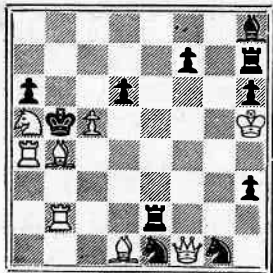


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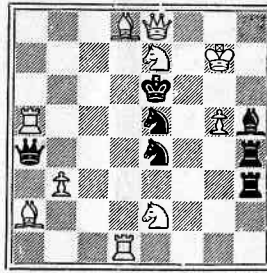
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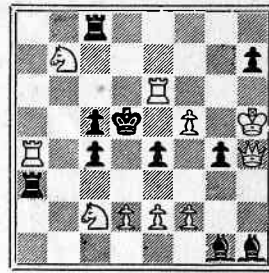
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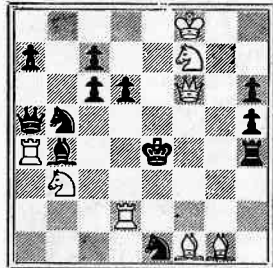
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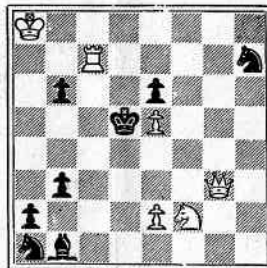
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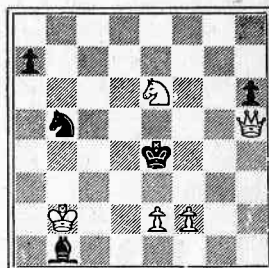
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79.J.J.O'Keefe '22



6v8 Mate in 3

80.J.Drnek '21



5v5 Mate in 3

Our apology for the error in No. 70. As most solvers quickly found, the Queen on e1 (White's K1) should have been a Black Queen. If anyone was led astray by the error a corrected solution will be accepted if sent immediately. February solutions and points will appear in the next issue.

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WAIKATO QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND TOURNEY. - Provided Te Awamutu C.C. agrees, the annual Waikato tournament will be held there at Queen's Birthday weekend. However, at its annual meeting the Waikato Chess League decided that this year the tournament should be an open one. Entry fee, 10/-, with prize money and expenses to be within entry fees. Entries close June 2. That Waikato title will go to the local player scoring best (the trophy will not leave the district). The tourney will start at 9am on Saturday, June 4.

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EDITORIAL. . . Friends of Chess

Items in this issue give some indication of chess activity in this part of the world. Arising frequently are opportunities for our players such as never arose before, but whether advantage is taken of them rests with ourselves.

Each of us has the right to belong to N.Z.C.A., through our clubs. And we are entitled to expect that obligation to cost us the minimum. Consequently N.Z.C.A. is not possessed of the resources required to embark on a programme of international play.

But while it is right of all to belong to N.Z.C.A., it is the privilege of those who join "Chess Friends" to give as much as they can without expecting anything themselves in return.

"CHESS FRIENDS OF NEW ZEALAND" LAUNCHED. . . FIRST SUBSCRIPTION LIST

"I have felt for many years that some organisation such as this should be established," wrote E.D.Moon, of New Plymouth, when sending his subscription to "Chess Friends." All readers of "CN" will have seen full details of the organisation in the circular given wide distribution throughout New Zealand, and Mr Moon's message was typical of several received in the first week after despatch of the circulars.

Wellington Chess Club, whose annual meeting took place just after the venture was launched, is the first club to join. The meeting unanimously decided to contribute a vice-presidential subscription.

At the start of April members will be advised of the procedure to be followed for registration as an incorporated society and for the election of the first Board of Directors.

NOTE: No Auckland members on the initial list!

LATE PUBLICATION. We apologise for late publication of this issue of "CN" due to factors beyond the control of a hard-pressed editor. We expect the next issue to follow promptly, on time. It will contain a big round-up of club news and the feature on "CN" Player of the Year, held over from this issue.

