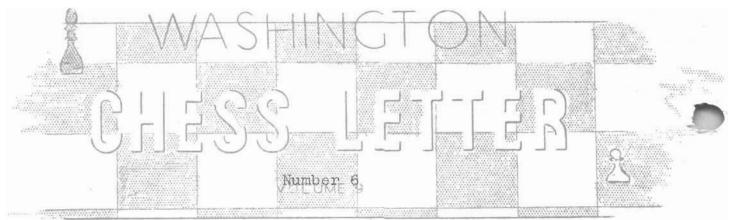
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Washington State Chess Letter ... wonderful magazine... at least there have been no letters to the contrary... but then—there have been no letters... all the latest chess news is featured...sometimes quite late... but featured nevertheless...state junior championship was held last week... we'll know who won eventually... maybe sooner maybe later... but eventually.... takes a long time to get the word.

See by the Chess Letter that the latest national rating lists (?) are out ... courtesy USCF ... another item states that the WCF is affiliated with that organization-goody: ... now maybe the local players inhabiting this area will rated with the accuracy inherent in a "large national organization" ... maybe we should be satisfied if the USCF is satisfied ... but then too many of our leading players didn't hit the lists... not too important though ... the non-rated players know how they stand...but just think of the consternation when one of minor experts loses to Zemgalis or Noland ... "But mother he wasn't rated, how was I to know he knew"...excuses!

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Save July 24th for the International at Blaine! Bring the family and picnic on the beautiful grounds under the Peace Arch. Just one game will be played per person but all who come can compete. Let's make it three in a row for Washington State. See you at the Peace Arch!

Chess Scenes By Wade

H.E. YOCOM, IN MEMORIAM

H. E. Yocom passed away Sunday, June 5th. Ernost made a host of good friends in chess while playing Washington Postal and also Puget Sound League matches. Ernost played on the Olympia team for several years. Before ill health confined him to his home, Ernest frequently made trips to Scattle from his Centralia home to play in WCF tournaments. His greatest success was in the 37-player 1951 Washington Open in which he placed 7th with a 4-2 wonlost record.

This friendly competitor's loyal support of future chess events will be missed. He will not go unneticed as he made many chess friends, some of many years standing.

UNITED STATES OPEN

In a lotter to U .S. Choss Champion Arthur Bisguier with copies going to John Looney, Al Horowitz, A.W. Dake and Dan Wade, Mr. John Alexander wrote the following:

"I have been authorized by Mr. John Looney of Long Beach to make the following statement regarding the prize funds to be distributed at the Open this summer.

"While the exact amount hasn't been settled, it is hoped that the first prize will be a car or \$1,500. The absolute minimum for first will be \$1,000. Other cash prizes will be scaled in proportion, with the minimum for 20th place to be \$50.00.

"The amounts shown in the last issue of Chess Life were merely the goals set by the Federation. We feel that it is important to pass this word around as an encouragement for players like yourself to make the long and ex-

ponsive trip.

"With best luck on the Russian trip."

Rogards,

John Alexander.

In a postscript Mr. Alexander writes (in part) "Dan, we're counting on the whole of Washington coming down to raise up its (censored) ratings."

AN INTERNATIONAL AT PEACE ARCH THIS TIME

Sunday, July 24, at one p.m. under the Peace Arch on the Washington - British Columbia border near Blaine is the date, time and location of the International Match.

This will be the 12th in the series and Washington will be shooting at an unprecedented third straight win.

If you need transportation, be at the Scattle Chess Club, 616 Madison by 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 24th.

SEAFAIR CHESS TOURNAMENT

Only one wock after the International, comes the Fourth Annual Scattle Scafair Tournament. It will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 30th at the Scattle Chess Club, 616 Madison St. It will be a two day, six round Swiss with 3 games played Saturday and 3 more Sunday, July 31st for each player.

Entry fee will be only \$2.50 with the winner having his choice of a eash prize or a trophy.

JOHN DEWITT LEAVES

Our former editor, John DeWitt, rejoined the air force recently and last reports placed him in Dayton, Ohio. However he is due back in Scattle soon on a furlough with the object - matrimony.

TOURNAMENTS '55 & 56

WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

July 24. INTERNATIONAL. The traditional team match between Washington and British Columbia, Canada. Begins 1 p.m. at the Peace Arch International Park is Blaine, Washington. One game. Entry fee \$1.00. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Washington has a chance to win the trophy permanently by a third consecutive win. Every player in the state is expected to support state chess Sunday, July 24.

July 30, 31. SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN. The chess part of the Seafair celebration. Six round Swiss. Entry fee \$2.50. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Prizes: First place has choice of cash or trophy, and other prizes for lower places.

September 9, 10. WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS. (All WCF and USCF experts and masters are not allowed to enter.) Six round Swiss. Entry fee \$1.00. Begins 10 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 30 moves in one hour. Prizes: First place wins a trophy, and other prizes for lower places. No state expert title is awarded to the winner.

