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# EDITORIAL

*By Robert C. Stark*

We learn by chess the habit of not easily becoming discouraged. Our determination, nurtured by each game of chess we have played, reduces our supposed insurmountable difficulties to a contest in which skill and thought may conquer.

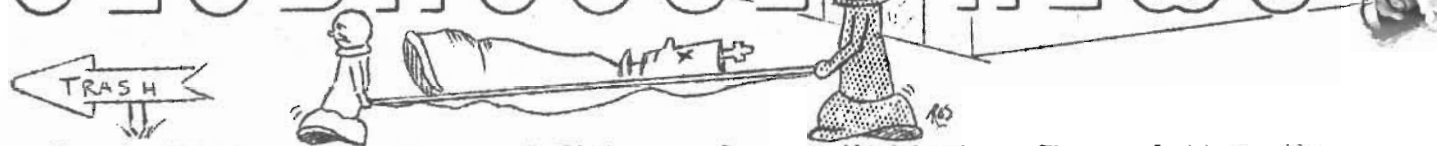
Few readers can realize the problems which confront the editor of this chess magazine; however Dick Allen, Jack Finnigan, George Rehberg, Mr. G. Christy and some other fellows accepted this responsibility with no advance notice and published the last two issues remarkably well. The ingenuity displayed by Dick Allen and Jack Finnigan with their art work and organization of each issue is in itself a tribute to their skill and proof of their ability to assume complete managership with little notice. I thank you for a job well done and extend my gratitude to all who assisted during my forced absence. So that this situation will not occur again I have been reorganizing the method of editing and publishing the Washington Chess Letter. Each person contributing his services will have only a small amount to do, and thus will not find himself overloaded and discouraged. So far Mr. F. H. Weaver, Mr. Dan Wade and Mr. R. R. Merk have volunteered to type a stencil each month. This relieves the editor of an enormous burden, but distributed in this manner creates no overload on any particular individual. Several more persons must still be found to assist the editor; therefore any chess player who is willing to type a stencil each month will be very welcome. A great deal of enjoyment is derived in working on the Washington Chess Letter and you will feel amply rewarded to see your work in print. Drop me a card if you are interested and I'll explain the details to you. My address is: Robert C. Stark -- P. O. Box 42 -- Chehalis, Washington.

A major change in the staff of the Washington Chess Letter has occurred just recently. It has both good and bad aspects. Bad because the Washington Chess Federation has lost its original Postal Chess Director. Neil Power, Postal Chess Director since he organized Washington Postal Chess, has unfortunately found it necessary to resign. His doctor recommended that he move to a climate more favorable to his health. Neil has done a marvelous job and leaves a well organized Postal-Chess Department. Any players who would care to drop him a card in appreciation of the marvelous job he has done may send it to me and I will forward it to him. — This change fortunately has its brighter side because the Washington Chess Federation has acquired the services of a really remarkable personality. Mr. Robert R. "Bob" Merk, who has been an avid chess enthusiast for many years, has assumed the position of Postal Chess Director. Mr. Merk is extraordinary even among chess players; having been disabled several years ago he set about to prove that problems are made to be solved and apparently has done so. Proof of this is his magnificent personality which immediately makes any stranger feel he belongs with the circle of his close and trusted friends. Bob plays a great deal of chess with those who come to visit him and a standing invitation is open to any who would like to drop in on him for an interesting game and a pleasant evening. His address is R. R. Merk -- 1026 E. 71st. Seattle, Washington. In addition to the job of Postal Chess Director, Mr. Merk is also assuming the duties of Circulation Director. Any change of addresses may be sent directly to him; however new subscriptions will continue to go to the Washington Chess Federation Treasurer, W. H. Raleigh -- 4318 Densmore -- Seattle, Wash.

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# CLUBHOUSE NEWS



Due to the temporary change of Editors of the Washington Chess Letter the regular section of "Clubhouse News" has been left out. This will be an attempt to bring the local news up to date. If anything is left out, please send the news to the Editor. Robert G. Stork -- P. O. Box 42 -- Chehalis, Washington.

## TACOMA

Tacoma is losing their very capable Publicity Director, Schuyler Ferris. He certainly has done a wonderful job since he has been there. Here's hoping whoever takes over does as well.

The S. W. Washington State Tourney which was held in Tacoma this year had a rather small turnout. Apparently suffering from lack of organization. It seems that it would be wise to give these matters a little more foresight next year.

