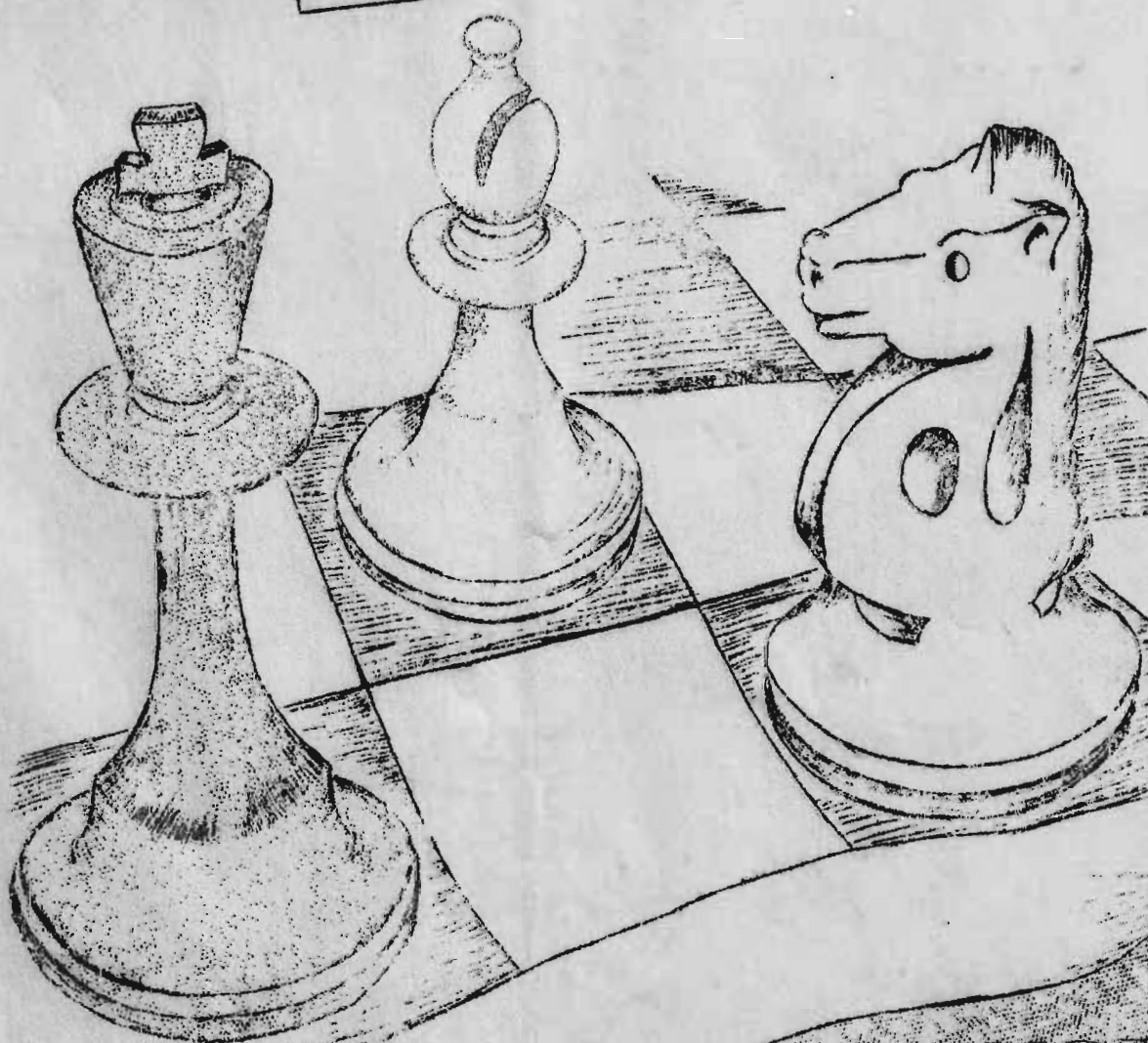


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EDITORIAL

I have a problem that I am going to bring directly to you readers of the Wash-Chess Letter to see if we can find a solution. You have no doubt noticed that the quality in the printing of the "PROBLEM COLUMN" is not entirely satisfactory. The reason is this, We are using type made for printing with which to cut stencils and it obviously does not produce good enough results. Now are there any of our Chess Players who have a printing press, or have access to one, who will help us in this matter? We print approximately two hundred copies each month and our present budget will not allow us to have it printed at the rates of a professional printer. So if there is any Chess Player with any ideas of any sort I will be very glad to receive your suggestions. PLEASE WRITE IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA ! ! ! !

With the new term of the University about to start our Games Editor, who also is State Junior Champion, has found it necessary to resign in order to give his time to his studies and the University of Washington Chess Club's team. Thanks a million for a job well done, Charles Ballantine! Our new Games Editor is none other than Doctor A. A. Murray, Southwest Washington Champion, whose ability and experience more than qualifies him for this position. In many games his skill has reversed a position that I had considered in my favor. All of the games that you would desire published in the Chess Letter send to Dr. A. A. Murray, Quarters Number Eight Mount Ranier Ordnance Department, Fort Lewis, Washington. Good luck with the Games Department, Doctor Murray.

This coming month of September on the 16 and 17 will see us initiating a new and unusual tournament. THE WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS' TOURNAMENT. The idea for this was formed because the majority of Chess Players get a little rusty during the summer months when there is a lag in Chess Activity. Now here is your opportunity to get back into shape before the harder competition of the Puget Sound League and our other regular tournaments find you. All Chess Players are invited. You do not have to be of any particular rating or skill, this is not a contest for blood. Although many of the good players will be there this is the friendly tournament of the year. A TROPHY for first place and a free membership in the Washington Chess Federation for second place will be the prizes. Come on all of you Chess Players get the summer kinks out of your game with this tourney. See you at the Y.M.C.A. in Seattle for this event. Bring your friends. No experts or masters allowed to participate.