October 1, 2. WASHINGTON STATE OPEN. The qualifying tourney for the state championship. Six round Swiss. Entry fee \$3.00. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Prizes: First place has choice of cash or trophy, and other prizes for lower places. The first four places, regardless of ties, will be seeded into state championship.

October 29, 30. STATE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. (Seeded event. Masters Zemgalis and Ulvestad, and first four places of the State Open automatically qualified. If more than six enter, the tourney will carry to the following weekend.) Single Round Robin. Entry fee \$5.00. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Prizes: First place has choice of trophy or cash. Other prizes for lower places. Awards state title.

January 8. WASHINGTON SPEED TOURNAMENT. (Time limit: 10 seconds per move) Single Round Robin. Entry fee \$1.00. Begins 10 a.m. Sunday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Prizes: several cash prizes.

February-March. PUCET SOUND OPEN and NORTHWEST MASTERS-EXPERTS TOURNAMENT. Possibly held in conjunction with each other and with a high entry fee to make up a large cash prize fund. Details later.

April 7, 8. WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR. (Age limit: under 21) Five round Swiss. Entry fee \$2.00. Begins 1 p.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison St., Seattle. Time limit 30 moves in one hour. Prizes: First place has choice of trophy or cash, and other prizes to lower places.

April-May. INLAND EMPIRE OPEN. (Eastern Washington Championship, but open to all) Held in Spokane. Details later.

Through the fall, winter, and spring tournament seasons the Puget Sound League and the Eastern Washington League matches will be held as scheduled later onweekends other than those on which major tournaments occur. There will be teams of five mer each, playing two games at each match at 40 moves an hour. All matches will commend at 1 p.m. Sundays. Further rules and details will be announced later when the final schedule is prepared.

Viktors Pupols, Tournament Director * * Oliver LaFreniere, Publicity Director

1955-1956 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The Tournament Calendar printed on the opposite page, and to appear in modified form in every subsequent Washington Chess Letter until the end of the season is the continuation of a feature several years old. When Bob Stork was editor of WCL, he de it a practice to have the Tournament Director compile a complete calendar and we it printed each month. It served to help save conflicts, made it possible to plan one's individual tournament intentions long in advance, and aided publicity considerably. The small size of West Coast tournaments has demanded a more efficient system of scheduling and publicity planning, and thus the Tournament Director and the Publicity Director have seen fit to operate together on these things.

In all tournaments except the International and the State Speed the winner of each game must render to the Tournament Director a correct score of the game before credit will be given him for the game. The player of the white pieces will do the same in case of a draw. This is to assure a complete record of Washington tournament chess and to acquire the field of games in case brilliancy prizes may be awarded. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any detail in any tournament announcement at any time. Complete details of round scheduling, etc., will precede each tournament in the Chess Letter.

We expect this coming tournament season, to begin with the International and then the Seafair, to be the biggest yet. All WCF tournaments will be rated in the National Rating System conducted by USCF, and this should be of some interest to the state experts. Watch your ratings!

NEW WCF CONSTITUTION?

The constitution under which WCF now operates, the 'Wade constitution' (Dan labored many hours gathering it and all the changes of it from past Chess Letters.) printed in the May, 1954, Chess Letter, is completely outdated and outmoded. It calls for tournaments that do not exist, does not properly define the roles of officers, leaves the president powerless, and even its first article is now erroneous. Worst of all the little things wrong with it is this: it sets up a system of oligarchic dictatorship for the government of chess in Washington.

New plans for a constitution, based primarily on the work done by a committee appointed for that purpose three years ago, envision a representative system of voting for the higher officers, and a general streamlining to make the constitution more operative. We hope the new constitution will be adopted by special vote of the Executive Council before too long.

WCF NOW AFFILIATED WITH USCF

Ever since the United States Chess Federation changed its rating system so that only affiliated organizations could have their tournaments rated, there had been talk among WCF officers about affiliation. But then USCF liberalized its affiliation program to the point that it is practical to be a member of USCF. It costs but \$10 a year, plus 10¢ per actual game played in a tournament to have all tournaments rated. WCF will also be allowed to collect 10% on all USCF dues collected by our officers in this state, and can buy chess equipment and books at reduced prices.

In spite of these paying advantages, no definite action was taken on the project until June, when the Publicity Director circulated a petition among the members of the Executive Council. Affiliation was approved by a landslide vote, and the fee is in the mail now. Thus all Washington tournaments conducted by WCF will be 100% USCF rated. The 10¢ per game rating fee will not be added to tourney entry fees.