### Results of S. W. Washington Tourney;

	W	L	D	Score
Schuyler Ferris	3	0	1	3 1/2
Charles Belden	2	1	1	2 1/2
Ikars Gakarnes	0	4	0	0

### Results of Pierce County Championship;

Holmes, V. E.	20	0	0	20
Coubrough, L.	13	5	2	14
Ferris, S.	13	6	1	13 1/2
Gakarnis, I.	11	4	5	13 1/2
Hultman, V. E.	12	6	2	13
Collins, R.	7	13	0	7
Dollo	6	10	2	7
Belden	4	9	3	5 1/2
Traynor	5	12	1	5 1/2
Rolfe	3	15	0	3
Schwartz	2	16	0	2

## WN. JUNIOR

The 1951 Washington State Junior Championship was won by Gerald Schain with a score of three wins, no losses and no draws. Second was William H. Martin of Ellensburg with a score of two wins and one loss. Third was Czarnakis from Tacoma and fourth was Don Allyn of Wenatchee.

## YAKIMA

The Yakima County Chess Championship was won by Oliver La Froniere who just recently won the Yakima High School Championship. The score is as follows;

	W	L	D	Score
Oliver LaFroniere	19	3	1	85%
William Hoge	18	4	0	82%
Eli Treisman	17	5	0	77%
L. P. Puterbough	6	4	1	59%
Richard B. Dexter	12	9	0	57%
John Faurerge	13	11	0	54%
Al Schmid	10	11	0	48%
Emil Wischstadt	9	11	0	45%
Milos L. Fuller	7	9	0	41%
Don Weaver	2	3	0	40%
Abram Van Wyck	7	13	0	35%
T. Albert Pool	7	15	0	32%
Richard Weaver	1	4	0	20%
Kenneth Sowell	5	21	0	19%
Frank Rink	0	6	0	0%
Ray C. Baker	0	4	0	0%

This tournament was held under the double round robin system at the Yakima City Chess Club from April 2 through May the 7th.

The Central Washington Tournament which is similar to S.W. Washington Tournament held at Tacoma, was also an example of lack of planning. It is very important that the Federation Tournament Director give these events a little more consideration next year or they will die out. Attention Mr. Joachim.

The results of the Central Washington Championship are as follows;

	H	L	F	N
William H. Hoge	X	1	0	1
Oliver La Froniere	0	X	1	W
John Fauvergue	1	0	X	W
Richard Miller	0	W	W	X



## SEATTLE YMCA TOURNEY ENDS IN TIE

The tournament held by the Seattle YMCA Chess Club to decide that organization's top chess player ended in a tie between two of the favorites, Max Bader and Charles Joachim. No plans have been made for a playoff as yet, but a trophy was to have been given to the winner.

Both Joachim and Bader won five games, lost none and drew two. The tournament was conducted in a single round robin. Eight players finished in the finals and as was expected the five team players monopolized the tournament by taking the five top places.

Dan Wade finished third with his three draws keeping him a half point short of first place. Ted Warner was fourth with three losses and Floyd Hebert fifth with three losses and a draw.

This tournament decided the team positions for the coming Puget Sound League Season. Other players finishing in the tournament were Max Bader Jr., E. J. Walker and twelve year old Jorgan Bader who quite possibly will be one of our future experts.

The YMCA Chess Club defeated the University of Washington Chess Club to cinch second place in the Puget Sound League.

West Seattle overwhelmed South Tacoma with a score of 8 to 2 and this finishes the 1950 1951 Puget Sound League Season. As was expected Seattle won first place and the Puget Sound League Trophy for another year. The order in which the clubs finished is; Seattle first, Seattle YMCA second, U. of W. third, Tacoma YMCA fourth, Olympia fifth, Kitsap sixth, Everett seventh, South Tacoma eighth, and West Seattle ninth.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO JUNIOR CHESS PLAYERS:

Dear Junior Chess Player,

The National Junior Chess Championship will be held in Franklin Hall in the Franklin Institute the week of July 23rd 1951 in Philadelphia. It will be co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Chess Federation and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. It will be a ten round Swiss

tournament refereed by Harry Loms who was in charge of the U. S. Championship when Herman Steiner became United States Champion. There will be no entry fee; only membership in the United States Chess Federation. For specific details contact Glenn Hatleb 3219 Washington Ave., Erie, Penn., or Arthur Nickel, 7408 Belden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There will be a free night major league ball game, and at the close a free luncheon with many prizes. There will be convenient low cost housing with plenty of activities. The playing site is magnificent, spacious, well lighted, and air conditioned. It is dominated by a thirty foot statue of Ben Franklin. The face of the statue is on the one-half cent postage stamp. Ben Franklin was the first known American Chess Player and his writings caused him to become known as the "Father of American Chess".

Entries should bring Chess sets, Chess Clocks, swim suits or any equipment that will make a visit enjoyable.

Sincerely Yours,

Arthur Nickel,  
Chairman of National  
Junior Championship.  
7408 Belden Street,  
Philadelphia 11, Pa.

