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### WHAT IS NEEDED FOR PERFECT BLISS. By DR. MAX EUWE, FORMER WORLD CHAMPION. (FREE TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN BY Z.F.)

(This article appeared recently in the "Ogonyok." Dr. Euwe needs no introduction to chess players. The great Dutch grandmaster, teacher, and writer is known to be a gentleman in the true sense of the word and everything coming from under his pen is well balanced and extremely carefully considered. It is therefore most interesting and significant what he has to say about certain events on the current world chess scene. Editor)

"The Soviet Grandmasters have proved once more at the Interzonal in Amsterdam that their fame is well deserved. Three of them together with the Dane, Larsen came at the top. Two Russian Grandmasters came fifth and sixth within a small margin of difference from those above them.

This magnificent result should have given them full satisfaction but..... There is always something missing to perfect bliss. Such is the case this time also. Two points require careful consideration. "Fischer" and the so called "Numerus Clausus." We will start with the "Fischer problem." Why did Bob Fischer refuse to play in Amsterdam? No satisfactory explanation was given for this and generally speaking no explanation at all. Fischer satisfied himself with the curt "No comment."

We will try without his help to explain his conduct. Financial difficulties? It is true that the financial conditions of all FIDE Tournaments are unsatisfactory. The first prize in the Interzonal consisted of 1500 Swiss francs or 350 roubles (about £ 170-80 N.Z.) And this is the first prize! We could well imagine what the other prizes are like. For such a sum a grandmaster with a world name is obliged to strain himself for over a month.

The time finally came for the FIDE to revise from the bottom up the financial conditions of tournaments and increase the prizes three or four fold. In fact the cost of the prizes of the Amsterdam tournament has not reached a tenth of all other expenses. It was fully feasible to increase the number and size of prizes.

We digress however from our "Fischer" theme. For Bob Fischer these financial considerations played no part, because from various quarters he received offers of special honoraria expressed in thousands of dollars. Fischer declined all of them. So it was not a question of money. Then what? Wasn't Fischer scared? No, the

young grandmaster experiences no fear. His self confidence is unlimited. He is rather lacking in fear. He overestimates his own possibilities. We will - for instance - recollect that two years ago he offered the then world champion Botvinnik two points handicap in a match! In this connection interesting is the celebrated "Fischer list."

At the beginning of this year Fischer made a list of the ten greatest masters of all times. In this list we find the names of Chigorin, Alekhine, Tal and Spassky, but Botvinnik and Petrosian are missing.

Of course everyone is entitled to have his own sympathies as well as his view about playing strengths of this or that chess player, although Fischer's comments are open to become an object of serious criticism. What does however this list mean?

If one considers the fact that Botvinnik and even more so Petrosian are to Fischer his current competitors while Tal and Spassky can become so only in the distant or perhaps near future then one can conclude that Fischer deliberately or subconsciously tries to make small his immediate competitors. Typical also is the circumstance that when Tal was world champion - according to the evidence of Tal himself - Fischer spoke about him as a weak chess player, but now when the supreme title and Tal are at some distance apart, he is considered by Fischer as one of the best. Speaking with the words of a known saying: Fischer despises the "wolves in the forest" but respects "the wolves in the orchard." What will however happen if the forest wolves enter the orchard?

So the question is neither of dollars nor fear and yet Fischer refused to play. What is the reason? We think that there is an explanation for this, although in view of the unstable character of the young U.S.A. champion one can not assess with absolute certainty that he has this concrete reason. In my opinion Fischer's reason for refusing to play in the Interzonal is as follows: Bob Fischer takes into consideration - as the majority of young people - in the first place, or possibly only, his own opinion.

There is a World Chess Federation - reasons Fischer - which establishes rules governing the world championship. This of course is good, but much more important and significant is what I Robert Fischer consider correct. If a player has much, much, exceeded the average level of achievements he does not need to worry about the usual rules. He does not need to climb tediously the steps of competitions leading to the match for the world championship. He should be admitted to this directly. Of course this is if his achievements correspond to this standard.