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OUT STATE TOURNEYS

The U.S. Junior Championship will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska July 15 to 24. As a safeguard against "unusual" weather, all games will be played in the air-conditioned Green Room of the local YMCA. Some of the earliest registrants will get rent free rooms in the homes of Lincoln Chess Club members. Lincoln is 1750 miles from Seattle and offers a variety of recreation. Registration should be addressed to A. Liepnieks, 135 N. 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The U.X. Open Championship, August 8 to 20, offers a new 1955 Mercury as first prize, followed by cash prizes ranging from \$1000. for second, \$750 for third, to \$50 for 20th place. For hotels and meals at reasonable prices, contact J.P. Looney, Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach, 2, Calif. Long Beach is 1180 miles from Seattle. Sleeper busses cost about \$30 round trip. Seattle players Bills and Breiger plan to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Edberg. Possibly other cars will make the trip from this area. Play will begin at 7 p.m. each day with a few exceptions. Entry fee of \$15 must be paid by 1 p.m. August 8 at Municipal Recreation Center, 350 E. Ocean Blvd.

1 2 3 4 5	CONNECTICUT TITLE Dr. Joseph Platz William Newberry Ted Edelbaum Richard Friedenthal James Bolton	5½- ½ 5 - 1 4½-1½ 4 - 2 4 - 2
12345	KENTUCKY OPEN Jack Mayer Richard Shields Andrew Mike Edwin Cohen Edward Schnitt	4½- ½ 4 - 1 3½-1½ 3½-1½ 3 - 2
34	INDIANA TITLE Enil Bersbach Marvin Cox D. O. Brooks D. W. Johnson W. H. Donnelly	4½- ½ 4 - 1 4 - 1 4 - 1 4 - 1
1 2 3 4	SAN ANTONIO : BUCCANEER Blake W. Stevens R.B. Potter Robert Brieger R.L. Garver	4 - 1 4 - 1 4 - 1 4 - 1

The Women's World Challengers:
Tournament to be held in Moscow in
October will have the US represented by Mrs. Gisela Gresser, Mrs. Sonja
Stevenson and Miss Mona Karff. They
will have to meet winners of Russian
tourneys in which 12,000 women participated.

Clinton Parmelee, fireman of Newark, N.J. won the United States Amateur Chess Championship, in a 75 player contest held at the Mohegan Country Club, in New Russell Chauvenet, York. Maryland, was second and was followed by Victor Guala and Roy Black. Trophies were awarded the winners of each rating group. The tournwas well attended by families of the contestants, who took advantage of sports bathing and boats as poppa bent over the chess board.

The country club andall its facilities were available by courtesy of Morris Kramer and his associates Mrand Mrs. David Harris, and in response to many requests by the players and families another tournament will probable be held at the Mohegan Country Club in September.

Max Pavey was official adjudicator, and Kenneth Hark-ness got no sleep for three days as tournament director.

The success of the tournament indicates a trend that may replace cash with titles and trophies.

AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Seattle Chess

BILL BILLS BLITZ KING OF CLUB AGAIN

Choss clubs, like choss players, are unpredictable. For weeks it was dead at 616 Madison. On June 15th five players join the club. On Friday night, June 17th, a good crowd shows up at the club to play choss and not just to meet and go elsewhere under the impression they are seeking entertainment when actually they are leaving it!

The June 17th crowd included several of the city's stronger players and they craved action. A speed tournament was the answer starting at 8:15 and finishing at 11:30 p.m. It was a nine round ten player round-robin with a player who had finished his game taking on the next free player, provided they had not played already. With these rules, a lively, fast-paced interesting tourney followed.

WILLIAM BILLS, our State Champion, won the tournament with 7-2. Bills lost games to GEORGE BISHOP and JIM AMIDON.

Bills seemed to be making a runaway of the event in the first few rounds but began to slip while slow starters began to gain ground. Bills needed every point as it was very close at the finish as HUGH NOLAND, GEORGE BISHOP, ALAN CLARK and GERALD SCHAIN all tied for second place with 6-3 scores, only one game behind Bills.

Our State Speed Champion, RUSSELL VELLIAS, dropped out after compiling a 2-3 score. DAN WADE, tournament director, took his place and won 3 out of 4 to make the final Vellias-Wade total 5-4, or only one game out of second place.

It was a case of feast or famine in this tournament with the other players enduring very modest scores. JIM AMIDON scored $3\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$, FRANK RODNITE 3-6, WILLIAM GILLETTE $1\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$ and DAVID ERICKSON 1-8.

MAURICE HENION acted as referee and timer helping out the timer machine. The forfeit squack was racous enough but the move bell seemed slightly worn out. Mr. Henion's services were most important.

1		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10
1.	Bills	x	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	14
2.	Noland	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
3.	Schain	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
4.	Bishop	1	0	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	1
5.	Clark	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	1
6.	Vollias	0	0	0*	1	0	x	1*	1*	1*	1
7.	Amidon	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	흥	1
8.	Rodnito	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1
9.	Gillotto	0	0	1	0	0	0	를	0	x	0
10	Erickson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x

(* played by Wade.)

RUSSELL VELLIAS SEATTLE CLUB CHAMP

Vellias, winner of Division One of the Scattle Chess Club Tourney defeated Wade, winner of Division Two. Vellias is the champion with $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ with the pelts of Pupels, Mulford, Ring, Dr. Shephard, Erickson and Wade on his belt. Club prexy Ted Davidsen held the champ to a draw.