Problem No. 1. -- 1. k-r4, n-b2; 2. q-q6ch., kxq; 3. n-k4, mate. or 1. ---rxr; 2. n-r5ch., k-k5; 3. qxp mate. or 1. ---rxn; 4. q-q5ch., pxq; 3. n-b5 mate. or 1. ---q-q5; 2. n-q7ch., k-q3; 3. b-k5 mate. or 1. ---p-b6; 2. n-r5ch., k-k5; 3. n-n3 mate. or 1. ---bpx; 2. n-n6 ch., pxn; 3. q-q5 mate.

Problem No. 2. -- 1. n-q6, krxx; 2. n-k4. or 1. ---, qrxr; 2. n-k4ch. or 1. ---, b-q4; 2. kn-b4ch. or 1. ---, r-q6; 2. n-k4 or 1. ---, bxbp; 2. n-k4ch. or 1. ---, k-q5; 2. n-n5ch. or 1. ---, k-q7; 2. n-k4ch.

Problem No. 3. -- 1. p-n7, n-q2ch; 2. k-r7, qxp; 3. r-b8ch. nxx; 4. r-n4ch, k-q2; 5. pxn(N)ch, k-q3; 6. r-n6ch., k-k4; 7. r-n5ch., k-b3; 8. n-r7ch. and wins.

Problem No. 4. --- 1. rpx, rxx; 2. npx, q-k2; 3. nxx, qxn; 4. q-b4, r-k2; 5. p-b6, n-n3; 6. rxx, nxx; 7. p-b7 and wins.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION  
Held April 29, 1951 at the Assembly Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Meeting called to order by President J. Nourse at 2:00 P. M.

Present were: John Nourse, Dick Allen, W. H. Raleigh, Peter Husby, Ken Mulford, H. M. Collins, Gerald Schain, G. Muller.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read.

A report was made by the secretary as one of the members of the Mimio Committee which was composed of Stork, Husby, and Raleigh. The committee had purchased a Gestetner '160' Duplicating Machine for the publishing of the Washington Chess Letter. The down payment was \$300.00. (\$100.00 from the WCF Treasury, \$100.00 loan from Peter Husby and \$100.00 loan from J. Cerretelli.)

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$140. Still owed on the Mimio Machine.

Moved and seconded that the reports of the secretary and the treasurer be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to make payments on the Mimio Machine out of the General Fund as the payments come due. Carried.

R. C. Allen, W. C. F. Vice-President, made a report on behalf of the By-Laws Committee.

Moved and seconded to change Article 5, Section 8 to read that the newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election. Carried.

Moved and seconded that in Puget Sound League Matches there shall be a time limit of 40 moves in the first hour and 20 moves in each half hour thereafter. Carried.

Moved and seconded that in all Swiss-type tournaments conducted by the Wash-

ington Chess Federation there shall be a time limit of 30 moves in the first hour, and 10 moves in each 20 minutes thereafter. Carried.

Moved and seconded that in the Washington State Championship Tournament there shall be a time limit of 20 moves per hour and each hour thereafter. Carried.

A letter from the British Columbia Chess Federation was read in which they proposed the date of August 12th and the place of Blaine, Washington for the 1951 INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH between Washington State and British Columbia.

Moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to write to the British Columbia Chess Federation accepting the date and place of the 1951 International Match proposed by them. Carried.

Resolved that all Washington Federation Chess Clubs be requested to send a list of club members in the order of their club rating to the Washington Chess Federation Tournament Director. Carried.

Moved and seconded that all present officers be re-elected for the coming year. Carried.

Moved and seconded that any member who brings in ten new members be awarded a lapel button. Carried.

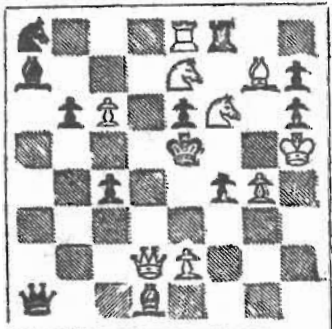
Moved and seconded that Mr. W. H. RALEIGH be awarded the 1951 OSCAR for the most outstanding service to the Washington Chess Federation during that period. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. Peter Husby, Washington Chess Federation Sec.

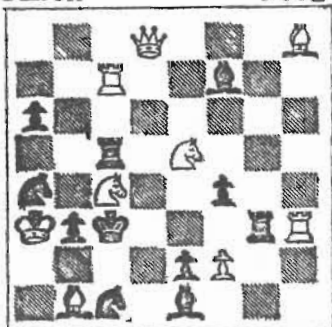
A complete financial report will be published next month of all the Washington Chess Federation Activities since its organization.