But how do matters stand in regard to Fischer's achievements? (It is understood in the eyes of Fischer himself). We know that every chess player, without exceptions, is inclined to measure his own strength by his own success, and, vice versa, to glance over slightly his misfortunes, explaining them by special circumstances such as illness, hard luck, sleeplessness, etc. When we consider all this then in Fischer's eyes his achievements look as follows.

In 1962 a grand, a really grand, victory in the Stockholm Interzonal, several points above the strongest Russian grandmasters. At the end of 1962 an unquestionable victory in the U.S.A. championship. At the end of 1963 an unheard of hundred per cent result in the U.S.A. Championship.

Shouldn't such triumphs give Fischer the right to play against the World Champion without further peripetia?

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And what about the misfortunes at the tournament in Curacao?

There Fischer had to play forty hours a week whilst his opponents spent only 15-20 hours over the board. As a rule Fischer's games required strenuous play-on after adjournments and his task was incomparably more difficult than the others.

Such seems to us to be Fischer's logic.

All right, we will forget about Varna and limit ourselves to Curacao. A neutral observer trying to preserve objectivity cannot leave out of his considerations, by any standards, this quite normally run, tournament. If one takes into account circumstances other than the actual scores it leads to impossible results. Apart from this good preparation tactics is also an aspect of chess ability. With a final score of 14 points out of 27 possible - forgetting even the FIDE rules - Fischer can hardly pronounce himself as the principal candidate for a match for the World Championship.

In spite of this Fischer is ready to produce an additional argument. As is known, he suggested the organisation of a match between himself and one of the five strongest players in the U.S.S.R. At the same time he stressed emphatically that this match would have nothing to do with the question of world championship. It is however clear that Fischer hopes that in case of victory, and if possible a convincing victory, to bring out new reasons for a direct match with the world champion. And again: Whenever possible Fischer tries to circumvent the ways sketched by the FIDE because he does not consider them correct in this case. We do not know whether this match will take place or not, but it seems quite clear that in the nearest duel for the world championship Fischer will not play the role of the challenger.

Such is the "Fischer problem" after closer reflection. We will now pass on to the second point.

Numerus Clausus. In this context, under this term is understood the situation in accordance with which in Candidates' Tournament can take part only a limited number of representatives of one country (half + 1). The purpose of this, generally speaking random rule, is the prevention of the Candidates' Tournaments becoming a contest of chess players of some single strong chess country, because this would lead to a decrease of international interest.

And after all, in this rule is hidden something unreal and unjust. In Stockholm in 1962 grandmaster Stein was ahead of grandmaster Benko. However the latter qualified for the Candidates and Stein did not. In the Interzonal at Amsterdam in 1964 Stein and Bronstein finished above Ivkov and Portish and again only the latter two qualified for the Candidates. This must hurt our feelings of justice and law. Would really the Candidates at Curacao be less interesting had Stein played instead of Benko? Does not the match for the World Championship taking place every three years bring about world wide interest irrespective of the fact that two Russians are fighting it out between themselves.

Enough, however! We will bend once more to the argument of "increased international interest" and step over the "corpses" of the injured ones. In the next Candidates will take part Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov, Tal, Spassky, Larsen, Ivkov and Portish. One could well imagine that a tournament with seven Russians and Larsen would



be really a slightly one-sided spectacle. Larsen would be clearly in a difficult situation as by the way, was the case at the end of the Interzonal when he had to meet the Russian players in a row. However the rules of conduct of Candidates tournaments were fundamentally altered two years ago. The Candidates Tournament is no longer a tournament at all. It consists of a series of matches and so the "numerus clausus" hardly seems to make any sense. In the first series of the 1965 Candidates four matches are planned. Botvinnik-Smyslov: Keres-Spassky: Tal-Portish: and Larsen-Ivkov. What would be the trouble if instead of Ivkov, Larsen would have Stein as an opponent? Or if we would witness a match Tal-Bronstein

instead of a match Tal-Portish?