Wade defeated Bills, Edberg, McCulloch, Rennord and Dr. Lewis before los ing to DeWitt and then again losing the grand finals.

VELLI	IAS	WADE	VE	LLIAS	WADE
1.	P-K4	P-Q4	22	R-Q2	B-R5
2.	PxP	QxP		P-N3	
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		P-KN3	26	R:xR	E-1
		B-N2	27	P-R3	R-Blch.
7.	Q = Q2	N-N5	28	K-N2	N-B3
8.	B-KB4	0-0	29	P-Q5	N-Q1
9.	P-KR3	N-KB3	30	N-Q4	K-B2
10	B-R6	N-B3	31	R-K2	P-QN4
11	0-0-0	B-B4	32	P-Q6	N-K3
12	P-KN4	N-K5	33	B-Q5	R-Kl
13	NxN	BxN	34	$N \times N$	RxN
14	BxB	KxB	35	BxRch	BxB
15	B-N2	Q-Q4	36	K-B3	P-B4
16	Q-B31	P-B3	37	P-B3	PxP
17	K-N1	P-QR4	38	BPxP	P-R4
18	Q-N3	KR-Q1	39	PxP	PxP
19	KR-Kl	N-N5	40	P-KR4	K-B3
20	QxQ	BxPch.	41	K-Q4	K-B2
21	K-Bl	RxQ	42	K-B5	Rosigns

Play was swift with the game lasting only one hour and seven minutes.

EDBERG YAKIMA CHAMP

Bob Edberg, a Seattle import to Tieton, a suburb of Yakima, won the 1955 Yakima Round Robin Tournament. He won 24 of his 27 games, drawing two and losing only one. He was a favorite all through the tournament, and proved himself well. He took an a y lead, but relinquished it to Eli Treisman about half way through. When the tranic Treisman-Edberg match was played and Edberg won both games, there was little doubt as to the outcome. Edberg's sole loss was to William Hoge—an 81 move struggle lasting six hours and played in two sessions. On the tournament eve of May 9, Edberg had a narrow escape. Rolf Lavik had managed to survive a game with a bishop and knight advantage over a lone king. Unfortunately for Lavik, he couldn't remember how to mate and a draw was finally agreed upon.

Eli Treisman was defending champion in the seventeen player double round robin. Other champions in the tourney have been William H. Hoge and Oliver LaFreniere, Treisman was runner-up with 26 wins out of 30 games, and Hoge finished third with 24 wins out of 30 games. Complete final standings opposite.

The youngest player of the tournament was Terry Nelson, 15, who took fifth place. More was expected from him, actually, since he is among the group of famous Yakima juniors. Yakima is preparing three more juniors now, ages 10, 11, and 11. One of the eleven-year-olds shows definite promise. Seattle had better be on the watch!

SPOKANE

	(*)	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pct.
1.	Bob Edberg	21	1	2	93
2.	Eli Treisman	26	3	1	88
3.	William H. Hoge	24	5	1	82
4.	Rolf Lavik	23	5	2	80
5.	Terry Nelson	18	5	2	76
6.	Frank Burke	21	9		70
7.	Harold Rell	20	10		67
8.	Leo Van Bergeyk	9	12		43
9.	T. A. Pool	9			38
10.	John Fauvergue	8		1	30
11.	Art Dickinson	4	14	1	24
12.	Everett Rude	6	21	1	23
13.	Stanley Linn	4	17		19
14.	Quentin Searles	Li	18		18
15.	Warren Robertson			ļ	14
16.	Kenneth Sewell	4	26		13
17.	Paul E. Jackson	O	6		0

The Spokane Chess Club voted to continue meetings through the summer as long as the attendance holds up. Formerly the club closed for the hot season. The meetings are now held at the Desert Hotel on Thursday evenings.

The future of an Inland Empire Chess League has brightened considerably the last week with word from the Penitentiary and Pullman that teams may be in action next fall. With Pasco and Spokane already in the fold it looks as if a good four team league may be in competition. Yakima is out for unknown reasons.

Just when we had planned on adding a strong player from Washington D. C. to our roster we were informed he is being transferred to Seattle July 1. He is Anders Tejer and was a member of the Divan Chess Club. Treat him well, Seattle.

Dan Daniels and Dr. G. H. Parker have just completed a six game match with a 3-3 score resulting. Daniels has now challenged Gordon Cornelius and is one game down at this date.

A summer round robin tournament is being planned. Not since 1951 has the club this kind of tournament. In that year the club was divided into an A and B group for the club championship and each played the round robin style.

At present the Spokane club is the only one in the state which is a member of the USCF. Its membership enabled it to rate the city and Inland Empire tournaments.

LATEST USCF

The USCF Rating List may be of some help in placing players on our team at International. (?) At least if doubts exist concerning the ability of any two players the Tourney Director can duck the issue and use USCF ratings! About 20 other Washington players were rated (mostly provisional) with ratings of 1550 and below.