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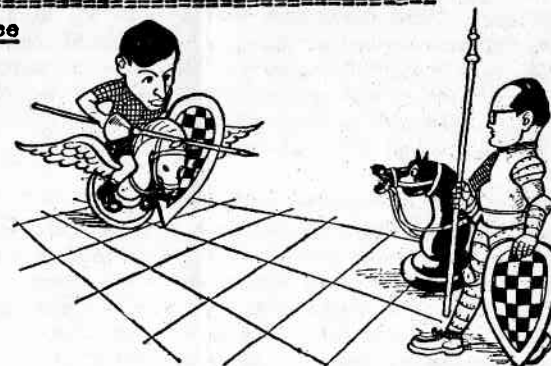
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Stop Press...TAL WINS FIRST GAME IN WORLD TITLE MATCH

GAME 1. French Defence

M.Tal M.Botvinnik

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|-----------|---------|
| 1.P-K4 | P-K5 |
| 2.P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3.N-QB5 | B-N5 |
| 4.P-K5 | P-B4 |
| 5.P-QR5 | BxNoh |
| 6.PxB | Q-B2 |
| 7.Q-N4 | P-B4 |
| 8.Q-N5 | N-K2 |
| 9.QxP | R-KN1 |
| 10.QxP | PxP |
| 11.K-Q1 | B-Q2 |
| 12.Q-R5ch | N-N5 |
| 13.N-K2 | P-Q6 |
| 14.PxP | B-R5ch |
| 15.K-K1 | QxP |
| 16.B-N5 | N-B5 |
| 17.P-Q4 | Q-B2 |
| 18.P-R4 | P-K4 |
| 19.R-R5 | Q-B2 |
| 20.PxP | QNxP |
| 21.R-K3 | K-Q2 |
| 22.R-N1 | P-N5 |
| 23.N-B4 | QR-K1 |
| 24.R-N4 | B-B5 |
| 25.Q-Q1 | NxN |
| 26.R/4xN | N-N5 |
| 27.R-Q4 | RxRch |
| 28.PxR | K-B2 |
| 29.P-B4 | PxP |
| 30.BxP | Q-N2 |
| 31.BxR | QxB |
| 32.P-R5 | Resigns |



Ready for the Fray.

E. Gorokhov

- from Moscow News

M.Tal, playing his first game ever against world champion M.Botvinnik, made a magnificent start in their title match, which began in Moscow on March 15. Botvinnik, with Black, played his favourite Winawer Variation of the French Defence. Tal chose an aggressive line and Botvinnik resigned on the 32nd move after giving up two Pawns for an attack, regaining one, but then losing the exchange and getting into a hopeless position.

We give the score of the first game, from the air mail London "Times." In accordance with our policy of concentrating on New Zealand games we will not give all games in the match, which can go to 24 games (unless someone reaches 12½pts first). All games, we believe, will appear in "Chess World."

Games 2, 3, 4, 5 all drawn. Tal 3, Botvinnik 2.

PLANS FOR 1960 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP AND SUB-ZONAL TOURNEYS

For the purpose of the next world championship series the Asian zone has been divided into two sub-zones as follows:-

A: India, Iran, Israel, Mongolia.

B: Australia, Malaya, New Zealand and the Philippines (also Indonesia if they affiliate).

This arrangement has the advantage of cutting down initial travel distances, also the disadvantage of the extra travel for the zonal final, the winner of which will qualify for the 1961 interzonal and automatically earn International Master status. On this point of expense we suggest that the appeal for travel expenses for the zonal final be extended through the sub-zone and the appeal for travel expenses for the interzonal be spread through the zone. Perhaps each country in our sub-zone could guarantee say £15 towards the cost of travel for the zonal final and £20 towards the cost of travel for

interzonal, whichever is the smaller in each case. This would still leave the lions' share to be found by the player's own country, but it would spread interest and would make it easier to the extent that the last fifth or quarter is the hardest to find.