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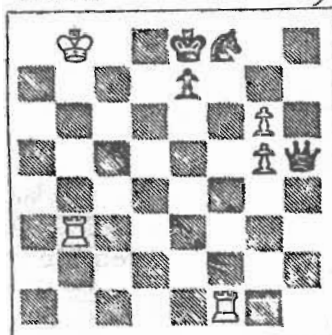
WHITE MATES IN THREE

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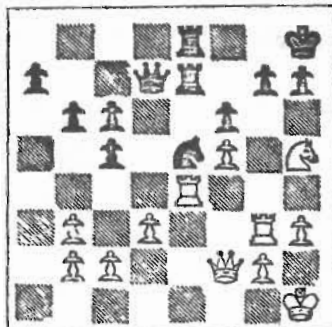
WHITES MATES IN TWO

BLACK NO.3



WHITE TO PLAY & WIN

BLACK NO.4



WHITE TO PLAY & WIN

# PROBLEM COLUMN

By E. A. ERICKSON

Problem Number One  
by Wenman.

WHITE has three pawns on K2, KN4, and QB6; one Rook on K8; two Knights on K7 and KB6; on Bishop on KN7; one Queen on Q2 and a King on KR5.

BLACK has six pawns on KR2, KR3, KB5, K3, Q5, Q3; one Rook on KB1; one Knight on QR1; two Bishops on Q8 and QR2; one Queen on QR8 and a King K4.

Problem Number Two  
by Paul Keres

WHITE has one Pawn on KB2; two Rooks on KR3 and QB7; two Knights on K5 and QB4; two Bishops on KR8 and QN1; one Queen on Q8 and a King on QR3.

BLACK has four Pawns on KB5, K7, QN6, and QR3; two Rooks on KN6 and QB4; two Knights on QB8 and QR5; two Bishops on KB2 and K8; one King on QB6.

Problem Number Three  
by Fred Lozand

WHITE has two Pawns on KN5 and KN6; two Rooks on KB1 and QN3; one King on QN8.

BLACK has one Pawn on K2; one Knight on KB1; one Queen on KR4 and a King on K1.

Problem Number Four  
by E. A. Erickson

WHITE has seven Pawns on KR3, KN2, KB5, Q3, QB2, QN2 and QN3; two Rooks on KN3, K4; one Knight on KR5; one Queen on KB2 and a King on KR1.

BLACK has seven Pawns on KR2, KN2, KB3, QB4, QB3, QN3, and QR2; two Rooks on K1 and K2; one Knight on K4; one Queen on Q2; and a King on KR1.

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

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## YAKIMA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

### Queen's Gambit Declined

A lively game from east of the mountains

WM. HOGE

LA FRENIERE

white

black

1. P-O4
2. P-OB4
3. N-QB3
4. B-N5
5. P-K3
6. N-B3

- P-O4
- P-K3
- N-KB3
- ON-O2
- B-K2
- O-O

P-B3 and PxP are playable for black here also. Choice is a matter of personal preference.

7. B-O3

PxP

White can avoid this loss of tempo by playing the Exchange Variation 7.PxP. Theoretically, white should do better with this line but black can gain equality. 7...KPxP is a popular line offsetting white's gained tempo by the added range of the queen bishop.

8. BxP

P-B4

9. OR-B1

Leaving the book, which recommends O-O. The latter is somewhat safer, as a good attacking player can secure some chances against the uncastled king by O.PxP; 10 NxP, N-K4; 11 B-N3, P-KR3 etc.

- 9.

P-OR3

- 10 P-OR4

P-ON3

- 11 B-R2?

The bishop actually loses strength. This is the third move for this bishop when white has not as yet castled. Also if black chooses, he can set up a queen side pawn majority with P-ON4.

- 11

B-N2

Black now completes his development ahead of white who has just lost a move.

- 12 Q-O3

PxP

A good choice for black here is BxN, 13 Px3, PxP; 14 Oxp, P-ON4 with chances against the exposed king.

- 13 NxP

N-N5?

Black can better attack the queen side on which his forces are bearing. The text makes white's threatened NxdP even stronger since it weakens his king side against which white's forces are poised. ON-B4 looks best.

- 14 NxdP

NxBP!?

This is the point of black's last move, but is not quite sound.

- 15 OxpPch??

White can easily win with O-B4!

KxO

- 16 B-Wch?

This move adds nothing to white's position.

P-N3

- 17 NxO

NxR?

BxB is best for black.

- 18 BxB

Kf3N

- 19 BxR

RxB

- 20 K-B1

N-K4

- 21 K-M1

R-O7

- 22 KxM??

This allows a mate in two which is missed by black. 22...BxPch followed by N-B6 mate. 22 R-B2 gives white an equal game.

Rd1P??