The USCF ratings seem to be extremely important to the majority of the extreme chess enthusiasts. The appearance of these ratings act as a sort of shot in the arm to the game. Anything which will wake up the players and put life, or a reasonable facsimile, into competitive choss when it is lagging must not be too bad. The Ratings appeal to the vanity of the players and not to the old brain. Washington should be able to rate her own players quite accurately and without charge getting all of the tournaments and not just those which were the ones the tourney director took the trouble to get rated.

If Washington players want on the USCF rating list, then let the officials in charge make certain ALL of our tournaments are rated. If only part of our tournaments are rated then the ratings are not accurate. If they are not accurate then they are without value. This is, of course, not the fault of USCF but the fault of our own advocates of WCF-USCF Union Now.

The writer is still mumbling in his beard over the absence of Zemgalis and Noland from the USCF rating list. It seems that the powers in charge neglected to have the 14 player \$100 prize Puget Sound Open Tournament rated! At the same time we have a Junior and a Woodpusher tourney rated! Does this make sense?

The majority of the players in the strong Puget Sound Open were already in USCF. The rating of this tournament may have helped Zemgalis's rating or would have at least kept him on the list. It would have given Noland a very high provisional rating. It would have perked up the very sad ratings of LaFreniere & DeWitt. It would have lowered the boom on Ulvestad and Bills. It may have upped Pupel's rating. It would have given a better fix on Dr. Parker.

One member of the Scattle Chess Club felt the club should ronew its affiliation with USCF. He denated \$5. \$10 is needed. Denations please. InFrenciero wants WCF affiliated. The cost for either is \$10.

Since the previous USCF ratings published in the June 5, 1954 Chess Life, there have been several gains and losses by Washington and ex-Washington State players. Gains: Joachim (2), Rosburg (60), Edberg (15), Wade (14), Greenwood (10), Vellias (241), LaFreniere (3), DeWitt (1), Weaver (70), and Nolson (272). Nelson and Vellias registered the only amazing changes because they were very under rated last time.

Losses: Pupols (65), Warner (7), G.S.G. Patterson (51), Manney (58), Ted Davidsen (15) and McCormick (64). Incidently, McCormick informs us he has retired from chess at the ripe old age of 18. He blames chess for what it has done to him! From now on he will spend his spare time working overtime so he can make more money so he will have more money to spend on GIRIS! Alas, chess losses again.

I understand the next USCF ratings will be out in six months. More then.

CHESS RATINGS

THE LONG AWAITED USCF RATING LIST APPEARED IN THE MAY 5TH AND MAY 20TH CHESS LIFE. FROM THE WASHINGTON VIEWPOINT, A FEATURE OF THE RATINGS WAS THE INCLUSION OF A VAST NUMBER OF SPOKANE PLAYERS WITH PROVISIONAL RATINGS (*) WHICH MEANS THEIR RATINGS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF PERFORMANCE IN ONLY ONE TOURNAMENT. FUTURE PERFORM -

ANCE WILL FIX THESE PROVISIONAL 1	RATINGS MORE ACCURATELY.
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CHESS IN REVIEW! By Weaver

Chess Review scoops the philosophical world with first publication of an appraisal of Emanuel Lasker (World Chess Champion, 1894 to 1921) written by Albert Einstein as a forward to a Lasker biography. described his friendship with Lasker. how Lasker's keen analytical mind had immediately recognized the central point whereby the theory of relativity would fail of demonstration by experimental methods. Einstein regarded Lasker as having failed to live up to his talents as a mathematician and philosopher, because he was fettered to chess in spite of a great longing to be free of its unending and insatiable demands. Einstein stated that there was a tragic note in Laskers personality because the enormous psychological tension, without which nobody can be a chess master, was so deeply interwoven with chess that he could never entirely rid himself of the spirit of the game. Footnotes by the Chess Review editor, by the biographer Dr. John Hannak, and by the translator, B.F. Winkelman, defend chess as having more than mere game-like merits, although reference is made to the frustration of Lasker's final words as he died, bitterly saying "---King of chess!"

Formation of the American Chess Foundation, Inc. to provide sound financing for chess, was announced in the New York Times. Alexander Bisno of Beverly Hills, Calif., is its first President. Lack of financing and under-promotion dropped to a newer low last year when an American team was unable to compete in the world tournament at Amsterdam for lack of financial support. Two funds have been established and several thousand dollars already contributed. Officers and directors include Ross Reeves, Morris Kasper, Walter Fried, Lessing Rosenwald, J. Coe, and Mrs. Cecile Wertheim.

John H. Staffer, born in 1872, has won the 1951 postal championship with a clean score. He had previsely won tournaments in 1895, 1898, 1904 1911, 1912, and 1943. He competed creditably with Capablanca, Marshall and Janowski back in 1913.

The 1955 USSR championship was won by Geller in a play-off with V. Snyslov, after World Champion Botvinnik had been relegated to a tie for third place with Petrosyan and two youngsters in the regular tournament. Botvinnik lost to Geller and Snyslov, and in the last round needed a draw to share first place, but lost to Paul Keres in 27 moves.