At long last we have received the adjudication results of First and Third Boards of the 1950 International Match played at Mount Vernon. George Koltanowski, Former Blindfold Champion of the World, adjudicated the First Board "As a win for Black but very difficult to prove". White was played by M. Jursevskis, Champion of British Columbia, and Black was played by Robert G. Stork, Washington State Champion. The Third Board, with White played by Robert Neale of Washington and Black played by J. M. Taylor of British Columbia, was adjudicated in favor of the Canadian Player, Mr. J. M. Taylor. This leaves the final score of the Mount Vernon Section of the International Match at 31 points for Washington and 17 points for British Columbia.

THE OPENING LABYRINTH

By CHARLES K. JOACHIM

GRECO COUNTER GAMBIT

There are, of course, many ways to answer a move particularly if that move is not first class. The Greco Counter Gambit is not the most reliable encounter although it can be dangerous in the hands of a skilled opponent.

Every gambit can be answered in three different ways; By accepting, By declining or by a countergambit.

1. The M. C. O. recommends accepting the Greco Counter Gambit with this main line

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| (1) P-K4 | P-K4 |
| (2) N-KB3 | P-KB4 |
| (3) NxP | Q-B5 |
| (4) P-Q4 | P-Q3 |
| (5) N-B4 | PxP |
| (6) N-B3 | Q-N3 |

(7) B-B4 leaves black with only a queen in an open field and white with obviously superior development.

2. To decline the counter gambit white can play (3) B-B4 or he can defend his King's Pawn with his King's Knight which is highly favored by Klotkosky.

3. Now we may analyze the third possibility, the counter gambit against the counter gambit, an unusual complication which reminds us somewhat of the famous Falkbeer Gambit with sides reversed.

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| (1) P-K4 | P-K4 |
| (2) N-KB3 | P-KB4 |
| (3) P-Q4! | |

and now black has the choice of capturing white's King or Queen Pawn or to defend his own Pawns. All three moves lead to interesting complications. First let us see what happens when black grabs the King Pawn.

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| (3) | PxKp |
| (4) NxP | N-KB3 |

which prevents (5) Q-R5 check

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| (5) B-KN5 | B-K2 |
| | which re- |
| spectively pins and unpins the defender. | |
| (6) BxN | BxB |
| (7) Q-R5 | K-K2 |
| (8) Q-KB7 and wins. | |

If however black prefers to take the Queen Pawn

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| (3) | PxQP |
| | black |
| loses at least one pawn by the white move | |

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| (4) NxP | |
| | now if black, with the intention to save his pawns, plays (4).... PxP he will lose the game by (5) Q-R5c. |

The other variation to be analyzed is Black's defence of his two attacked pawns.

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|---------------|----------|
| (3) | P-Q3 |
| (4) PxKP | BPxKP |
| | not (4). |

.... 2PxP because of (5) QxQ KxQ (6) NxP with some mean threats.

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| (5) N-N5 | P-KN3 |
| | (5) . . . |

. . . B-K2 would lose because (6) NxP PxP (7) Q-R5 ch.

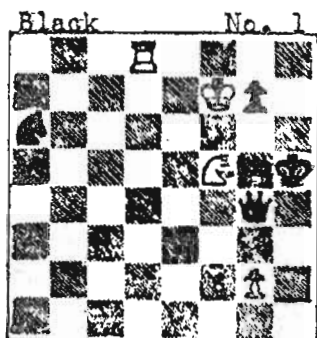
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| (6) Q-Q5 | Q-K2 |
| (7) PxP | PxP |
| (8) QxP on K4 and wins | |

This constitutes part of the replies that may be used against the Greco Counter Gambit and gives a general idea of how it may be refuted.

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.

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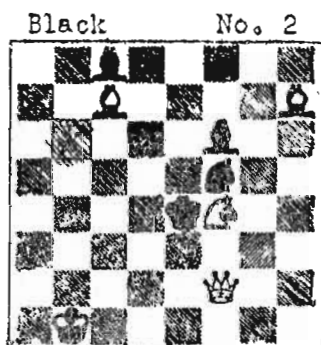
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White to move & draw

PROBLEM NUMBER ONE

by MR. DANIELS of the magazine "CHESS"



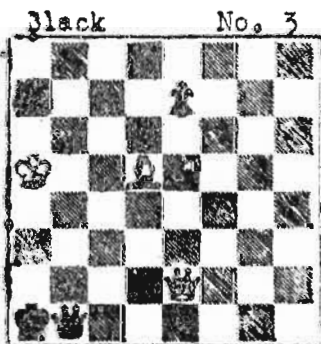
White to mate in 3

This is a beautiful draw as most composed draws are. It shows that it is not always necessary to resign when faced with seemingly overwhelming odds.

White has one pawn, one knight, one rook and his king.
Black has one pawn, one knight, one queen and his king.

PROBLEM NUMBER TWO

by MR. C. C. MORRISON, CANADA.



White to win

White to move and mate in three. A beautiful example of smothering the king to death or making him accept the sacrifice.

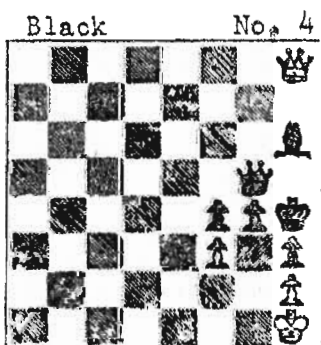
White has two bishops, one knight, one queen and his king.
Black has two bishops, one knight and his king.

PROBLEM NUMBER THREE

by MR. E. A. ERICKSON.

White to play and win. Black has progressed with his pawn to a point where it can be considered dangerous, but white has calculated quite well and can force the win. This is not the most easy problem to solve.

White has one bishop, one queen and his king.
Black has one pawn, one queen and his king.



