (if the latter cleared himself of the charges made against him). The victor would be declared the world champion.

The fallacy of this solution was self-evident. If Alekhine could clear himself why violate international tradition and decide the world title in a match-tournament and not in an individual match? Besides, it was Euwe and Fine who in 1939 drew up a draft of the statutes of the world championship which provided for a match-tournament only in the event of the death of the champion or if he violates these statutes. The volte face was remarkable indeed.

The Soviet chess organization did not agree with these proposals. It was decided to contest the world title in such a manner that in the event of the victory of a Soviet Master he would be recognized by the entire chess world.

In instructions from the Soviet Chess Organization, I sent Alekhine a formal challenge to a match. This challenge was transmitted in February 1946 through the English Master, Sir George Thomas, who was at the time president of the Anglo-Soviet Chess Circle, and J. Derbyshire, President of the British Chess Federation. Soon afterwards Alekhine gave his consent, but he suddenly passed away on March 24, 1946.

Now the match-tournament proposed by Fine was the simplest solution of the problem, and the Congress of the International Chess Federation, held in Switzerland in the summer of 1946, decided to hold a match-tournament with the participation of the above-mentioned six players. This time, however, the American committee was silent and nothing more was heard of the ready funds.

Other aspects of the pre-tournament diplomacy are well known - the meeting of the six participants of the match-tournament in September 1946 in Moscow, and the 1947 Congress of the International Chess Federation at The Hague (where some of the delegates insisted on declaring Euwe the world champion or, as the last resort, arranging a match between Euwe and Reshevsky for the world title.)

The Hague Congress acted wisely in deciding to launch the tourney on March 1, 1948, irrespective of the number of participants present. It would seem that this should have been sufficient to put a stop to all disputes. However, a week before the start of the meet, when only a few questions pertaining to the rules of the tournament remained to be settled, complaints were made against the "incorrect" decision of the Hague Congress. "Well what of it," some authorities shrugged their shoulders, "if we cannot reach an agreement, we'll simply hold the Euwe-Reshevsky match!"

The arrival in the Hague of Grandmaster Vidmar, the chief arbiter of the match-tournament, put an end to the controversy, and on March 4th I was to play my first game against Euwe himself!

That day Ragozin and I left the hotel at 5:55 in the afternoon to go to the tournament hall. The road to the "battlefield" was timed beforehand, it was a 20 minute walk. On entering the hall I went straight to the stage eager to get into the fray. Evidently I was keyed up to high pitch, for I hardly noticed what was going on around me. Euwe said something inconsequential to me in English. I answered somewhat impolitely with a "humph" and fixed my gaze on the chessboard.

At 6:30 the chief referee set my clock going and play was on. Although it cannot be said that the initial game of a tournament is necessarily the most exciting for the participant, the fact remains that he cannot but take it particularly seriously. A victory in the first round is always highly gratifying: It puts one in a good fighting frame of mind and bolsters morale. . . I must admit, however, that this time I was keyed up, for my opponent was somewhat out of the ordinary.

Untill this tournament the wheel of chance had been against me in my encounters with Euwe. Since 1934 I had played six games against him, losing two and drawing four. It should be noted that in three of the draws I let certain wins slip out of my hands, and the two games I dropped due to obvious blunders. I knew I did not play any worse than Euwe, but for all that I was worried.

The Dutch did everything they could to insure their man the best chances of victory. The scene of action was laid in the same hall where Euwe in 1938, without batting an eyelash, took away from me the exchange -- a simple give away. At that time the meet was held in ten Dutch cities, but the Hollanders maintained the "The Hague is Euwe's city. . ." Now too they hoped that Euwe would do his best in the familiar setting.

I must mention the rather strange tournament schedule adopted at The Hague. In the early part of the week the participants exerted every effort, and then rested for three days straight. And since the odd number of participants meant additional days off, the unlucky ones sometimes did not play for six days in a row! I doubt if there ever had been a tournament schedule like this in all chess history.