Honestly - in a usual tournament I would be able to see some difference but in the case of a series of matches - no! If nothing special happens then we will see after, in the second or third series a match exclusively between Russian participants.

If the FIDE really wishes to keep the international chess world in tension up to the very end, then it would be possible to consider the eventuality of two simultaneous candidates tournaments, i.e. a series of matches of players of various centres other than the U.S.S.R. and a series of matches of Soviet participants and then a final big match of victors.

With such a programme the question of "numerus clausus" would disappear from the agenda. It would then be unimportant how many victors there were in the Interzonal.

However all this is a thing of the future. Little could effectively be changed as far as the forthcoming candidates is concerned. The chess future is however in our hands. The main thing is to realise what is needed for perfect bliss.

The FIDE system is for giving every chess player, irrespective of the fact in which part of the planet he happens to reside, a chance move along the way leading to the chess throne. For this purpose in all, even the most distant, parts of the world Zonal Tournaments are conducted. The winners of these obtain the right to play in the Interzonal Tournament. Well intended, but an injustice remains. Apart from this fact the Interzonal loses slightly in value because of the uneven strengths of participants.

## INTERZONAL 1964

### OPENING THEORY AND GAMES

THE OPENINGS OF THE 6TH INTERZONAL by International Master

A. Konstantinopolski (Continued from last issue)

#### Caro-Kann Defence

(+9 - 2 = 4)

How to explain such a catastrophic result for Black? An objective look will make clear the fact that seven defeats by Black were suffered by participants who were far from good form:- Benko, Foguelman, or the novice Berger.

The old Nimzovich's systems become again popular. 1. PK4, PQB3: 2. PQ4, PQ4: 3. NQB3, PxP: 4. NXP, NQ2: In two games the following variation has been tried. 5. NKB3, KNB3: 6. NN3, PK3: 7. BQ3, PBL4: 8. O-O, PxP: 9. NXP,...

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Ivkov-Berger. 9... ,BK2: 10. PN3, O-O: 11. PQB4, QB2: (11...NQB4: 12. BB2!) 12. BN2, RQ1: 13. QK2,..with an excellent attacking structure of White's forces.

Spassky-Smyslov. 9... ,NQB4: 10. BN5ch, BQ2: 11. PQN4, BxB: 12. NxB, PQR3: 13. NQ4, QN2: 14. PQR3, BK2: 15. QK2, O-O: 16. PQB4,.. with space advantage for White on the Q-side. Probably the most rational is the move of 9... ,BQB4.

Even more initiative like is the continuation 5. BQB4, KNB3: 6. NN5, PK3: 7. QK2,...

Tal-Benko. 7... ,NN3: 8. BN3, PKR3: (of course not 8...QxP because of 9. N(1)KB3, BN5ch: 10. PB3!) 9. N(5)KB3, BK2: (Better is 9... ,PQR4!:) 10. NR3, PQB4: 11. BK3, N(N3)Q4: 12. O-O-O, NxB: 13. PxN, QB2: 14. NK5, PQR3: 15. PKN4!.. and difficult tasks are in front of Black. By the way, on 10. NR3 the energetic 10... ,PKN4 was possible.

In a later game against Spassky, Benko played 9... ,PQB4: 10. BK3, QB2: After 11. NK5, BQ3: 12. N(1)B3, O-O: 13. O-O, N(N3)Q4: 14. PQB3, PQN3: 15. QRQ1, BN2: Black completed development satisfactorily.