White to win

PROBLEM NUMBER FOUR

taken from "CHESS LIFE"

(with compliments to J. N. NOURSE)

White to play and win. This selection in itself neither a problem or an end game study but a specimen in a class by itself usually called a Single Line Play.

White has three pawns, one queen and his king.
Black has two pawns, one bishop, one queen and his king.

SOLUTIONS PAGE NINE

REHBERG SAYS

Speaking of better publicity for chess John Nourse once sponsored a High School Tourney at the Bainbridge Island High School with some modest success. The underlying idea behind J. N.'s venture being this:

Many students are for one reason or the other unable to participate in the ordinary run of sports. One reason is the fact that programs such as football demand a lot of a boy physically.

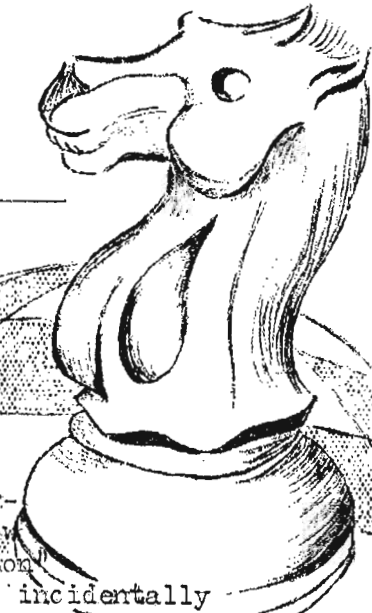
But a sport like football does have something that Chess lacks, in fact two main features that are so far sadly lacking in Chess. One of these is spectator appeal which chess will probably never have to the extent that the faster moving events command. The other is financial reward in the form of scholarships and other subsidies not to mention the direct salaries paid to professional athletes.

Now this last condition we can change. I do not know what the prizes were that Mr. Nourse offered to the Bainbridge players, but the attending publicity was not great by any standards although this of course was not Mr. Nourse's fault because if Chess ever did have a supporter it has one in this person.

Think of the different publicity Chess would have received if the prizes were University Scholarships for the winning players! Well I know what your first reaction will be to this indirect proposal. Impossible! But then every radical departure from past practice seems impossible at first. With the WCF present membership it probably would be impossible to finance such a program for every High School in the State, but we could, with our present rather meager membership, finance such a program for one High School if we were all able and/or willing to contribute toward it. Even if the winner of the Tourney received only a one year Scholarship it would be a beginning.

Then too perhaps others besides Chess players would donate, business concerns on the lookout for new young talent of proven mental ability for example

Other than getting the thrill of



seeing him perform on the field what does society gain by subsidizing an athlete's scholarship? Yeh, I know "The Fields of Eton" and all that. And incidentally Napoleon was only a mediocre chess player at that. On the basis of the Emperor's Chess playing ability he wouldn't even have been admitted to Military School! I am not saying that proven chess playing ability should be a requirement for entrance to a school of higher learning, but at the same time it stands to reason that a chess player would reflect more credit from a scholastic viewpoint to his Alma Mater than a non-chess player. Do not misunderstand me, I like the active sports as well as the next person. I merely wish to promote Chess in any legitimate way open to us. It is my belief that should we sponsor a High School Tournament with the First Prize being a University Scholarship it would create more players and the 'Publicity' the game deserves would automatically follow. What do you think? ?

EDITORS NOTE: This seems like a wonderful idea to me George, As you have mentioned our resources are too small to do much at the present but there is no doubt in my mind that we will be able to increase our resources many many times. Think of the excellent increase it would have in interest of our game if we were to provide an incentive to these youngsters, perhaps then we could make a reasonable showing against those countries that are already using this system to provide themselves with such a large field to pick their champions from. We will indeed improve our quality if we increase our quantity. More players mean more competition.

CHESS LIFE REPORTS—

BISGUIER WINS U S OPEN

The 51st U. S. Open Championship Tournament at Detroit began on July 10 with an unprecedented entry list of 120 players from 22 States, the District of Columbia, three Canadian Provinces and Puerto Rico.

Winning 8 games, drawing 3 and losing 1, young U. S. Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier of New York won the U. S. Open Championship with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. The new champion lost a game to Les Spitzley of Detroit in the second round, and drew with U. S. Champion Herman Steiner, E. J. Van Sweden, and Robert Steinmeyer. The triumph was an up hill struggle for Bisguier who at the end of the 3rd round had a $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score, as compared to the 3-0 score of Larry Evans.

Runner-up in the 120 man swiss tournament was Herman Hesse of Bethlehem, Pa., a former Pennsylvania State Champion, with 9 wins and 3 losses for a 6-3 score. Losing to Hans Berliner in the 4th round, Leon Stolcenberg in the 6th round, and Philip LeCormur in the 7th. Hesse slipped past a number of contestants by winning his last five games in the tournament.

Nine players scored $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, but on S-B points Jerry Donovan of New York placed third, losing only to Bisguier, but drawing 5 games. Fourth place went to Larry Evans, Marshall Club Champion, also with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. For seven rounds, Evans led the tournament, winning his first 6 games, but then he drew with Donovan and lost to Walter Shipman; and the eighth round found Evans, Donovan, Berliner and Shipman tied for the lead.

In the ninth round Evans drew with Santasiere, Berliner with Shipman and Carl Hesse with Donovan. In contrast Bisguier won brilliantly from W.W. Adams to sneak into a tie for first place. Leading scores were now: Bisguier, Berliner, Donovan, Evans, Shipman tied at 7-2; Kramer, Santasiere, Steinmeyer, Stolcenberg at $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The picture changed quickly in the 10th round. Bisguier defeated Donovan, Evans won from A. J. Fink, Santasiere defeated Berliner. In the same time Kramer drew with Stolcenberg and Elliot Hearst drew with Walter Shipman. Result Evans and Bisguier 8-2 each; Santasiere Shipman, and Steinmeyer $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The deciding game of the tournament was the Evans-Bisguier contest in the 11th round. Here just as at Omaha in 1949 these two young rivals met in the penultimate round, and having the Black piece-

es in both instances did not hinder Bisguier from gaining the initiative and winning. Result Bisguier 9-2, alone at the head of the list. Tied at 8-3 were Evans, Donovan, Santasiere, Shipman, Steinmeyer, Stolcenberg and W. Adams.