The Organizational Committee found, of course, all kinds of reasons for arranging it so: There was Reshevsky's religious feelings to think about, the hall was taken up and so forth. Somehow the tournament managers in Moscow succeeded in meeting all these difficulties and the schedule was quite normal. It is possible that the Dutch chose this tournament schedule in the hope that it would help their representative. At any rate, a protest from Dr. Euwe would have been enough to change it all; the Dutch would certainly have listened to their favourite. In all fairness it must be said that otherwise The Hague part of the event was conducted faultlessly.

The Dutch, however, were not able to help Dr. Euwe very much. They counted too much on the pleasant memories associated with the scene of play, on the schedule and other such circumstances. That sort of thing does not help much when you are bending over the chessboard.

But be that as it may, the clocks were finally released and the play was on.

(continued next month)

WASH. CHESS HISTORY

BY JOHN N. NOURSE

Following the publication of the official Creed of the Seattle Chess club in 1883, the club was strengthened by the addition of several powerful players among them being Judge Jenner's oldest son Earle, who was the club's star performer from about 1895 to 1915. Will Dickey, Joseph Ney Babson, and our old respected friend, Land Commissioner Otto A. Case, who retired from public life in 1949 after achieving a record of efficiency and integrity seldom equalled. Judge Jenner's other sons, Ernest, Theodore and Norman were also top players but were all eclipsed by their talented older brother.

Until the advent of Earle Jenner, Griffith Davies was admittedly State Champion. Davies probably held the title from about 1875 to 1895 when Earle Jenner superceded him.

Opinion seems to be united that Earle wore the crown for the next 20 years until about 1915, as brother Norman relates: "Several telegraphic games were played by the club after 1900 and as late as 1916. My brother Earle always performed at the top board for Seattle against tough competition. I recall no telegraphic game drawn or lost by him, and I believe he won all of them. I do not have the club score on these games, but Seattle generally prevailed. Victoria, Vancouver, and Portland were played several times."

Of these times Mr. Jenner comments; "What I consider the Golden Age of chess in Seattle was during the hard times of the Nineties from 1893 to 1897 when the gold ship 'Portland' arrived from Alaska and turned mens thoughts to other matters than chess. During these depression years a number of business men found relaxation and relief from worries at the local chess club."

Judge Jenner took great pride in the accomplishments of his boys and particularly in Earle's brilliancy in college and at the chess board. Mr. Norman Jenner here grants us a fascinating glimpse of a colorful era in Washington's history; "Frequently when my father went up or down sound to attend court he

took one or more of us with him. There were no roads worth mentioning and no conveyances to get you there and back speedily. The old steamwheelers on the Sound were the usual means of travel. Invariably there was a cabin where the men smoked and played games. On such trips my older brothers would play checkers, frequently with village champions. The Jenner boys did pretty well with the game on such occasions. It is too bad there has been no Mark Twain to write up steamboating on Puget Sound. There was much about the period that should have been preserved."

EDITORS NOTE: The writer of this letter prefers to remain anonymous for reasons of his own, but his idea is really wonderful and if someone will help just write to President John Nourse, Rt. 1 Box 767, Port Blakely, Washington. Dear Mr. Nourse,

. I have just read what "Rehberg Says" in the August Chess Letter and I am quite interested. I believe the idea a good one and that something along the line suggested can be worked out. I am also interested because it seems to offer a solution to a problem I have been turning over in my mind for quite some time. The problem -- What to do with my "Chess Library" of about a dozen chess books, some new some old and five years of Chess Review and all, I believe of the Washington Chess Letter.

Having given up chess in favor of my other two hobbies (Editors note, it would take at least two other hobbies to take the place of chess) I would like to have my books and papers become useful to some chess enthusiasts. It therefore seemed to me that if someone would agree to act as a librarian, also there might be other contributions from other sources, to lend them to any High School that would undertake to compete in any plan that might come out of Rehberg's suggestion.

This is a mere suggestion. The books are at your disposal if you can work out any plan that promises to make them useful.