Another problem for Black is the system:- 1. PK4, PQB3: 2. PQ4, PQ4: 3. NQB3, PxP: 4. NxB, BB4: 5. NN3, BN3: 6. KNK2, NKB3: 7. PKR4, PKR3: 8. NB4, BR2: 9. BQB4,.. Significant is Tal's game against Foguelman. 9... ,PK4: 10. QK2, QN2: (Black could not capture the pawn 10... ,QxP: because of 11. O-O, BK2: 12. RQ1,.. with N(B)R5 to follow) 11. O-O,.. (Tal thinks that NQ3 is stronger) 11... ,QK2: 12. PxP, NxB: 13. RQ1, KNQ2: 14. BQ2, O-O-O: and both opponents are ready for a sharp struggle and one should not underestimate Black's chances. In particular Black's hit PKN4 can prove fatal for the White King.

Interesting is White's idea in the game Rosetto-Bronstein. 1. PK4, PQB3: 2. NK2, PQ4: 3. PK5, PQB4: 4. PQ4, NQB3: 5. PQB3, BB4: 6. NN3, BN3: 7. PxP,.. This reminds of the ideas in the memorable contest Tal-Botvinnik. White's idea is to create a pieces centre and to blockade Black's KP and QP. However White's pawn QB5 is weak and on this Black built his counterplay. 7... ,PK3: 8. BK3, NxB: 9. PKB4, NQB3: 10. BQ3, BxB: 11. QxB, NKB3: 12. NQ2, BK2: 13. O-O, PQB4! : 14. NKB3, NQ2: 15. QN5, QB2: 16. PKB4, O-O: with an original strategic struggle in which apparently Black has more hope of success.

#### Ufimcev's (Pirc's) Defence. (+3-1=2)

Of the six games the most interesting one is Quinones-Smyslov. 1. PK4, PQ3: 2. PQ4, NKB3: 3. NQB3, PKN3: 4. PKB4, BN2: 5. NB3, O-O: 6. BQ3, QN2: a rarely met continuation. After the quiet 7. O-O, Black obtains counterplay by 7... ,PK4: and if 8. BPxP,.. 8... ,PxP: 9. PxP,.. then 9... ,N(2)xKP! : 10. NxB, Q4ch: 11. KR1, QxN: Black's matters are more difficult after the immediate 7. PK5 as the Peruvian master played. After 7... ,NK1: 8. QK2, PQB4: 9. BK3, BPxP: 10. BxQP, PxP: 11. BPxP, NB2: an interesting fight for the Black's central squares K3 and Q4 developed. 12. BB4, NN3: 13. BxB,.. This looks inconsistent but after 13. BN3, BK3: Black experiences no difficulties. 13... ,RPxB: 14. RQ1, QK1! : and Black has considerable dynamic possibilities, 15. O-O, BK3 or as in the game 15. NQ4, RR4!

The idea of strengthening and not advancing the central pawns was carried out by Bronstein playing White against Perez.

1. NKB3, PQ3: 2. PQ4, PKN3: 3. PK4, BN2: 4. PB3, NB3: 5. QB2, O-O: 6. BKN5, PQB3: 7. QN2, PQN4?

Creates a point for a flank hit by White. In the spirit of the opening is 7... ,QN2 with PK4 to follow.

8. PQR4! , PxRP: 9. RxB, QN2: 10. PQN4, BN2: 11. BQR6!... and the weakness of Black's QR and QB pawns proved very sensitive. (TO BE CONTINUED)

Tal - Quinones Ruy Lopez (Classical Defence) Amsterdam Interzonal 1964 Notes by C.H.O'D. Alexander in "Sunday Times"

Tal's Interzonal results, although he shared first place, seem to show that he is not quite the force he was - a long string of draws against the top half of the table plus a row of victories against the tail-enders. However, although he is less effective than he was in creating attacking chances against other top class masters, he is deadly as ever in exploiting such chances when they arise.

1. PK4-PK4; 2. NKB3-NQB3; 3. BN5-NB3

After the immediate 3...BB4 4. PB3; NB3; 5. PQ4 Blacks game is difficult and therefore players usually play NB3 first nowadays.

4C-Q -BB4; 5. PB3-O-O; 6. PQ4-BN3; 7. PXP.