The final pairings were: Bisguier-Steinmeyer, Adams-Evans, Santasiere-Stolcenberg, and Shipman-Donovan. the championship was decided in about 15 minutes when Bisguier and Steinmeyer agreed to a draw in nine moves. The other important games were also drawn, but in a much less perfunctory manner.

Of the other players with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - 3½ scores, they ranked on the S-B points from 5th to 11th in the following order: L. Stolcenberg, W. Shipman, R. Steinmeyer, H. Steiner, A. Santasiere, and G. Kramer. Hans Berliner placed 12th on S-B points with an 8-4 score, while Canadian Champion Maurice Fox placed 13th, also with 8-4.

Fox was the only player to be undefeated in the course of the tournament but he drew 8 games. Seven players in the event lost only one game apiece: Bisguier, Donovan, Kramer, Santasiere, Shipman, Steinmeyer, and Stolcenberg.

JIM CROSS U S JUNIOR CHAMPION!

The 5th Annual Junior Championship was won by James Cross of Glendale, California. Jim has previously narrowly missed the title upon several occasions, being third on S-B points at Fort Worth in 1949, third at Oak Ridge in 1948, and tied for second with Larry Evans at Cle-

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veland in 1947.

Placing second on 3-3 points, also with a score of 8-1, was young 14 year old Ross E. Siemms of Toronto. Siemms hasn't missed a Junior Championship Tournament since Cleveland, where he distinguished himself against the leaders at the age of eleven.

Third with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ was John Penquite of Des Moines.

LARRY EVANS NEW SPEED CHAMPION

Larry Evans, Marshall Chess Club Champion, Log Cabin Chess Club Champion, and holder of various other titles, won the 9th U. S. Lightning Championship victoriously. This Speed Tourney was held at Detroit during the course of the U.S. Open Championship Tournament. Evans tied for second in the preliminaries of Section C with David Hamburger at 7-2, but defeated him in a play-off game to qualify for the finals. In the finals Evans sailed through the opposition with an 8-1 score. In the preliminaries Evans lost games to Garelick and Eastman for his only defeat.

Joseph Shaffer of Chicago was second with 6-3, after winning his preliminary Section A with an 8-1 score. Third place went to 1949 Lightning Champion George Kramer of New York with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. In the preliminaries Kramer tied with Mengarini at 7-2 for second place behind Shaffer, and won the playoff against Mengarini to qualify for the finals. Fourth place went to U. S. Junior and Open Champion Arthur Bisguier with $4\frac{1}{2}$ -4 after winning the preliminaries of section B with a 9-0 score.

Winners of the other preliminaries were Geotge Eastman with 8-1 in section C, Jerry Donovan with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in Section D and Walter Shipman with 8-1 in Section E. Fifty players entered the event and the preliminaries consisted of five 10 man sections, with the winner and runner-up qualified for the 10 man finals.

MISS KARFF & KELLNER SHARE TITLE

The U. S. Women's Open Championship Tournament, conducted concurrently with the U. S. Open Championship at Detroit, suffered this year from a rather small entry list, which endeavored to make up in quality for what it lacked in quantity.

Miss N. May Karff, U. S. Women's Co-Champion and defending U. S. Women's Open Champion, shared top honors with Miss Lucille Kellner of Detroit, Michigan's ranking woman player, with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores each. Miss Karff and Miss Kellner drew against each other and both defeated their other opponents. They agreed to share the title rather than engage in a play-off match. Mrs. W. E. Thomas of Detroit was third with 1-2, and Ohio State Women's Champion Mrs. Catherine Jones was fourth.

U. S. Women's Co-Champion Mrs. Gisela Gresser was also on Detroit, but elected to play in the U.S. Open Championship rather than contest the Women's title, while Miss Kellner bravely elected to engage in both events.

NORTH DAKOTA HAS UNUSUAL TOURNAMENT

Holding three different Swiss meets on June 25, July 9, and July 23 at the Grand Forks YMCA, play for the North Dakota State Championship is upon a unique basis. In the first session 6 players with top scores were qualified for the final meet out of 20; In the second session 16 entrants qualified 8 players for the finals. These were four round events, and the finals will also be four rounds, with the cumulative score of all events designating the winner of the title.

With the first two sessions completed, defending Champion Dr. St. Clair, Waldemar Heismann and Farup Canner are tied for the lead with 4-0 each, while a number of contenders are still in the running with 3-1.

MY STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD TITLE

— BY MIKHAIL BOTVINNIK

To give the readers of the Chess Letter a view into the personality of World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik, we give you this article which originally appeared in the Moscow News and later in the Australian "Chess World".

It was a ten-minute walk to the Karltón Hotel, Amsterdam. I glanced at Flohr striding briskly by my side: he was calm and even looked pleased. I felt reassured in the presence of such a witness. One could talk things over with Alekhine quite freely.

There was one circumstance, it is true, that might have disturbed me: several months before (the year was 1938) Flohr himself had negotiated with Alekhin concerning a match between them, but in view of the crisis Flohr's native land, Czechoslovakia, was going through then, the chances for such a match were nil. It was a gamble indeed to count on a benevolent attitude on Flohr's part under the circumstances--few chess players in a similar position would be willing to co-operate. I proved right, however, in believing that Flohr would rise above petty egoism. He readily agreed to accompany me, understanding the delicacy of my position.

Having decided that I had every opportunity to make a bid for the World Title, I wanted to put the question before the Soviet Chess Organization. But would Alekhine agree to a match with a Soviet Grandmaster? Hence I had to get his unofficial consent first.