- 23 P-K4

RxN

- 24 N-O5

R-O7

- 25 R-B1

BxN

- 26 Px3

RxOP

- 27 B-R2

R-O5?

R-O3 leaves black an easy win.

- 28 BxP

HxB

- 29 Rd1ch

K-R3

- 30 R-B6

RxP

- 31 R:ONP

P-R4

- 32 R-R6

R-R3ch

- 33 K-M2

P-R5

- 34 R-R3

P-R6

- 35 K-B2

P-R7

- 36 K-K2??

White throws away a draw. K-M2 etc, plus rook moves on the file, can defeat any attempts by black to win.

R-R8!

Resigns

White cannot now take the pawn.



PUGET SOUND OPEN

Sicilian Defense  
(Notes by Suchobeck)

ALEX SUCHOBECK

white

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4
4. NXP
5. N-OB3
6. B-OB4

6...P-K3 was necessary as continuation shows.

7. NxD
8. P-K5!
9. B-B4

If black plays instead P-Q4 10 NXP! follows.

- 10 Q-B3!
- 11 NXP
- 12 R-Q

This mistake leads to mate in two though black's position is hopeless anyway.

- 13 N-B7ch
- 14 R-O8 mate

JOHN CHEEVERS

black

- P-OB4
- N-OB3
- PXP
- N-B3
- P-Q3
- P-KN5?

- PxD
- N-N5
- O-N3?

- P-Q4
- O-P
- B-KN2?

- K-B

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Sicilian Defense

WALLOCH

white

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4
4. NXP
5. N-B3

Further development is best. Black is playing instead to win the king pawn, which turns out unsound.

6. P-KN3
7. KN-N5!

This move refutes black's combination. Had white played NxD, 7.....O-K4 wins back the piece.

8. NxD
9. Q-K2
- 10 B-B4

Black tries to get two pieces for the queen, temporarily relieving white's pressure. 11 N-OBch! Black resigns.

MANNY

black

- P-OB4
- N-OB3
- PXP
- N-B3
- O-B2?

- Q-N1
- Q-K4
- P-OR3
- OxD!

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Sicilian Defense  
(Notes by Bader)

MAX BADER

white

1. P-K4
2. KN-B3
3. N-B3
4. P-Q4
5. NXP
6. OB-N5
7. NxD
8. B-Q3
9. P-KR3
- 10 B-R4
- 11 O-O
- 12 O-K2
- 13 BxB
- 14 OXP

Desperado combinations.

- 15 BxO
- 16 PxD
- 17 P-OB4
- 18 P-KB3
- 19 OR-Q
- 20 KR-K
- 21 R-K3
- 22 OR-K
- 23 B-K4
- 24 R-OR3
- 25 R-N3

Black tries to win quickly, and loses.

- 26 PXP
- 27 RxBch!
- 28 BxPch
- 29 BxR
- 30 RXP
- 31 R-OB5ch
- 32 R-B3
- 33 P-R3
- 34 K-B2
- 35 K-K3
- 36 R-N3ch
- 37 P-B3
- 38 K-O3
- 39 R-N8
- 40 RPXP
- 41 R-B8ch

GERALD SCHAIN

black

- P-OB4
- KN-B3
- N-B3
- P-P
- P-K3
- P-Q3
- PxD
- B-K2
- P-KR3
- B-N2
- R-OB1
- NXP!
- NxD
- PxO

- KxB
- R-B2
- KR-B1
- OR-B2
- K-B2
- R-B3
- P-N4
- P-K4
- KR-B2
- P-R3
- P-Q4?

K-N4 would not be much better because of 42 K-Q3, R-R5; 43 P-OB4ch, K-N3 44 PXP, and wins easily.

- 42 R-B4
- Resigns

# SEATTLE CHESS CLUB AGAIN IS PUGET SOUND LEAGUE CHAMP!

The Seattle Chess Club Team has won possession of the beautiful Puget Sound League trophy for the second consecutive year. The Puget Sound League trophy is a traveling trophy until some club wins it three times (not necessarily consecutive). At this time the club who has first won it three times obtains permanent possession of it. A new trophy is then furnished by the Washington State Chess Federation under the same conditions.

Presentation of the 1951 Puget Sound League trophy will be made at the 1951 INTERNATIONAL EVENT between Washington State and British Columbia which is to be held at Blaine Washington on August the 12th. If Seattle can win first place in the 1952 Puget Sound League they will have permanent possession of the trophy.