It is interesting to see Tal adopt this line which (following the Geller-Spassky game) is generally thought only to give equality. 7. RK1 or 7. Bn5-PQ3; 8. BXQN -PXB; PXP-PXP; 10. QR4 is thought stronger

7...KNXP; 8. QO5-NB4; 9. BN5-NK2

After 9...QK1; 10. NR3-PQR3; 11. BQB4 it is hard for Black to complete his development well

10. QO1-NK5; 11. BKR4-PQ4; 12. QN2...

not 12. BKN-QXB; 13. QXP ?-NXBP; 14. RXN-PB3

12...QOB3; 13. BQ3-PKB4

This plausible move seems to loosen Black's position too much. Best is 13...BKB4; 14. QB2-NXN; 15. BXB! -NXN ch. 16...PXN-KR1! (Geller-Spassky)

14. PXP e.p. -NXP; 15. QB2-PN3; 16. QRK1-

BKB4; 17. NK5-BXB; 18. QXB-NB4; 19. BN5-QB2

20. RK2!-QN2;

20...QR4 loses to 21. BKN-RXB; 22. NN4! winning the exchange. Because this move is unplayable Black is unable to challenge Whites central grip; moreover his KB though well placed for attack is useless in defence. Instead of text I prefer 20...BB4 followed by BQ3.

21. QRK1-NQ3; 22. BKN-RXB?; 22...QXB! is better - 23. NQ7 can be met by 23...QB4!

23. NN4-RB2; 24. RK6-RQ1; 25. R(K1)K2-NB4;

Better 25...BB2 so that 26. NB3 could be met by NK5 - bringing the bishop into the defence

26. NB3-RQ3?

...and here 26...BB4 is better guarding K2 and allowing Bb1

27. NN5!-RK2

27...RXR; 28. NXR-QR1; 29. QXN!-RXQ; 30. NR6 mate or 27...RB1; 28. RXR -NXR; 29. NK6 winning the exchange

28. RXR(K7)-NXR; 29. NK6! -Resigns

29...QB2; 30. NR6 ch. winning Q or R or 29...QR1; 30. NR6 mate. Black must play 29...RXN losing the exchange without compensation and leaving him no chance.

Portisch-Berger. Played at the Interzonal 1964. Queen's Gambit Declined.

1. PQ4-PQ4; 2. PQB4-PK3; 3. NQB3-BK2; 4. NB3-NKB3; 5. BB4-O-O; 6. PK3-PB4; 7. QPXP-BXP 8. PQR3-NB3; 9. QB2-QR4; RQ1-NK5; 11. PXP NXN; 12. PXN-PXP; 13. NN5-PKN3; 14. RXP -QXB; 15. BB4-NQ; 16. NXR-PXN; 17. RR5 ch. -KN2; 18. BK5 ch. -PB3; 19. RN5-resigns.

Tal -Bilek. Interzonal 1964. Sicilian Notes by the Editor.

1. PK4-PQB4; 2. NKB3-PQ3; 3. PQ4-PXP; 4. NXP -NKB3; 5. NQB3-PQR3; 6. BKN5-QN2; 7. BQB4 -PR3; 8. BKN-NXB; 9. QK2-PK3; 10. O-O-O -QB2; 11. PB4-PK4; 12. NQ5-NXN; 13. PXN-BK2 14. PXP-PXP; 15. NK6!

All up to the last move happened also on other occasions but the text is a real Tal idea.

15...QQ3

If 15...PXN the 16. QR5 ch. and if 16...KQ1; 17. PXP dis. ch. and if 16...KB1; 17. PXP-BB3; 18. RQ7

16. NXP ch. -KB1; 17. NK6 ch. -KK1;

If 17...PXN; 18. KRb1 ch.