N.S.W.C.A. President G. Koshnitsky has been appointed organiser for our sub-zone and the tournament will possibly be held in Melbourne late this year. We presume that the usual practice of the host country having two entries and each of the others one will be followed.

In view of the sub-zonal arrangements, A.C.F. have departed from their traditional championship at year's end. The Australian title (and right to participate in the sub-zonal) will be determined in a championship tourney in Adelaide in October, just before the sub-zonal. It will be on the same pattern as the last two congresses, a Swiss with 18 Australian entrants and visitors invited from New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaya.

TWO OFFERS BY THE PHILIPPINES TO F.I.D.E.

Two items in the latest "F.I.D.E. Review" are of special interest "World Junior Championship. . .For the organisation of the next tournament, in 1961, an offer has been submitted by the Philippine Federation. The Assembly decided to adjourn the discussion to the Congress of 1960, in expectation of a possible supplementary financial offer from the said Federation of such a character as to afford reasonable hope for a representative participation."

"Men's Chess Olympics. . .The Philippine Federation had submitted an offer for the organisation of the Olympics of 1962. The Congress expressed its gratitude and regretted its inability to accept this offer, in view of the high travelling costs and the loss of time which the participants would inevitably have to sustain."

Editorial footnote: Chess has made extraordinary progress in the Philippines in recent years, and also in neighbouring Indonesia. But in common with Australasia, these countries suffer from the disadvantage that to be represented in major world events costs a lot. Our experience of having to find £500 to send Rodney Phillips to Switzerland is an example. That sum of money would be enough to enable any of the smaller European countries to be represented in half a dozen or even a dozen world junior tourneys.

So we get the rough end of the stick that way. And when one of our enthusiastic neighbours offers to hold two of these tourneys, one application is rejected outright and a "supplementary financial offer" (a subsidy on travelling expenses?) is requested by F.I.D.E. on the other.

That, we suggest, is being far too tough. Will Pacific countries receive a travel subsidy for their representatives travelling around the world to future world junior events? This F.I.D.E. demand, which is a rank injustice, should be subject of the strongest possible protest by Asian and Pacific countries.

An alternative offers: Why not two junior tourneys, in Euro-African and Pacific zones, with the Americas (north and south) having a choice in the light of anticipated expense? The winners to play a match for the world junior title -- and the appeal for the finalists' travel expenses conducted throughout the zone.

Critical Moments at Dunedin

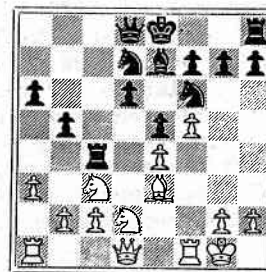
ROUND SEVEN

Perhaps the game Phillips-Hutchings was of most importance.

There were a lot of mistakes on both sides after an even opening. Rodney got a strong game on move 15, but five moves later started playing weak moves which led to a lost position.

Phillips-Hutchings (Sicilian)

- 1.P-K4 P-QB4 8.O-O QN-Q2
- 2.N-KB3 P-Q3 9.B-K3 P-QN4
- 3.P-Q4 PxP 10.P-QR3 B-K2
- 4.NxP N-KB5 11.P-B4 QR-B1
- 5.N-QB3 P-QR3 12.P-B5 B-B5
- 6.B-K2 P-K4 13.BxB RxB
- 7.N-N3 B-K3 14.N-Q2



Position after 14.N-Q2.

Hutchings retreated

- 14. ... R-B3?
- allowing Phillips to get the strong centre square K4 with a tempo. Correct was 14....,R-QB1.
- 15. N-Q5! NxN
- 16. PxN R-QB1
- 17. R-QB1 B-N4
- 18. BxB QxB
- 19. Q-K2 N-N3?

N-B5! was the move. Now it is Rodney's turn to miss the bus.
20. N-K4?

Better 20.P-B6! with a very troubled position for Black.

- 20. ... Q-Q1
- 21. Q-N4?

Again P-B6!