Final results of the 1951 Puget Sound League Season are recorded in the box score below:

TEAMS	SEATTLE	MOA	U. OF W.	TACOMA	CLIMPIA	WITSAP	EVERETT	S. TACOMA	W. SEATTLE	
SEATTLE		1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
SEATTLE MOA	0		1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6
UNIV. OF WASH.	0	0		0	1	1	1	1	1	5
TACOMA MOA	0	0	1		1	0	1	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
CLIMPIA	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	4
WITSAP	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0		1	0	1	4
EVERETT	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	1	2
S. TACOMA	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0		0	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. SEATTLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1

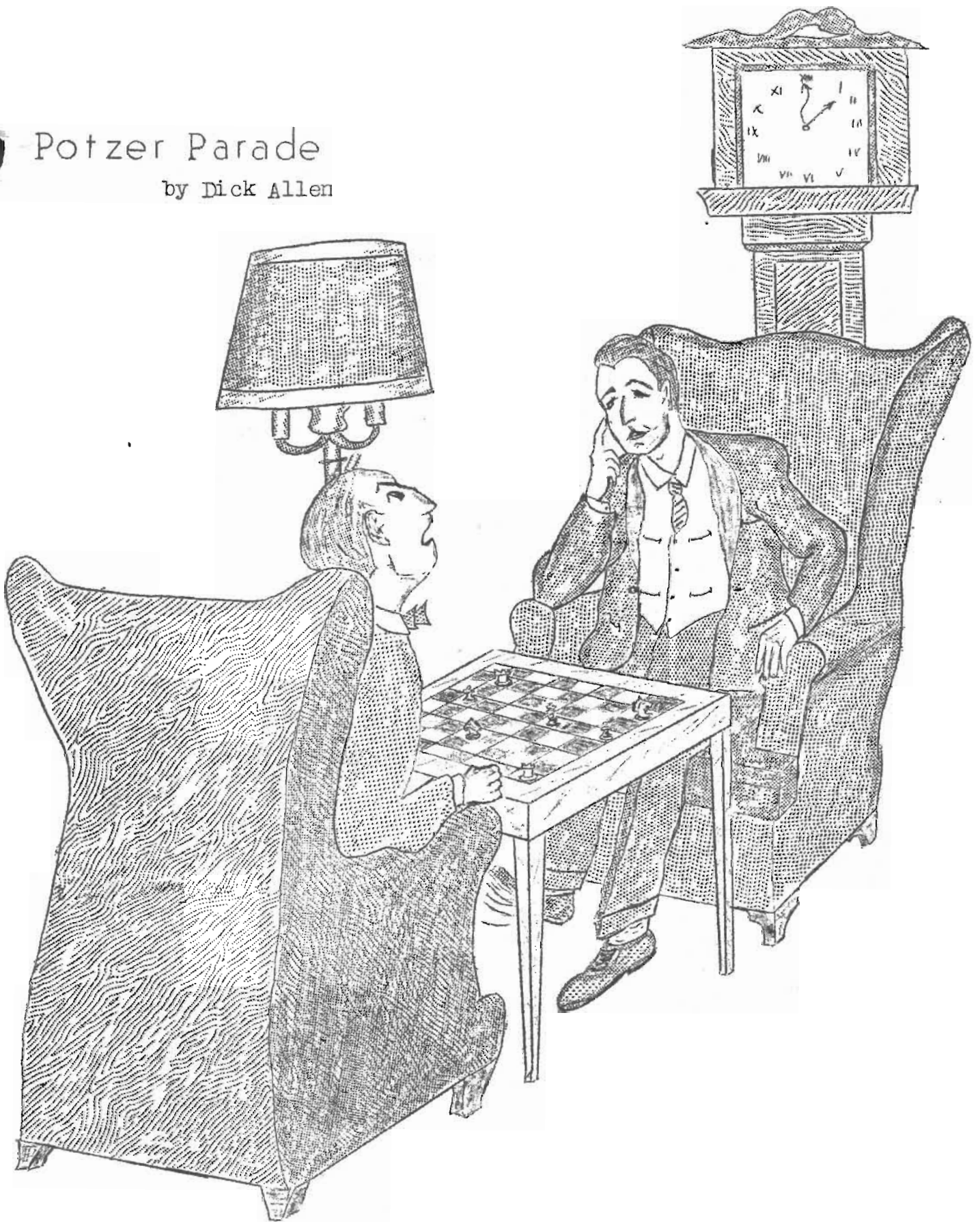
Following is an excerpt from the "Yugoslav Newsletter" brought to you for what it is worth;

Chess is a major public cultural pursuit in Yugoslavia and has been recognized as such by the government, which is encouraging its growth. It is played by people of every age and occupation and its popularity is growing daily. Mass matches are common between clubs, towns, factories and the Republics. In Zagreb, for example, 500 boards were used simultaneously during a match between metallurgical workers and soldiers.

Spectator interest is high too, particularly during important tournaments. More than 23,000 people attended the 4th Yugoslav Championship Tournament.