18. KRb1-BN4 ch. 19. KN1-PN4; 20. QR5-BB5 21. BN3-PR4; 22. NB7 ch. QXN; 23. PQ6 -resigns.

If 22...QN2; 23. PQ7 ch. and if 22...QQ2; 23. RxB-PXR 24. QK5 ch. etc. A Tal brilliancy. See however, Alexander's notes to Tal -Quinones above.

RODNEY PHILLIPS

Rodney Phillips a convincing victor  
Keith Okey.

1 J. R. Phillips  
2 K. M. Okey  
3-4 A. W. Gyles  
5 O. Thomson  
6 S. Mancewicz  
7 E. Green (O)  
7-10 R. Woodford  
7-10 E. Ubels  
7-10 M. Roberts  
7-10 C. C. Saunde  
11 R. A. Godtschalk  
12 R. F. Fowler

R. F. Fowler ended playing but was

COMEBACK BY  
NEWICK

Conrad Newick too two years ago. For make a great improvement in the Club Spring Open Newick after his draw with Fuller the outcome of the event improvement recent forthcoming N.Z. results of the Wellington 1. C. B. Newick 6 (7 5-6. R. Gordon and R. Godtschalk ford 3 each; M. R. In the absence in this capacity

CANTERBURY CLUB W

This was played at Palmerston North 9 1/2. 5 1/2. The Scandi strongest teams for adjudication, gave four top boards were able to secure a Canterbury in Palmerston bury players and L. Esterman 1/2 - A. Tur

RODNEY PHILLIPS WINS TARANAKI LABOUR WEEKEND OPEN TOURNAMENT

Rodney Phillips as one would expect by looking at the field, scored a convincing victory. Following is the chart of results sent in by Keith Okey.

	Fh.	Ok.	Cy.	Th.	Ma.	Gr.	Wo.	Ub.	Ro.	Sa.	Co.	Bo.	Bye.	
1 J.P. Phillips (Auck.)	x	½	1	1			1	1						4½
2 K.M.Okey (New Plymouth)	½	x	½		1		1	1						4
3-4 A.W.Gyles (Levin)	0	½	x		1	1				1				3½
3-4 O.Thomson (Wgtn.)	0			x	½			1		1		1		3½
5 S.Mancewicz (Hawera)		0	0		x			1	1	1				3
6 E.Green (Cambridge)			0	½		x			0	1	1			2½
7-10 R.Woodford (Wgtn)	0	0					x	0	1		1			2
7-10 E.Ubels (N.P.)		0		0	0		1	x					1	2
7-10 M.Roberts (Wgtn.)	0				0	1	0		x				1	2
7-10 C.C.Saunders (N.P.)				0	0	0				x	1		1	2
11 R.A.Godtschalk (Wgtn.)			0		0	0				0	x		1	1
12 R.P.Bowler (N.P.)				0								x		

R.P.Bowler endeavoured to bring the tournament to an even number by playing but was forced to withdraw after the first round.

COMEBACK BY CONRAD NEWICK: N.Z. CHAMPION COURT PLACED BELOW  
NEWICK AND OWEN THOMSON IN THE WELLINGTON CLUB SPRING  
OPEN TOURNAMENT.

Conrad Newick took up tournament chess again, after a long spell, about two years ago. For a while the former Auckland champion was unable to make a great impression on the Wellington players. The Wellington Chess Club Spring Open Tournament resulted in the first major success for Newick after his resumption of competitive chess. Court lost to Thomson drew with Fuller and Gordon. Newick's only loss was to Court, when the outcome of the event was virtually decided. Owen Thomson has shown great improvement recently and is considered as one of the favourites in the forthcoming N.Z. Championship Reserve Tournament. Following are the results of the Wellington Club Spring Open:

- 1. C.B. Newick 6(7); 2. O.N. Thomson 5½; 3-4. R. Court and R.O. Callahan 5;
- 5-6. R. Gordon and J. Porter 4½; 7-8-9-10. H.J. Fuller, A.B. Miller, M. Ponimont and R. Godtschalk.; D.M. Stracy 3½; J.C. Taylor, C.B. Oldridge and R.J. Woodford 3 each; M. Roberts 2½; R. Wood 2; A. Dominik 1½; R. Shaw 1½; J. Froome 1.