At the closing ceremony of the 1938 Amsterdam Tournament I told the World Champion I wanted to have a confidential talk with him. Alekhine guessed immediately what it was all about and we agreed to meet at four o'clock the following day at the Karltón Hotel. Although the World's Champion's tone was cold and formal, it struck me that he was pleased. It all looked promising. Had I been more experienced I might have realized immediately that Alekhine himself was anxious to play a match with a Soviet Grandmaster, for this seemed to him the most convenient way to return to his native land.

It was this appointment Flohr and I were hurrying to keep that day we walked through the wet streets of Amsterdam under the November rain. Alekhine met us in the lobby and during the next half hour, sitting over a cup of tea, we learned of his conditions: 6700 dollars for the Champion; the scene of the contest, any European Country except Holland. If the choice fell on Moscow, Alekhine insisted on taking part in some Moscow tournament three or four months prior to the match.

Alekhine agreed to regard our conversation as confidential. It was decided that were an official challenge to follow and the negotiations to end successfully, the official announcement of the match would be made by the Soviet Chess Organization.

That was the last we saw of Alekhine.

On my arrival in Moscow I informed the Soviet Chess Organization of the results of my talk with the World Champion. The difficulties involved were considerable: Alekhine's political past, and the financial outlay required. My friends advised me to turn directly to the Soviet Government.

In January 1939 I wrote to V. I. Molotov. You can imagine my joy and the gratitude I felt to our Party and Government when I shortly afterwards received a telegram from Molotov wishing me success in the world title match. I recalled how Tchigorin had to cross the Atlantic twice to meet Steinitz in the matches for the World Title, since under the conditions of Tsarist Russia it was impossible to raise the funds for the match in his native land. My Socialist Homeland, however, gave me full support in spite of my youth.

The negotiations with Alekhine were proceeding favorably, but the outbreak of the war in Europe made the match impossible.

(to be continued next month)

HISTORY OF WASHINGTON CHESS

by JOHN N. NOURSE

PART TWO

Clarence Bagley was probably the first Seattle player to whom the title of Washington State Champion could be applied.

There was no Washington State Tournament in existence until 1932 when Julius Schmidt organized the Washington State Chess Association, so it should be fitting to record here the names of the top players throughout these years who could undoubtedly have held the State Title.

It is relevant here to record the fact that Mr. Bagley's span of life paralleled the era when chess was at its zenith. Most of our popular openings were new at the time, offering the thrill of exploring untested onslaughts. Morphy and Anderssen were delighting sophisticates with their brilliant combinations, and to be an able player was the mark of the intellectual - the 19th Century model of the man of distinction.

Chess could condescendingly ignore the puerile competition afforded by backgammon, bezique and whist, for until the advent of the automobile which opened up the great outdoors, and the development of bridge to the contract game, there was no outlet for the intelligent imaginative mind which seriously compared to chess.

It was no accident then that many of the prominent names in Seattle history were members of the Seattle Chess Club and entirely to be expected that their achievements would be notable. It will be my pleasure later, to briefly record the accomplishments of some of the notables, such as Will Dickey, discoverer of Mt. McKinley, Mr. J. N. Bahses, Mr. Otto Case and others.

For the benefit of older members I record here the following pioneers, in the hope that their names will recall many pleasant memories:

J. A. Jaffe, sire of the local Jaffe family, G. Emil Lerche, pioneer piano teacher, Billy Steiner, violinist with the old symphony orchestra, A. M. Cadien, prominent restaurant man, George Linder, Billy Fitts, Hugh Goodfellow, Austin Burwell, of Burwell and Morford, Dr. Peters, Mr. Murray of Balfour Guthrie, an

excellent player from Scotland, Edward Everett, who acted as voluntary Chess Editor of the P-I. A fine player and a hard worker. Mr. Theodore Jenner says of Everett, "Ed was a real chess enthusiast much to the detriment of his exchequer and home life. He was one of the mainsprings that kept things going at the chess club during its heydays. He later moved to California. Understand his wife took him there to get him away from his evil chess companions, including me!" So apparently the female opposition is of long standing. Other oldtimers include two Seattle Postmasters, Griffith Davies and Q. J. Carr, W. E. Stevens, hotel man, I. Parker, City Treasurer, Judge J. T. Ronald, Dr. Chas. Gresham and Thomas Prosch, son of Chas. Prosch who pioneered the newspaper business in Steilacoom when that town was considered to be genuine competition to Seattle... Mr. C. T. Conover, a non-chess player recalls that as a youth he often saw Prosch and Griffith Davies playing chess in the back of brother Dan Davies coffee store. They were then both retired from business.

There will always be many men like these who are willing to give freely of their time and energy that they and their friends may reap enjoyment, but it is extremely doubtful if any will approach the record set by Mr. Bagley, the founder of the Seattle Chess Club.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

Problem No. 1.--- 1.NxPch. K-R3, 2.R-R8ch K-N4, 3.R-R5ch. K-B5, 4.R-R4 QxR, 5. P-N3 etc. or 1.NxPch. K-R5, 2.R-Q4 QxR, 3.N-B5 etc. or 1.NxPch. K-N4, 2.R-Q5ch. K-R3 3.R-R5ch, etc.

Problem No. 2.--- 1.B-QN6 B-Q5, 2.BxB and B to any square then 3.Q-K3 and mate. or 1.B-QN6 K-K4, 2.Q-Q4ch. NxQ, 3.B-B7mate.

Problem No. 3.--- 1.K-R6 Q-N3ch., 2.K-R7 Q-KN8, 3.K-R8 Q-N8, 4.Q-K5ch. Q-N7, 5.Q-K1ch. Q-N8, 6.Q-B3ch. Q-N7, 7.Q-R5ch. K-N8, 8.B-K4ch. K-B8 and the Queen mates.