Yugoslavia has a new star of the first magnitude, N. Karaklaich having won the national championship ahead of Gligorich, Rabar, Ivkov, Milich and Matanovich.

In its drive for chess jokes Chess Review has come up with the following:

The president of the chess club then called for the hours of the last meeting.

Hans Kmoch, checking the score turned in by a loser, noticed 0-0 for two different moves, waved his finger and admonished: "You should never have lost the game. If you had castled once more you could've claimed a draw by repetition."

The "Prince of Orange" march written in the eighteenth centre by Philidor, the chess great, was recently included in an evening of music by radio station WQXR.

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"You're a CHESS PLAYER? Is it a

good game for two?"

This system of attack is becoming increasingly popular. It can be used against the French or the Sicilian, and it may lead to a King's Indian Reversed. It is a favored weapon of Smyslov.

USSR Championship, 1955

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nyslov		Botvinnik
1	N-KB3	N-KB3
2	P-KN3	P-KN3
3	B-N2	B-N2
4	0-0	0-0
5	P-Q3	P-QB4
6	P-K4	N-B3
7	P-KN3 B-N2 O-O P-Q3 P-K4 QN-Q2 P-QR4	P-Q3
8	P-QR4	N-Kl
9	N-B4	P-K4
	P-B3	P-B4
11	P-QN4!	PxNP
12	PxNP	PxP
	PxP	B-K3
14	N-K3:	NxP
15	R-N1	P-QR4
16	B-QR3	N-B2
	BxN	PxB
18	RxP	B-R3
19	R-N6!	BxN
20	PxB	B-B5
21	RxQP	_Q-K1
		22 R-K1



"Quiet, positional chess, from now on. No more sacrificial combinations!"

R-B2
23 N-N5
R-K2
24 B-B1!
BxB
25 RxB
0xP
26 R-Q8+
R-K1
27 Q-B5
Q-B5
28 R-Q7

Resign

1f R-KB1 29 RxN QxR 30 QxR+ RxQ 31 RxR+ KxR 32 N-K6+

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		P-QR4			B-B4	
		N-K5			P-K3	
		P-B3			P-KR3	
		P-K4			B-R2	
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		KR-Q1			B-N5	
		N-R2			Q-K2	
		NxB			QxN	
		B-B2 B-Kl			R-Q2	
		P-QN4			Q-K2 QR-Q1	
		B-B3			B-N3	
		R-Q2			K-R2	
		QR-Q1			P-N3	
		K-B1			N-R4	
		P-N3			Q-B3	
		Q-K3			Q-K2	
		K-N2			N-B3	
		Q-K2			N-Kl	
		B-Q3			P-QB4	
		QPxP			PxP	
		P-N5			N-B2	
		P-R5			R-QN1	
		R-QN1			P-B3	
		P-N6			PxP	
		PxP			N-Kl	
		B-R6			RxR	
		QxR			N-Q3	
		B-R5			NxP	
		Q-K3			NxP	
		R-QB1			N-B4	
		QxQBP			QxQ	
		RxQ			N-K6ch	
		K-B2			N-Q4	
		P-N7			B-B4	
		R-B8			RxP	
		BxR			P=K4	
		R-Q8			N-B5	
		B-K4			BxB	
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4	8 PxB	P-R4
4	9 R-Q6	K-N3
5	O B-Q2	N-R6ch
5	1 K-B3	N-N4ch
5	2 BxN	KxB
5	3 R-Q7	P-N3
5	4 R-KB7	P-B4
5	5 PxP	PxP
5	6 P-R4ch	K-N3
5	7 R-QR7	K-B3
5	8 R-R6ch	K-N2
5	9 R-QN6	Rosigns
	Because after 59 K-B2;	60 R-KR6,
	ftor 59 K-R2; 60 R-K6	
	lack pawns soon fall.	

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	1. P-QB4	P-K4
	2. N-QB3	N-QB3
	3. N-B3	P-KB4
	4. P-K4	P-Q3
	5. P-Q4	PxQP
	6. NxQP	$N \times N$
	7. QxN	PxP
	8. QxPch	Q-K2
	9. QxQch	NxQ
	10 B-Q3	B-Q2
	11 0-0	0-0-0
	12 B-N5	P-KR3
	13 BxN	BxB
	14 N-Q5	B-B1
	15 KR-K1	R-Kl
	16 B-N6	RxRch
	17 RxR	P-B3
	18 N-B4	K-Q1
	19 B-B7	P-KN4
	20 N-N6	R-R2 -
	21 B-K6	B-K2
	22 BxB	KxB
	23 RxBch	RxR
	24 NxR	KxN
	25 P-B3	K-K3
	26 K-B2	K-K4
	27 K-K3	P-N4
	28 PxP	PxP
	29 P-KN2	P-QR4
	30 P-B4ch	PxP
	31 PxPch	K-B4
	32 K-Q4	KxP
	33 K-Q5	K-N5
	34 KxP	P-R4