- 21. ... K-B1

Completing a review of games at the Dunedin Congress by the New Zealand Champion

O R T V I N S A R A P U

- 22. Q-R5 P-B5
- 23. Q-B5

Giving up the "Kingsider."

- 23. ... N-B5!
- 24. Q-QN3 K-K2
- 25. R-B5 Q-N3ch
- 26. K-R1 Q-Q5!

White's position being weak on the dark-coloured squares allows this winning penetration into the position. After

- 27. R-K1 N-Q7
- 28. NxN QxN
- 29. R-KN1 RxB

won a Pawn and later the game. This made Rodney's chances nebulous.

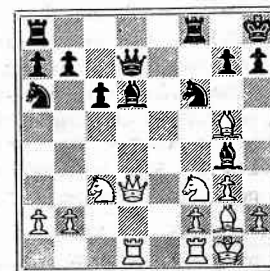
(The game continued: 30.R-N3, K-B2; 31.Q-KB3, Q-K7; 32.Q-N3, KR-QB1; 33.R-QB3, R/7xR; 34.PxR, Q-B5; 35.Q-Q1, QxBP; 36.P-QR4, P-N5; 37.Q-K2, Q-B5; 38.Q-KB2, Q-B4; 39.Q-R4, K-N1; 40.R-Q1, P-QR4; 41. P-KN4, Q-K6; 42.R-K1, Q-B6ch; 43. K-N1, R-B7; 44.P-N5, Q-N7mate.)

ROUND EIGHT

Without eruptions against positions.

ROUND NINE

Frankel perhaps made the second weakest move in the tournament against Phillips.

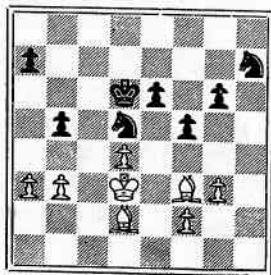


Position after 17.QR-Q1.

Frankel, instead of his planned defence of the attacked piece by QR-Q1 shifted his QR to K1 by mistake!?! Phillips naturally replied QxB! and won.

Esterman-Feneridis

Esterman suffered an unjustified loss when in a level position and with three moves to make he lost on time unnecessarily as he thought he still had a lot of time.



Position after 37...N-R2.
The simple B-N2-B3-N2 would have sufficed to complete the 40 moves.

An appreciation by J. L. Hardy. . .

In the death of this vice-patron of the N.Z. Chess Association the band of N.Z. chess administrators of the twenties and thirties has shrunk almost to zero. As a Post Office man who rose to one of the highest positions in the service, his duties carried him to several cities, and wherever he went chess flourished.

Hamilton did well in the Blackburn Cup. In Dunedin and Wellington the impression was in accordance with the career — impeccable honesty, untiring diligence, a sound if somewhat conservative judgment.

As secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association for several years in the late thirties, these characteristic traits stood Mr McCrea in good stead. The somewhat heated arguments over the abandonment of section play in the N.Z. Championship, and the establishment of the present system, occurred during his term of office, and one felt that here least was an anchor to restrain the unruly and to add decorum to the proceedings. And so New Zealand chess is the poorer for the passing of our good and generous friend.

RULES OF CHESS. - "CN" can supply the Rules of Chess, with latest amendments. They are essential to the proper conduct of tournaments. Every club should have at least one copy, and every player should be familiar with the contents.

ROUND TEN

Hayes, who played many good games but blundered in time trouble, scored in this round against Douglas who, after fish-and-chip poisoning, never did any good. Marsick-Sutton was the best game of this round. My game with Phillips was colourless and flat. I was specially happy about it, as I expected Phillips to try everything. After Phillips's small initiative faded a draw was agreed. Feneridis scored after Frankel "sacrificed" a Pawn.

LAST ROUND

At last I managed to try my new prepared variation. Frankel's reply was a wild sacrifice of a piece on QN5, with the sacrifice of another piece later. Defence was so much easier to find than attack. Feneridis and Phillips, also playing well, drew to make a very close finish to the tourney.