Problem No. 4.--- 1.Q-K8 Q-QB4, 2.Q-Q8ch. Q-N4, 3.Q-N6 Q-N2, 4.Q-R5 Q-N3, 5.Q-K1ch. K-N4, 6.Q-K5ch. K-R5, 7.Q-K7ch. Q-N4 (or B4) 8.Q-K1and mate.

E N P A S S A N T

by Dick Allen

I notice in the schedule that the WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS' TOURNAMENT will take place Sept. 16 and 17th starting at 9:00 AM at the Seattle YMCA. This tournament is unique in that those rated as experts are barred entry. This event should attract a large field of Washington contenders--so bring your favorite chess sets, clocks, gas masks and shin guards for the battle-royal. WCF members get a 50% reduction on the registration fee, and there is no rule against joining at that time to take advantage of this and other benefits. But the sooner you send in your \$1.50 dues to Mr. W.H. Raleigh, WCF Treasurer, the sooner your WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER MONTHLY starts arriving in your mailbox. (address-4318 Densmore Ave., Seattle 3, Wn.)

Your attention is called to a letter to the editor of last month in which our honorable president, Jack Nourse, came out on record that the decision at Mount Vernon regarding the INTERNATIONAL MATCH of 1951 was legal and final.

In the second place, it's obviously not final until the arrangements have been made and the match is over. Personalities are not involved--we are dealing in facts.

In the first place, the agreement was made by the 1950 WCF Secretary instead of the 1951 WCF Board of Directors and therefore was illegal. When this action was challenged, a director's meeting was called to confirm the agreement of the secretaries of the BCCF and WCF. But there was no quorum, there was no discussion, no roll was called, and no minutes were kept. Furthermore, about half of the votes counted were proxies carried by executive-directors for which there is no provision in our By-Laws. Executive-directors are supposed to be unbiased in regard to any member club and are given a separate vote. (see sec. VII, par. 3 & 4, ByLaws.)

Aside from the legality of the decision, there are several other questions to be considered by the WCF directors. It is known that the BCCF regretted the Vancouver-Seattle invasion plan agreement and chose Mnt. Vernon this year at Jack Finnigan's suggestion in order to break the cycle. This agreement was made at a joint meeting of the WCF and BCCF directors held at the YMCA in Everett, Wash. on June 27th, 1948. In 1948, the Washingtonians drove over 150 miles (400 miles round trip from Olympia) to meet the Britishers in Stanley Park, Vancouver. In 1949, they returned the compliment by invading Seattle. As the story goes, they feel that we have more cars and more gasoline and should relieve them of a proportionate share of the transportation cost. In short, they now favor holding the match annually at Blaine which is 25 miles from Vancouver and 125 miles from Seattle or at Mount Vernon which is 70 miles each way.

Some WCF directors favor Blaine because the trophy is a model of the Peace Arch located there. Some say that a match on the border has greater publicity value. Others say that an invasion is more analogous to the spirit of the game and therefore better publicity appeal. But the chess enthusiasts who actually have to do the driving should be considered too. Let us not be too generous with their time, energy, and money.

EDITORS NOTE: What do you readers think on this subject? There are good points for each side. Write your opinion to me.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

PORTLAND CHESS CLUB

Alex Suchobek won the Portland City Chess Club Championship by the narrow margin of $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of Jim Schmitt. The score for the games played was $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ in Suchobek's favor.

The Portland Chess Club Secretary, E. G. Short, has evolved an idea which some of the Washington Clubs may be interested in. He has posted a large chart in the clubroom with the members names and the dates for the next few months or so. Each member then marks an "O" on the date which he expects to visit the club and then puts an "X" when he arrives. With this system they dispose of the complaint that members come down to the club and find no one of their strength to play. This also enables the members to tell in advance which players will be present on a given date and gives an attendance record for the club secretary.

Other Portland Club Matches in progress are Reddington vs. Strong and the score now stands at $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ with Strong in the lead. They are playing until one wins three games above the other with draws ignored.

Svente Eikrem, who came in 2nd in the Master Expert's Tournament 1950, is playing a straight 4 game match with the 1947 Club Champion Glenn Bills. With the third game completed the score stands at $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Donald Turner has started a four game match with their new club member, Evans Dahlberg, who is a 15 year old Latvian Displaced Person. Dahlberg, just arrived and stepped into 5th spot in the Portland Perpetual Tournament only 18 points below 4th place holder E. G. Short.

VANCOUVER B.C. NEWS

A double round playoff will decide the winner of the just concluded Training Tournament which saw a triple tie of 10-2 between L. H. Duval, C. F. Miller, and M. Jursevskis. Fourth on the list was J. M. Taylor with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Professor Nathan Divinsky of Winnipeg, now teaching mathematics in Illinois, was visiting Vancouver in August. Dave Greener, A. Helman, J. H. Taylor and F. Atalikov made up a small group to entertain him. Professor Divinsky is an excellent chess player and a veteran of many tournaments.

OLYMPIA CLUB NEWS

In the Olympia Chess Club a round-robin tournament for the club championship has been started with State Champion Robert Stork, Southwest Washington Champion Dr. A. A. Murray, Joe Cerretelli, Dick Murray, J. J. Butterfield, H. Yocom, G. Yocom, C. R. Harneson, Don Chambers, and Ellis Ayer participating. Two games will be played in each pairing and the score registered on the perpetual rating system. The Olympia Chess Club has just recently added the improvement of new table tops to the clubhouse.

OTHER NEWS

The Seattle Chess Club, The Kitsap Chess Club, and the Olympia Chess Club have notified the editor of their intentions to participate in the Puget Sound League this year. How about you other clubs? Please let us know so that the schedule can be drawn up. Address correspondence to C. Joachim, Tournament director, 2712 E. Fir St., Seattle 22, Wash.

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... to prevent a check at QN5
 9. P-Q4 N-Q2
 10 Q-K4 ... White still has his eyes on pawns ... the QNP now and Black wisely lets him win it. Black's lines are opened and White development lags.