# Potzer Parade

by Dick Allen



"Why didn't you tell me it was my move? Now we've wasted the entire evening!..."

# WASH CHESS HISTORY

BY JOHN NOURSE

Thus Washington Chess progressed with little deviation from the customary, till 1926 when Thomas H. Hall, whose promotional genius was terrific, organized and managed an exhibition by Dr. Lasker, who played at the Elk's lodgerooms against 30 boards.

The inspirational feature of Mr. Hall's feat was that he, singlehandedly, raised the huge sum of \$400 for this event, this being Dr. Lasker's professional fee.

The Chess Federation Finance Board should ponder on this.

Mr. E. A. Erickson kindly supplies the following account of the match; - "Dr. Lasker arranged to play black and white on each alternate board. He appointed his old friend, A. J. Piper as referee. He allowed kibitzing and consultation, frequently allowed moves to be taken back, or passed on till the next round, and other little courtesies so as to give everyone a fair and ample chance. His final score was 24 wins, 2 draws and three losses. The winners were Arvid Johnson, Mr. Tutmarck and Fred Maltby, with Mr. Bagley and Leonard Sheets obtaining the draws. Mr. Maltby was awarded the prize for the best played game. Apparently it was no plan of Dr. Lasker's to win by a shut-out, and he was generously applauded for his sportsmanship."

No man to rest on his laurels, Mr. Hall speedily achieved another first with the promotion of the Seattle Chess League, which consisted of five clubs. Mr. Hall's plan called for each club to establish its own champion, who would represent his club in a round robin contest to determine the Seattle City champion. The entries were as follows; - Seattle Chess Club - Otto Case: Elk's Club - Thomas Hall: Masonic Club - Prof. E. A. Shaw: Y. M. C. A. - Mr. Smith: and fifth, believe it or not - Assembly Hotel represented by Mr. Curtis.

Otto Case won the tournament conclusively, defeating the acclaimed champion of each club, leaving Leonard Sheets as the runner-up. After the close of the tourney Mr. Case retired from match play and waived the championship title. A little trophy was presented to him for his achievement, of which he spoke for a long time as his greatest pride.

Tom Hall's Chess League apparently continued for several years, tho the League Cup records only two, and finally came to an end shortly after the untimely death of its founder in 1931.

Mr. Hall's record is slightly marred however, by another redblooded promotional effort, which while perfectly sound, nullified its benefits by the way it was carried out. This effort almost wrecked the old Bagley Chess Club.

Some time in 1917, Hall, undoubtedly unhappy over moving from the Commercial Club to cheaper quarters, began to agitate for a more elaborate residence for the club, suggesting a more central location, with better quarters. However, instead of concentrating on this plan, he flew off at a tangent and solicited the entire membership of the club to join a fraternal club, which was then conducting a drive, at a monthly fee of about half the monthly dues of the Chess Club. In this he was almost too successful, as the defection of members forced the Bagley club to move to still cheaper quarters. In time most of the members found that conditions at the fraternal club were not as satisfying as had been imagined, and returned to the fold, where they could play, without distraction, when and how they pleased.

This episode is included in the record solely because it points up a vexing feature of the game which seems to occur periodically - the attempt to reduce costs.

The marriage of chess to checkers, bridge, whist or fraternal activities in order to reduce expenses has uniformly resulted in failure. It is conclusively proven that chess and other recreations do not mix. The only alternative seems to be that those who dance must pay the piper. Lacking a friend in the White House it seems the solution lies in solid support of all those interested in chess, and this means financially. It should be emphasized that no one can play chess alone.

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# CHESS LIFE REPORTS

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## ARTHUR DAKE WINS W.C.I.T.

Despite incredibly poor publicity the secret is finally revealed. Arthur Dake has won the West Coast Invitational Tournament. With a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  he topped the field and won first place. Second was C. Bagby with a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and third was V. Rafnuteff, of San Francisco, with a score of 4 to 3. Other players included Coverall Capps of Oakland, Henry Gross of San Francisco, A.J. Ralston of San Francisco, Ray Martin of San Francisco and Wade Hendricks of Castro Valley.

Little notice was given of this event and hardly any information concerning it could be obtained. George Koltanowski, former world blindfold champion, was the tournament director for this event.

## RESHEVSKY

As we go to press Samuel Reshevsky leads the Vertheim Memorial Tourney in New York at the end of 8 rounds by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with Dr. Fine in a very uneventful game. Menoel Najdorf held second with 5-2, while Dr. Euwe and Larry Evans were tied with 5 to 3.