At last recovered from fish and chips, Douglas smashingly won against Hutchings. The game, only 17 "hits" long, appears in the review of Congress openings.

Mr J. C. McCRAE

An Appreciation by Dr R. Gardner. . .

MR J. J. MARLOW

By the death on January 30 of Mr J. J. Marlow at the age of 97, the New Zealand chess community has lost one of its oldest and most respected members.

Mr Marlow joined the Otago Chess Club about 1904 and was an active member from that date until his death. He was President in 1909 and in latter years held the office of Patron.

He won the junior championship of the club in the 1907-08 season. As a player he never reached the highest grades but this fact did not worry him in the least. He enjoyed the game for its own sake and for the sake of the friendships it brought. It is safe to say that there can have been few men in New Zealand who have had as much pleasure out of chess, or helped their opponents to as much pleasure, as did J.J. Marlow. He was a courteous and sportsmanlike opponent and nothing pleased him more than to see younger players overtaking him in skill. His lifelong interest in education and the welfare of young people is commemorated in the Marlow Cup, which goes with the Otago Schoolboy Championship.

One of Mr Marlow's chief delights was solving problems. He had a special liking for two-movers, which he invariably solved from the diagram and almost up to the time of his death there can have been few more expert solvers and connoisseurs of two-movers than he.

"J.J.", as he was almost universally called, retained his mental alertness to an extraordinary degree right to the end of his long life. Only two years ago, when he had recently returned from a trip to Australia, he was asked at an annual meeting of the club to fill in a few minutes with some remarks. He made, quite extemporaneously, a speech that might have served as a model to many men a third of his age. Well beyond his ninetieth year he was playing with some degree of success in the club's intermediate championship tournaments, as well as being a regular member of Otago's Bledisloe Cup team.

It is known that he appreciated greatly the honour of being elected last year a vice-patron of the New Zealand Chess Association. It was a great disappointment to his many friends in Dunedin and elsewhere when a sudden deterioration in his health spoilt his chance of reaching the century.

His memory and his example will live long in New Zealand chess.
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1960 N.I. CHAMPIONSHIP: The lounge of the Hawera War Memorial Community Centre, Albion Street, Hawera, will be the venue of the 1960 N.I. Championship, which will start at 9am on Monday, May 9. Entries close at 8.30am on that day, entry fee £1 per player. The tourney will be an 8-round Swiss if there are more than nine entries, finishing on Saturday morning, May 14. Enquiries, accommodation requests and entries should be sent to

Mr W.L.R. Hamlin, 9 Pacey Avenue, Hawera.

Second instalment of
ORTVIN SARAPU'S Review of Congress Openings

 FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME, BELGRADE GAMBIT This gambit has been popular in
 ===== several New Zealand Champion-
 ships, played by A.H.Douglas, J.R.Phillips and Z.Frankel.

In the game Frankel-Court after 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3, N-QB3; 3.
 N-B3, N-B3; 4.P-Q4, PXP; 5.N-Q5 Court surprised Frankel with the
 new, prepared and unusual 5...., N-QN5!?

I am fortunate to have a long article on this gambit in my posse-
 sion. M.C.O. and other books are very inadequate. Even the article
 by Rolf Schwartz gives only 6.NxNch!, QxN; 7.P-QR3, N-B5; 8.B-KN5,
 Q-K5 (why not Q-N3? O.S.); 9.B-Q3, P-Q4; 10.O-O White has an attack.
 Frankel's reaction to 5...., N-QN5 was 6.P-B3!?, QNxN; 7.PxN, NxP;
 8.QxP, N-KB3.

Now White has four tempi (P-Q4, P-K4, Q-Q4, N-KB3) to Black's two
 (P-K4, N-KB3) for a Pawn, and with White to move. This makes him
 three tempi ahead, for a Pawn, which is considered equal. Possibly
 the chances are even in this position too. Court's 5...., N-QN5 is
 new and interesting, but still requires more analysis.