10 ... N-B3
 11 QxNP ? B-Q4
 12 Q-N2 R-N1

and another tempo for Black

13 Q-B2 B-K5
 14 Q-R4 P-QB3

15 P-KB3 ... White has no really good move, his numerous Queen moves are bankrupting him.

15 ... R-N5

16 QxRP ? ? ? ? protection of the Q file is imperative. ... with two Black pieces in hock, he(White) would have adequate counterplay after Q-Q1. ... then RxQP doesn't work because of QxR ...

16 ... R-N8 is forced to avoid material loss, then 17 RxR BxR 18 Q-N3. ... B-N3 19 P-K4 and the White position looks good.

16 ... RxP
 17 PxR B-N5 ch.
 18 B-Q2 BxB ch.
 19 KxB QxP ch.
 20 K-K1 QxR ch.
 21 K-B2 O-O
 22 PxB NxP ch.
 23 K-K3 QxB
 24 Q-Q3 Q-B7

Resigns

INTERNATIONAL MATCH 1950 FIRST BOARD

RUY LOPEZ

JURSEVSKIS

R. C. STORK

White	Black
1. NP-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	N-B3
5. O-O	P-QN4
6. B-N3	B-K2
7. P-Q3 ... timid, book is P-Q4 or P-QR4	
7. ... O-O	
8. P-B3	P-Q3
9. P-KR3	B-N2
10 N-R2	Q-Q2
11 B-N5	N-QR4
12 B-B2	P-B4
13 N-Q2	N-B3
14 N/Q2-B3	N-Q1

15 BxN	BxB
16 N-N4	Q-K2
17 NxB ch.	QxN

Black appears to have a slight edge.. better Bishop, and square for N at K3

18 N-R2	N-K3
19 R-K1	N-B3
20 R-K3	QR-Q1
21 P-B4	P-KR4
22 Q-KB1	B-B1
23 N-B3	P-N5
24 P-QR3	P-R4
25 PxP	RPxP
26 K-R2	P-N4
27 N-N1	P-N5
28 P-KN3	NxP!
29 NxN	PxN.
30 B-R4	K-R1
31 Q-K2	Q-N4
32 B-Q1	B-N5!
33 P-B3	

Adjudicated a win for Black by George Koltanowski. A fine example of steady play by the State Champion.

PORTLAND 1950 (Notes by Jack Strong)

JACK STRONG

JIM SCHMITT

White	Black
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1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3

3. P-QR3 ... this move prevents the Nimzo pin of the Queen's Knight and was meant to surprise. His eyebrows went up.

3. ...	N-KB3
4. B-N5	P-KR3
5. B-R4	PxP

Schmitt prevents P-K4 so White plays it!

6. P-K4	P-KN4
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7. P-K5 forced. ... if black would now answer with PxR it looks somewhat in Black's favor.

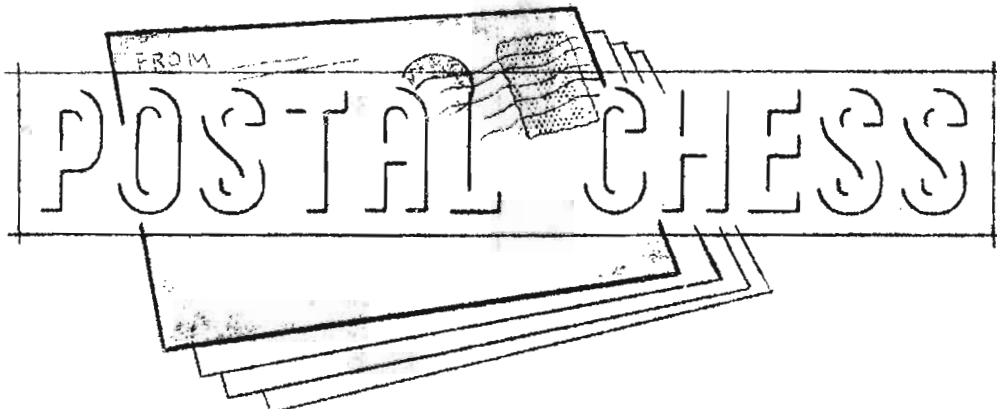
7. ...	N-Q4
8. B-N3	P-QB4
9. BxP	Q-R4 ch.

10 QN-Q2	PxQP
11 N-KB3	N-K6

a pretty but losing move. ...

12 PxN	PxP
13 O-O	PxN
14 P-QN4	Q-Q1
15 R-R2	P-QR4
16 RxP	N-Q2
17 N-Q4	PxP
18 RxP!	KxR

19 Q-R5 ch. and mate either way



NEIL F. POWER ** POSTAL CHESS EDITOR

Postal Chess Ratings - Big A's

Charles Ballantine	1309
J. A. Naas	1532
Neil F. Power	1479
L. M. Green	1379
E. Tweeddale	1375
Miss Alice Grey	1369
Leslie Coubrough	1361

<u>Class A</u>	
Ballantine	1609
Bever	1229
Bushnell	1210
Corretelli	1275
Christey	1261
Coubrough	1361
Dolle	1254
Gordon	1237
Greene	1397
Miss Grey	1369
Harneson	1244
Hazen	1288
Hellums	1225
Kaffenberger	1236
Lagerkurth	1294
Naas	1532
Power	1479
Sams	1252
Tweeddale	1375
Yocom, H. E.	1314

<u>Class B</u>	
Allen	1021
Ansdon	1132
Arntzen	1052
Blakefield	1044
Cairncross	1152
Cutshall	1054
Emerson	1046
Hardinge	1192
Howard	1025
Husby	1108
Laudenberger	993
McCarthy	1148
McMartin	997
Merk	1057
Moofe	1137
Mulder	1051
Norman	1167
Orme	998
Parry	1012
Raleigh	907