E N P A S S A N T

by
Dick Allen

The question is--what happened to Everett? First Skagit, then Bellingham and now Everett. There were only eight entries in the WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER'S TOURNAMENT. Wot hopen?

These are signs of failure. If the WCF is to be successful in its objective, this trend must be reversed:

(a) By better publicity:

Bob Stork, WCF Publicity Director, is so busy as editor of the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER that little time or energy is left for other phases of his office. He needs a capable assistant. Rehberg?

(b) By expanding club membership:

More clubs already organized, not at present members of the WCF, should be encouraged to join. Rumors of unorganized players should be followed up and assistance given in reaching that stage.

(c) By expanding individual membership:

The individual membership campaign has been reasonably successful. But there is no reason why it shouldn't be 1200 instead of 120 as last reported.

(d) By avoidance of personal conflicts in the leadership, and the rank and file:

Conflicts arise as a result of misunderstandings more or less biased by personal interest in the short-run. Chess is a very emotional game and very exciting. Therefore, above all others, it needs laws, rules, and regulations to keep its participants on an objective plane. The Constitution and By-Laws do this for the leadership, but the rank and file have been neglected. We need set and fixed rules for tournament and match conduct! For example:

- (1) Time rate of play by clocks.
- (2) Eligibility of players.
- (3) Rating and placing of players, Etc.

(e) By preserving an atmosphere of good-will and friendship:

Even though we are out of the romantic era of chess, there is no reason why we should lose one of its most obvious characteristics--the deep mutual respect and friendships of those "good-old-days". This is going to require something more than a pollyannish passive attitude:

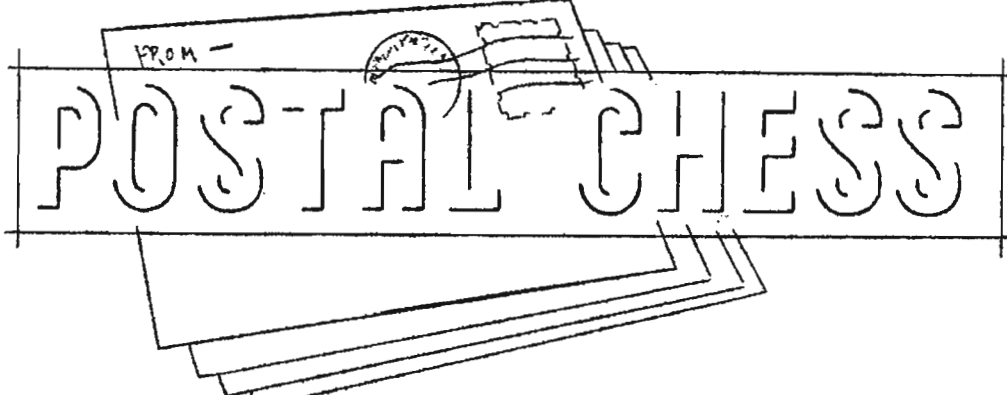
- (1) Give credit where due.
- (2) Discourage those who have only destructive criticism.
- (3) Correspond frequently with chess enthusiasts-- check and expose false reports.
- (4) Strive for good leadership, make yourself effective in your club, in the WCF, and in all chess events-- do something!

(f) By integration into the national chess picture:

Our organization would be strengthened and the experience of its members would be enriched by joining the US Chess Federation and maintaining close ties with neighboring associations.

(g) By improving the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER:

The WCL is the vital organ of the WCF. Each regenerates the other. Anything put into it comes back amplified--the gain is terrific. What we need now is a new mimeograph machine, completely automatic.



NEIL F. POWER — POSTAL CHESS EDITOR.

Postal Chess Ratings -- Big A's

Charles Ballantine	1629
J. A. Naas	1532
Neil F. Power	1479
L. M. Greene	1433
E. Tweeddale	1375
Miss Alice Grey	1369
Leslie Coubrough	1361

Class A.