SICILIAN DEFENCE Very popular in this popular defence was the Naj-
 ===== dorf Variation. 1.P-K4, P-QB4; 2.N-KB3, P-Q3; 3.
 P-Q4, PXP; 4.NxP, N-KB3; 5.N-QB3, P-QR3!

This is the basic position (Position A).

White here has a very big choice of varia-
 tions. Today 6.B-KN5 and 6.B-QB4 are consid-
 ered most dangerous for Black, but also the
 old 6.B-K2 has been brought back by Smyslov
 and Phillips!

In the game Phillips-Hutchings was played
 6.B-K2, P-K4; 7.N-N3, B-K3. This follows
 Najdorf's original idea to get the square
 QB5 under pressure. The game follows Geller-
 Najdorf, 1953 Candidates. 8.O-O, QN-Q2; 9.
 B-K3. Perhaps Geller's 9.P-B4, Q-B2; 10.
 P-B5, B-B5; 11.P-QR4! was better.

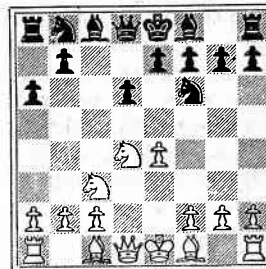
Phillips-Hutchings continued: 9...., P-QN4; 10.P-QR3, B-K2; 11.
 P-B4, QR-B1; 12.P-B5, B-B5; 13.BxB, RxB; 14.N-Q2 and here Hutchings
 should have played 14...., R-QB1 instead of R-B3? giving Phillips
 the strong reply N-Q5.

From Position A. In the next round Hutchings as White against me
 followed Phillips's 6.B-K2, P-K4; 7.N-N3. I preferred 7...., B-K2
 here. 8.B-K3, Q-B2; 9.P-QR4 preventing the "threatening" 9....,
 P-QN4. I could not play 8...., P-QN4? because of 9.N-Q5!, NxN; 10.
 QxN! etc.

9...., P-QN3; 10.O-O, O-O; 11.P-B4!?

This does not turn out good for White, as now the KP is exposed
 to pressure for the rest of the game. Better is 11.B-B3 or P-B3.
 11...., B-N2; 12.B-B3, B-B3!; 13.Q-K2, Q-N2; 14.PxP, PxP with a
 good game for Black again.

From Position A. 6.B-QB4, a la Bobby Fischer. Just a month before
 Congress this was under discussion in the Candidates' tourney.



Position A

In the game Court-Sarapu was played 6...., P-K3; 7.O-O.

Better 7.B-N3, avoiding the sharp 7...., P-QN4; 8.B-N3, P-N5 and
 9...., NxP!?

7...., B-K2; 8.B-N3, O-O; 9.Q-Q3.

Fischer-Tal was 9.P-B4, P-QN4; 10.Q-B3, B-N2 with a good game for
 Black. The new move does not improve White's game, as it is exposed
 to the manoeuvre QN-Q2-B4.

In Court-Sarapu, after 9...., P-QN4; 10.P-KB4, Q-B2; 11.P-B5, P-N5;
 12.N-Q1. Here PxP needs analysis, but now 12...., P-K4; 13.N-K2, B-N2;
 14.N-N3, QN-Q2; 15.B-K3, N-B4 and Black's game is good.

Much better for White is the variation in Douglas-Hutchings. From
 Position A. 6.B-QB4, P-K3; 7.B-N3!, B-K2; 8.O-O, O-O; 9.K-R1! Pre-
 paring for a Pawnstorm.

9...., Q-B2. This may be the beginning of trouble for Black. The
 danger here for Black is on the square K3, as White threatens com-
 bined pressure by his pieces and KBP. Better is 9...., N-B3 with
 N-QR4 or NxN in view. As the game is short, here it is:

10.P-B4, P-QN4; 11.P-QR3, R-K1; 12.P-B5, PXP?; 13.N-Q5!, NxN; 14.
 BxN, B-N2; 15.BxPch!, KxB; 16.Q-R5ch, K-B1; 17.N-K6ch, Resigns.