	35 K-B5	P-N5!	36 P-KN3	K-Kl
	36 K-N5	K-R6	37 B-B6	B-Q6
	37 KxP	KxP		
			38 K-K3	B-B7
	38 KxP	K-N8	39 B-B3	K-K2
	39 P-R4	P-R5	40 K-Q4	K-Q3
130	40 P-R5	P-R6	41 B-N4ch	
	41 P-R6	R-R7		Drawn.
	42 K-R5	P-R8(Q)	F	
	43 P-N4	Q-QR1		rantically tried to win tho
	44 P-N5	K-B7		opposite colored bishops &
	45 P-N6	K-K6	Stophon Falk	stymicd him completely.
	46 P-N7	Q-R2		
	47 K-N5	K-Q5		rom the last International.
	48 K-B6	QxPch	White is so t	horoughly enjoying the earn-
	49 K-B7	Q-R2	ago and blood	shed that he overlooks mate
	50 K-B8	Q-B4ch	in ono. Blac	k rosigns on the next move.
	51 K-Q7	Q-N3		
	52 K-B8	Q-B3ch	D. WADE	F. ATNIKOV
	53 K-N8	K-B4		
	54 K-R7	Q-R5ch	1. P-K4	P-QB4
	55 K-N8	K-N3	2. N-KB3	P-Q3
	56 Resigns.		3. P-Q4	PxP
_		 	4. NxP	P-KN3
S.	FALK	V. PUPOLS	5. P-QB4	N-KB3
		-	6. N-QB3	B-N2
	1. P-Q4	N-KB3	7. B-K2	0-0
	2. P-QB4	P-KN3	8. 0-0	QN-Q2
	3. N-QB3	B-N2	₽. B-K3	P-QR3
	4. P-K4	P-Q3	10 N-N3	N-K4
	5. N-B3	0-0	11 P-KR3	B-Q2
	6. B-K2	P-K4	12 P-B4	N-B3
	7. B-K3	QN-Q2	13 Q-Q2	N-KI
	8. 0-0	PxP	14 N-Q5	P-K3
	9. NxP	N-B4	15 N-N6	R-N1
	10 P-KB3	P-QR4	16 P-QB5	B-B1
	11 Q-B2	KN-Q2	17 QR-Q1	N-B3
	12 QR-Q1	N-K4	18 B-B3	
	13 P-KB4	N-N5	19 BxP	PxP R-KI
	14 B-QB1	R-Kl	20 QxQ	N×Q.
	15 P-KR3	N-B3	21 B-Q6	
	16 B-B3	P-B3	The state of the s	N-B3
	17 KR-K1		22 BxR	NxB
		Q-B2	23 NxB	RxN
	18 N-QR4	N(B3)-Q2	24 P-K5	N-R4
	19 NxN	NxN	25 BxP	R-Kl
	20 N-N3	NxN	26 P-N4	N-N6
	21 QxN	P-R5	27 R-B3	N-K7ch
	22 Q-Q3	Q-N3ch	28 K-B2	NxP
	23 Q-K3	QxQch	29 RxN	BxP
	24 RxQ	B=K3	30 R-B4	BxP
	25 B-K2	R(K1)-Q1	31 N-R5	P-K4
	26 R-R3	P-Q4	32 N-B6	$N \times N$
	27 BPxP	PxP	33 RxN	P-QR4
	28 R(3)-Q3	P-Q5	34 R-B8	RxR
1 %	29 B-K3	BxP	35 BxR	B-Q5ch
	30 BxP	B-B5	36 K-B3	K-N2
	31 BxB	BxR	37 R-QN1	K-R3
	32 B-B6	BxB	38 R-N7	P-B3
	33 RxRch	RxR	39 B-K6	B-B6
		RxR K-Bl	39 B-K6 40 B-N8	

chesschat

A draw is the natural result when two players of equal strength meet. The strength of a tournament can be tested by the number of draws promped But tournament play, although not the bing-bang-boom contest the amazier indulges, is fun to watch and play. The battle proceeds a little slower, tactical interludes are not quite so frequent, and occasionally a strategic masterpiece, its idea clearly visible -- even to the uninitiated is produced. Here is an example of such work.

WHITE: P. PETROV BLACK: A. TSVETKOS, Sofia 1947

1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3; 3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, P-Q3

· Restraint can only go so far and no further; if Black permits P-K5 his pieces will end right back where they started from.

5. P-KN3, O-O; 6. B-N2, QN-N2; 7. KN-N2, P-K4; 8. O-O, R-KL

9. P-B3, PxP; 10. NxP, P-B3!

With this move Black announces his intention of playing P-Q4 just as soon as he can after due preparation. If P-24 can be prevented, Black will have a helpless backward Pawn on Q3--But it cannot--from this point moves by both parties are designed to support that critical square Blacks Q4.

11. N-B2, N-N3; 12. N-K3, B-K3; 13. Q-Q3, P-Q4; 14 BPxP, PxP 15. PxP, KNxP; 16. NxN, NxN; 17. NxN, QxN; 18. QxQ, BxQ

There is a somewhat vague principle that the man who starts exchanging first gets the poorer game. It is certainly true in this example. Note that Blacks manifold small advantages can be quickly developed to win.