Ballantine	1629
Bever	1229
Bushnell	1210
Cerretelli	1320
Christey	1261
Coubrough	1361
Dolle	1324
Gordon	1237
Greene	1433
Miss Grey	1369
Harmeson	1192
Hazen	1288
Hellums	1230
Kaffenberger	1236
Nagerkurth	1294
Naas	1532
Plenty	1214
Power	1479
Sams	1252
Tweeddale	1246
Yocom, H. E.	1294

Class B

Allen	1007
Amsden	1132
Arntzen	1052
Blakefield	1044
Cairncross	1152
Cutshall	1000
Emerson	1046
Hardinge	1192
Howard	961
Husby	1108
Landenberger	993
McCarthy	1148
McMartin	997
Merk, R. R.	1149
Moore	1137
Merk, Fred	976
Norman	1167
Orme	998
Parry	1012
Raleigh	867
Rich	1009

Class B

Roberts	875
Running	994
Seekamp	1088
Taylor	1079
Vail	1158
Yocom, C.	1157

Class C

Baker	916
Connell	772
Hiscox	879
Karch	746
Marshall	720
McCormell	850
Mrs. Moss	734
Neilson	805
Plume	732
Sanford	920

RESULTS:

49-A-8 — Cerretelli	1	Hellums	0	49-B-8 — Dolle	1	Merk	0
49-A-9 — Hellums	1	Harmeson	0	Yocom	1	Rich	0
Ballantine	1	Yocom	0	Yocom	1	Raleigh	0
Hellums withdraws.				Yocom	1	Cutshall	0
50-A-10 — Greene	1	Plenty	0	Dolle	1	Yocom	0
Plenty withdraws.				Cutshall withdraws.			
48-B-7 — Roberts	1	Howard	0	49-B-9 — Vail	1	Roberts	0
Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$	Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$	Vail	1	Baker	0
48-C-3 — Hiscox	1	Connell	0	Baker	1	Roberts	0

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Charles Joachim Tournament Director

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
Washington State Championship Qualification Tournament	Jan. 27-28 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Championship	Feb. 10-11 9AM 1951	Round Robin Seeded & Qualif.	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Women's Championship	Feb. 24 1PM 1951	3 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle YMCA
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Washington State Junior Championship	Mar. 31 9AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00* .	Seattle YMCA
Puget Sound Open	Apr. 28-29 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Four Districts Tournaments	May 12 9AM 1951	Decided by Districts	\$1.50*	Everett, Brem., Olym.-Wenatchee
Master-Expert Tournament	May 26-27 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$5.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Northwestern U. S. Cities Championship Tournament	June 18 9AM 1951	6 Man Team Elimination	?	Assembly Hotel Seattle

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SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS . . .

Problem No. 1. -- 1.B-R6ch. K-N1, 2.P-N7 K-B2, 3.P-N8(Q)ch. KxQ, 4.K-K6 K-R1, 5.K-B7 etc. or 2.P-N7 P-K3ch., 3.K-Q6 K-B2 4.K-K5 K-N1, 5.K-B6 P-K4, 6.B-N5 P-R4, 7.B-R4 P-K5, 8.B-B2 K-R2, 9.K-B7 etc.

Problem No. 2. -- 1.B-N7ch. K-K1, 2.B-N5 ch. K-Q1, 3.K-B7 P-N8(Q), 4.B-Q4 wins

Problem No. 3. -- 1.P-B7 PxNP, 2.P-B8(Q) P-N8(Q), 3.Q-K7ch. K-Q4, 4.Q-Q7ch. K-K 4 5.P-B4 Q-KR8, 6.P-Q4ch. and wins.

Problem No. 4. -- 1.K-N6 K-B1, 2.P-R6 K-N1, 3.P-R7ch. K-R1, 4.K-B7 P-R4, 5.KxP (K6) P-R5, 6.P-Q5 P-R6, 7.KxP P-R7, 8.P-Q6 P-R8(Q), 9.P-Q7 Q-K4, 10.K-B8 drawn.