From Position A. 6.B-KN5, considered the strongest for White,
 was not played much.

6...., QN-Q2, the Polugajevsky Variation, was improved by Douglas
 with White against Esterman, by 7.B-QB4!, P-K3; 8.O-O, Q-R4; 9.Q-Q2
 and White has a good game. Later Douglas sacrificed wrongly, as did
 Frankel against Sarapu. In this game (from Position A) after 6.
 B-KN5, P-QN4!?

I have not seen this before. It needs further analysis and games
 to find how good it is.

My prepared innovation, 7.B-Q3?, did not get much of a test, as
 it gives the chance to transpose into normal lines.

7...., P-K3; 8.Q-B3, B-N2; 9.BxN, PxB. Here the sacrifice 10.N/3xP
 did not prove sound. 10...., PxN; 11.BxPch, N-Q2; 12.O-O, K-K2!; 13.
 BxN, QxB and Black won on move 41.

(Sarapu's review of Congress openings will conclude next month.

His "How to Improve" series will also start in that issue.)

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...N.Z.C.C.A. Report

N.Z.C.C.A. SECOND PROGRESS REPORT, TO 31 JANUARY, 1960 (Continued)

HANDICAP TOURNEY

Mrs Boyack beat Saunders 1, Se-
 combe 1, Neilson 1, Mrs Mullin-
 eaux 2. Turner beat Barrington 1.
 Kitchingman beat Donald 1. Barnard
 drew Meredith 1. Forbes beat White
 1. Mrs Spens-Black beat Preddle 1.
 Ward beat Attwood 1. McAdam beat
 Mintoft 1, Lloyd 1. Gagen beat Mc-
 Adam 1. Esterman beat Kitchingman
 1. J.C.Taylor beat Meredith 1.

Davidson beat Sloan 2. Pound beat
 D.H.P.Smith 1, Bishop 1. Barring-
 ton beat Turner 1. J.H.Taylor
 beat Sloan 2, Attwood 1, Mrs
 Reilly 1. Attwood beat Davidson 2.
 Mrs Reilly beat J.H.Taylor 1.
 Meredith beat Rogers 1. Mintoft
 beat Kitchingman 1, Gagen 2, drew
 Fulton 1. Neilson beat Ward 2.
 Rogers beat Saundez
 Rogers beat Saunders 1, Meredith
 1, drew Allen 1.

SPENCER SMITH,

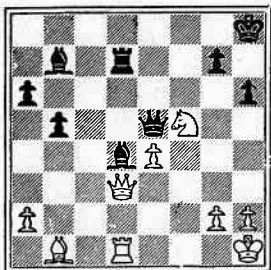
D.O.P. and Secretary.

P.O.Box 287, Wanganui.

Solutions to reach the editor by Tuesday, April 26.

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Black plays, can he save the piece?
1 move, 3pts.

Solutions of the February posers will appear next month, and from early results received some solvers will be surprised. We did not give clues because we did not think this set was unduly difficult (a trap, knowing the solutions!), but perhaps we should give a general tip: we like to see wins so are unlikely to set a preponderance of composed draws. Especially does this indicate that studies are more likely to be exceptions to general rules than conforming to them.

New entrants are welcome on the perpetual ladder at any time, and it is not too late to enter the 1960 championship series (see Dec. issue, P.15). In this month's series there is a surprise, followed by another example of forced play and a neat study in timing.

CANTERBURY C.C. ADOPTS STRICT RULES FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A fundamental function of clubs is to give players competitive chess. After all, they can get all the social chess they want and need in the more social atmosphere of private homes. Further, competitive chess must be played under competitive conditions, otherwise much of the value of the competition is lost and interest flags. Tournaments which drift are the hardest to finish.