19. R-11, B-B3; 20. R-N1, R-K3; 21. P-B4, 2R-K1; 22. BxB, RxB

23. K-B1, R-B7; 24. R-Q2, KR-QB1; 25. RxR, RxR; 26. P-KR3, B-Q5 27. P-QR4, P-QR4; 28. P-N3, R-B7ch; 29. K-K1, R-KR7; 30. K-B1, B-B4; 31. R-R1 Once again the losing side has been reduced to helplessness. Black has the choice of when to start devouring Pawns.

31. ...P-B4; 32. R-N1, K-B2; 33. K-K1, RxP; 34. K-K2, R-R8; 35.K-Q2, B-R6 A Pawn endgame with a Pawm ahead and a more centralized king should prove quite elementary. Not caring to suffer any longer White resigned. This particular game revolved about the strategic point Q5. Black gained the advantage when his forces won the battle of that point.

Fred M. Howard won the West Seattle Club Championship for 155 with ll wins and 3 losses. Not all players completed the schedule.

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	THOMAS		XXXX				11.	10	11	11.	7분	41/2	
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KUVARA is another junior who appears to be going places. He is only 16 now but come the later years and he may threaten the Junior crown.



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	53A-2	A		P	oints				
Merk	1	Roberts	, Don	0	50		54A-6B	P	oints
	54A-4	A				Baron	1 Cairneross	0	10
Nourse, Si	d 1	Nourse,	J.	C	46		54A-6A		
Vellias	1	Nourse,	Sid	0	42	Baron	1 Husby	0	20
	54A-4	В					54B-1B		
Nourse, Si	d 1	Nourse,	J.	0	46	Skarston	1 Raleigh	0	24
Nourse, Si	d 1	Vellias		0	58		54B-2A		
	54A-5	A				Merk	l Tresidder	0	40
Mage	1	Yocom		0	38		54B-2B		
Luters	1	Yocom		0	28	Merk	l Tresidder	0	28
Wade	1	Luters		C	44		55B-1A		
	54A - 51	В				Meliza	l Leine	0	44
Mage	1	Yocom		0	38	Laine	1 Carpenter	0	62
Luters	1	Yocom		0	28		55B-1B		
	55A-2	A.				Meliza	1 Laine	0	54
Coubrough	1	Weaver		0	54	Meliza	1 Carpenter	0	50
Coubrough	1	Carter		0	30	Leine	1 Carpenter	0	62

Elsewhere in this issue you will note the memoriam to our postal player H. E. Yocom of Centralia, Washington. Ernest was one of our earliest postal players, having started in 1949 in the eighth section of postal chess that the WCF conducted. He had completed all but one of his games at the time of his passing on. We shall miss him not only for his support of the WCF but because he was a fine gentlemen. All who knew him were better because of his fine influence.

Coubrough advises that he will be vacationing until July 9th.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of your director there has been a delay in starting the CHAMPIONSHIP POSTAL CHESS TOURNAMENT that was to have been announced in this issue. The list of players will be in the next issue and the players will be notified shortly of their opponents. We will accept entries until July 10th.

Coubrough jumped from 8th to 3rd place in the A Division which may have a little to do with his going on vacation. His biggest gain was in taking a game from Weaver who was in 3rd place and now drops to 8th place. Mage also improved his standing by 76 points. Sid Nourse also added 106 points to his rating.



Merk improved his standing from 4th place to first in the B Section by his wins over Tresidder and Roberts. The game with Roberts was a stubborn contest, having taken two years to decide partly due to the mails to Alaska taking additional time. However, Merk's tenure in first place is very precarious as Dickson in second place has a possessive eye on that position.

POSTAL CAESS

Postal chess tournaments are being ·formed all of the time. Cur tournaments are composed of sections of 5 players. Each player plays two games with each of the other four opponents, one game as white and the other game as black. Our fee is only 50¢ per section.

Postal chess is a fine way to improve your game as you can take enough time to thoroughly study out the possibilities of every move and a record is kept so that you can review the game and discover your mistakes. This is not always possible with across the board plsy.

Send entries to Postal Chess Director



POSTAL CHESS RATINGS "A" Division

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Allyn, Lawrence	1250

"B" Division	
Merk	1373
Dickson	1332
Skarsten	1292
Roberts, Don	1254
Meliza	1248
Rauen	1236
Allen, W.P.	1186
Falk	1172
LaFreniere	1170
Waldron	1152
Farsons	1150
Laine	1148
Southerland	1138
Moore	1137
Tresidder	1110
Youngman	1090
Holland	1086
Nelson	1076
Allyn, Shirley	1050
Davidsen	1050
Luberts	1050
Nichols	1050
Schrank	1050
Vukonich	1050
LcDons 1d	1050
Pifley	1050
Eart	1050
Engstrom	1044
Carpenter	1026
Releigh	993