Rich	1065
Roberts	899
Running	994
Seekamp	1088
Taylor	1079
Yocom, C.	1007

<u>Class C</u>	
Baker	878
Connell	822
Hiscox	829
Karch	746
Marshall	720
McCormell	850
Mrs. Moss	734
Neilson	805
Plume	732
Sanford	920

Section winners to date

47-A1 A. G. Guthrie	47-A2 L. J. Taro	47-A3 J. H. Hellums
47-A4 J. A. Naas	48-A5 L. Coubrough	48-A6 J. A. Naas
47-B1 J. A. Naas	47-B2 Ray F. Hazen	48-B3 Chas. Ballantine
48-B4 G. L. Christy	49-B6 Thos. J. Dolle	

Results

49-A9 Ballantine 1	Harneson 0	49-B9 Sams 1	Husby 0
Hellums 1	Harding 0	Sams 1	Roberts 0
49-B6 Husby 1	Roberts 0	Sams 1	Merk 0
49-B8 Merk 1	Raleigh 0	Roberts 1	Merk 0
Dolle 1	Raleigh 0	Sams 1	Baker 0

With deep regret we report that Dr. FRANK MULDER of Corvallis, Ore. died very suddenly of a heart attack. He was well known in Postal Chess and we will all greatly miss him. Goodbye to a good man.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Charles Joachim

Tournament Director

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
Washington Woodpushers Tournament	Sep.16-17 9AM 1950	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle YMCA
Qualification Tourna- ment for State Champ- ionship	Jan.27-28 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
State Championship	Feb.10-11 9AM 1951	Round Robin Seeded & Qual.	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Women's Championship	Feb.24 1PM 1951	3 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle YMCA
Wash. State Speed Championship	Feb.25 1PM 1951	Round Robin	\$1.00* .	Assembly Hotel Seattle
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Puget Sound Open	Apr.28-29 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Four District Tourna- ments	May 12 9AM 1951	Decided by Districts	\$1.50*	Everett, Brem., Olym.-Wenatchee
Master-Expert Tournament	May 26-27 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$3.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle

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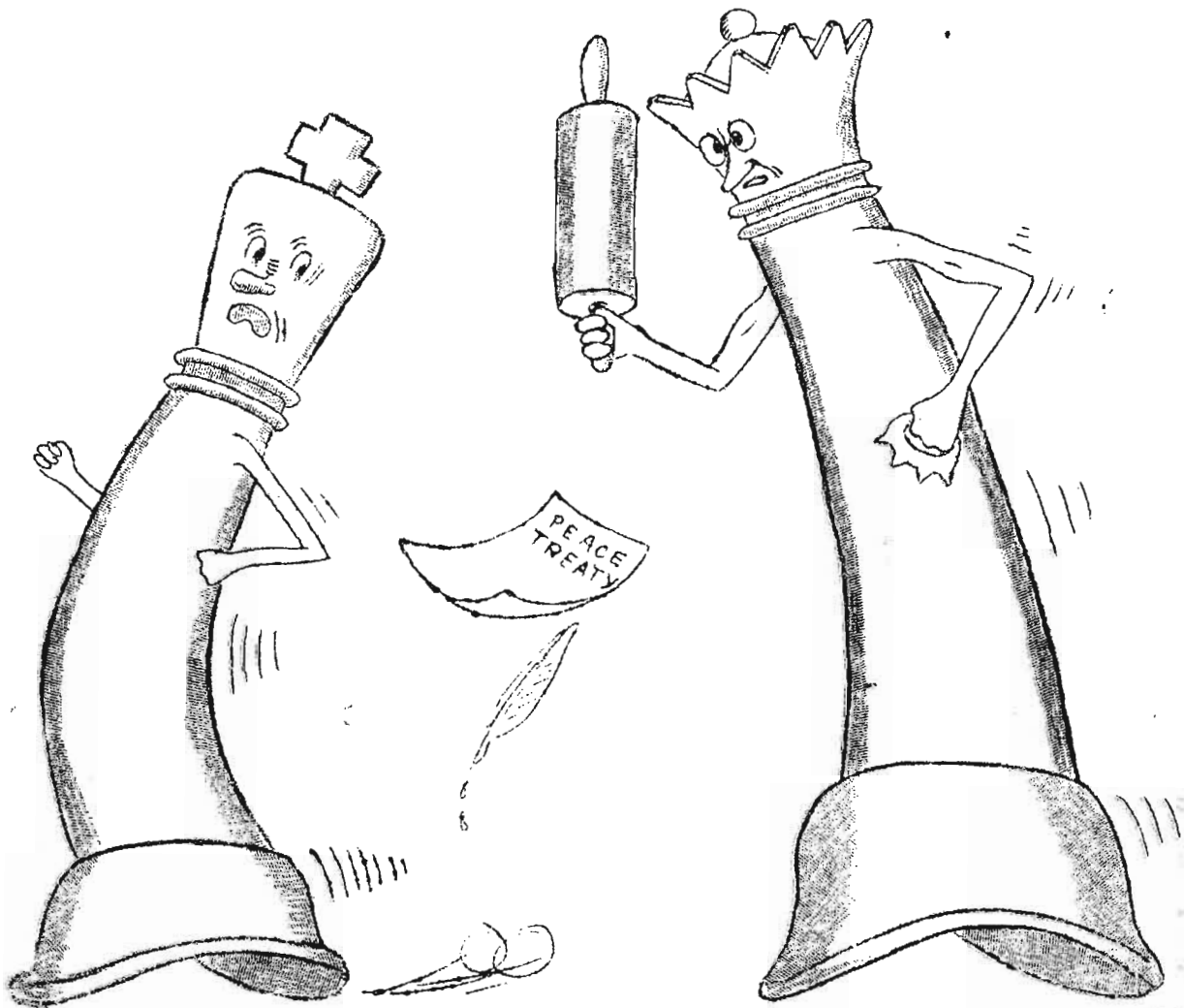
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