Eighth Round Standings:

Reshevsky.....	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	Horowitz.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Najdorf.....	5 - 2	O'Kelly.....	3 - 5
Euwe.....	5 - 3	Kramer.....	2 - 4
Evans.....	5 - 3	Bisguier.....	2 - 5
Byrne.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$ -3	Guimard.....	2 - 5
Fine.....	4 - 4	Shainswit....	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$

## CALIFORNIA

The untimely demise of Chess Digest left a void in California chess publications which the Northern California Chess Association hastened to fill with the California Chess Reporter, edited by Dr. R. J. Ralston, 184 Edgewood Ave., San Francisco 17, California. Volume 1 number 1, June, 1951, is an attractive multigraph of Planograph bulletin of 12 pages with California chess news and the first twelve games of the World Championship Title Match. This well-edited new publication is \$1.00 per year and promises to be worth it to anyone interested in California Chess Activities. Subscriptions may be sent to Dr. Ralston.

## GEZA MAROCZY

As we go to press, we learn of the death of the great Hungarian master Geza

Maroczy at the age of 82 at Budapest on May 28th. His passing leaves Misses as the only outstanding living master, of the period of Titans now gone. Born in 1870, his string of tournament victories was long, including Vienna 1899, Monte Carlo 1902 and 1904, Ostend 1905. Ever an exponent of brilliant strategy, he will long be remembered for such polished gems as his twenty-four move masterpiece against Tschigorin, in the Vienna King's Gambit Tournament of 1903.

## PLAN WOMEN

The Woman's U.S. Championship Tournament Committee with U.S. Co-Champion, Gisela K. Gresser as chairman, U.S. Co-Champion W. May Karif as secretary, and Maude M. Stephens, secretary of the Manhattan Chess Club, as treasurer, has announced that the U.S. Women's Championship event will be held at the Marshall Chess Club in New York September 22 to October 7. Mrs. Gresser, Miss Karif, Mrs. Mary Bain, Dr. Helen Weissenstein, Miss Edith L. Peart and Mrs. Katherine Slater are listed among the entries.

## U S TOURNEY

The USCF Tournament Committee has announced that the U. S. Biennial Championship Tournament will be held in New York City, beginning July 29th, one week after the conclusion of the U.S. Open Championship at Fort Worth.

Fourteen to sixteen of the leading U. S. players will be invited to compete in this event.

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CHARLES K. JOACHIM

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: W.N. VS. B.C.	August 12 1:00 PM. DST.	Open to All Residents of Wash. & B.C.	\$1.00	Blaine, Wash.
WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS' TOURNAMENT.	Sept. 9 9 AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STARTS.	September 16	Open to Fed- eration Clubs	Club Dues	Where designated
INVITATIONAL TOURNEY OF STATE CHAMPS	Oct. 15-19	Round Robin	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	Jan. 5 - 6 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE WOMENS' CHAMPIONSHIP	Jan. 6 9 AM. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Feb. 23-24 9 AM. 1952	Round Robin Invitational	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 PUGET SOUND OPEN	Mar. 22-23 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	Mar. 29-30 9 A. M. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON EXPERTS TOURNAMENT (please note)	May 30 Jun 1 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Speed Championship	Nov. 25, 1951 1.00 PM.	Round Robin	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle

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Postal chess is apparently unknown to the military mail censors as an amusing? experience was recently had by one of our postal chess tournament players who gets his mail via an Army Post Office. On receipt of a post card containing the cryptic code, with which all chess fans are familiar, apparently the Intelligence department in this particular area was baffled and thought they were in the presence of a spy message and the addressee was called before the C.O. for an explanation. It seems that all code messages are forbidden in military mail and in this instance permission was granted for the game to continue provided that the messages were labeled "Chess Notation". Therefore all you postal chess fans who have mail going via an A.P.O. take heed and label your moves "Chess Notation".

Your postal chess director now has several entries in an A and a B section that are not quite filled up and would like a few more entries so that these sections can get started.

Some of you A class players whose score has slipped below the minimum of 1250 to qualify as an A class player had better get back in the game and boost your score by knocking some other A class player down. This also applies to the class B players whose score has slipped below 1100.

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Bever	1339	Hardinge	1172	Emerson	1046
Cerretelli	1276	Hellums	1230	Hiscox	879
Coubrough	1287	Howard	1139	Husby	1072
Dolle	1328	Kaffenberger	1220	Karch	746
Greene	1439	McCarthy	1148	Landenberger	993
Harmeson	1252	Moore	1137	Malmgren	1052
Hazen	1288	Norman	1167	Marshall	720
Magerkurth	1294	Sams	1115	Martin	997
Naas	1612	Tweedale	1246	McCownell	850
Yocom, H.E.	1282	Vail	1230	Merk, R.R.	937
		Yocom, C.L.	1231	Merk, Fred	1024
				Mrs. Moss	734
				Neilson	805
				Orme	998
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				Plume	732
				Raleigh	867
				Roberts	961
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