There have recently been a number of inquiries in regard to postal chess ratings and the methods by which they are determined. For this reason, I think it would be wise to explain the method used.

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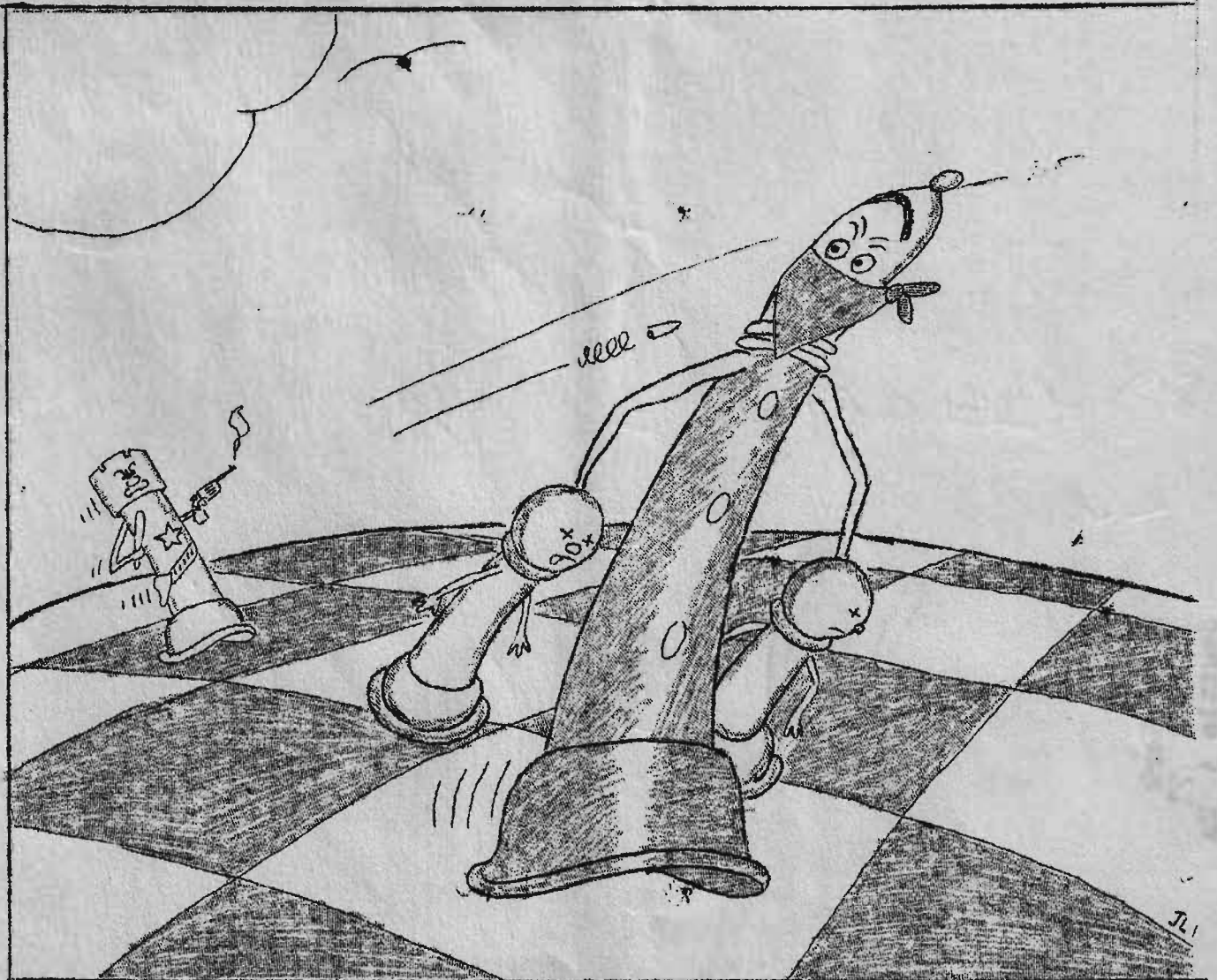
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