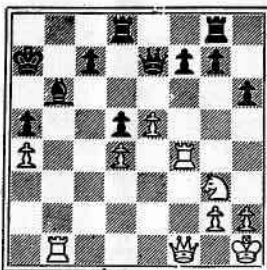
From time to time we have heard comment from clubs and individuals about how their club competitions "can't" be run off smoothly, so what can they do about it. Adopting something along the lines of the Canterbury C.C.'s new rules, which we give below from the club's newsletter, is our recommended answer. The newsletter states:

"In an endeavour to improve the running of the club championships the match committee has approved the following rules which will be strictly enforced:

1. Games must be played on the night scheduled.

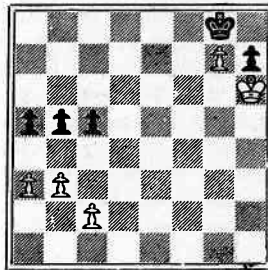
2. A defaulting player automatically loses his game unless he gives at least 24 hours' notice to his opponent or 48 hours' notice to the tournament secretary or club secretary. (Wellington C.C.'s margins are much finer, which can operate when a club official such as the D.O.P. is available on the telephone say late on the afternoon of

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White plays, wins.
6 moves, 8 pts.

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White plays, what result? 4-6 moves, 7pts.

the scheduled round).

3. If requisite notice is not given, the match committee will consider any explanation the defaulting player may have to make, and shall decide whether the game is to be defaulted, such decision to be final. (In Wellington C.C. the default is automatic, unless the defaulting player can prove "special circumstances").

4. The official starting time for all games will be 8 p.m.

5. The Senior Championship games will be played with clocks at the rate of 40 moves for the first 2 hours and 20 moves an hour thereafter.

6. The tournament secretary or his appointee will start clocks for the Senior Championships at 8 p.m."

Several other rules provide for conduct of minor tournaments without clocks and for the completion of unfinished games.

SNIPPETS . . . Something extra special in the way of chess trophies has been presented to the West Australian Chess Association by Mr R. Harrison to perpetuate the memory of his late son. Of solid silver with repousse work in Chinese pattern, it is an 18-inch high cup, valued at £750. . F.I.D.E., according to the latest "F.I.D.E. Review," has not received any offer for the 1961 Interzonal Tournament. The 1962 men's Candidates' Tournament will be held in Curacao, Dutch Antilles. . V.Korchnoi, Tal's bete noir, is now champion of the U.S.S.R. He won this year's title event, heading off Petrosian and Geller among others. . Struan Robertson, winner of the First Class at the 1955-56 Dunedin Congress, and who twice won the N.Z.C.C.A. Handicap Tourney, has stopped being a rolling stone long enough to arrange a weekly chess meeting at Bachelor, in the uranium mining district of Northern Territory, Australia. . Messrs L.E. Whitehouse (president), N.A. Palmer (secretary) and B. Menzies (delegate to N.Z.C.C.A.) were all re-elected at the annual meeting of the Waikato Chess League. . Z. Frankel is champion of the Civic C.C. for the third successive year. . This year's Australian Championship is expected to cost £750, and as lotteries are illegal in South Australia the organising committee cannot repeat the Sydney procedure of a raffle. An appeal has been launched with £150 on the initial list. ("CN" would accept any contributions). . Speaking of the Australian event, "Chess World" comments that "not least the committee is determined to produce a Congress book." (Orders sent to "CN" early will ensure prompt delivery and help us place a firm order). . Brian Douglas, "CN's" enthusiastic and able representative in Auckland, has found pressure of part-time studies too great and we have reluctantly but understandingly released him from this task, expressing our sincerest thanks for a grand job done for "CN" since the publication was launched. Other arrangements are being made for Auckland representation. . A little bird has whispered that the N.Z. champion will be competing in the South Island Championship tournament at Queen's Birthday weekend. Any other North Island entrants would be most welcome, and they should write to Bob Abbott, P.O. Box 965, Christchurch. Another little bird has whispered that Canterbury C.C. are going to make a great success of this tournament. (They always do). . Canterbury C.C. championships have attracted 54 players, with A.J. Nyman defending his title. Games are being played to a tight schedule.