In the absence of Ted Frost, the Club D.O.P. Bob Godtschalk acted in this capacity and conducted the event efficiently.

CANTERBURY CLUB WINS N.Z. TELEGRAPHIC CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.  
BLEDISLOE CUP FINAL

(Reported by A. Wilkinson)

This was played on Saturday 12th December between the Caterbury and Palmerston North Scandia ches clubs and resulted in a win for Caterbury 9½: 5½. The Scandia players proved solid opponents, but one of Caterbury's strongest teams for some years held a edge on most boards and to avoid adjudication, gave several draws where it held a material advantage. The four top boards were an exception. Only Bruce Anderson of Canterbury was able to secure an advantage here. M. Taylor played over the board for Canterbury in Palmerston. The individual results were as follows; (Canterbury players are mentioned first):

- L. Esterman ½-A. Turner ½; A. Nyman ½-W. Bello ½; B. Anderson 1-A. Wassilieff 0

A. Wilkinson 1/2 - F. Veil 1/2; M. Taylor 1 - V. Arlidge 0; R. Broadbent 1 - C. Lindsay 0  
 N. Cooper 1 - B. Watkins 0; P. Boag 1/2 - P. Goffin 1/2; A. Hollander 0 - E. Stack 1;  
 D. Moulin 1/2 - M. Kopytko 1/2; M. Browne 1 - J. Hostenbach 0; R. Abbott 0 - R. Lawrence  
 1; G. Cleary 1/2 - K. Yates 1/2; G. Hall 1 - M. Roche 0; P. Laughton 1/2 - D. Goodhall 1/2.

NEW ZEALAND-CZECHOSLOVAKIA CORRESPONDENCE MATCH COMMENCED 15-12-64

Mr J.H. McArthur of Auckland reports the names of the players as follows:  
 New Zealand : R.J. Browne, R.S. Wilkin, C. Huygens, W.A. Donald, Dr N.E.H. Fulton,  
 N. Cruden, P.W. Boag, K.M. Okey, J.H. Mc Arthur, W.H. Fransen, R. Lindley, D.G. Brunt,  
 B.F. Barnard, C.B.W. Oldridge, Mrs E.M. Trendle, G.W. Ashby.

Czechoslovakia : F. Batik, V. Borsony, P. Kuchta, S. Foglar, Dr N. Maly, Z. Mikule  
 J. Svoboda, J. Barbora, F. Zahalka, Dr. B. Lukas, B. Raznok, K. Neugebauer, F. Dbropta  
 R. Pesta, J. Bulla, Dr. B. Blum.

The match concludes on 14-6-64.

MICELLANEOUS GAMES BY LOCAL PLAYERS .

L. Esterman (New Zealand) I. Friedman (South Africa) . Queen's Indian Defce.  
 Played in Commonwealth Correspondence Tourney now in progress. Notes  
 are from Bob Rasa's column in the Dunedin "Evening Star".

Former Otago Club champion L. Esterman has won the Canterbury Club cham-  
 pionship. He has been also successful in the Commonwealth correspondence  
 tourney with this fine win. 1. PQ4-NKB3; 2. PQ4-PK3; 3. NKB3-PQN3; 4. PK3-BN2  
 5. BQ3-BK2; 6. QN2-O-O; 7. O-O -PB4; 8. PQN3-PXP; 9. PXP-PQ4; 10. BN2-NB3; 11. QK2  
 -NQN5; 12. BN1-RB1; 13. RQ1-BR3; 14. NK5-PXP; 15. PXP-NB3; 16. NK4-QB2; 17. NXNch.-  
 BKN; 18. NN4-NK2; 19. NXB ch.-PXN; 20. PQ5t-BXP; 21. ~~PK-KN2~~ 22. QB3!-KXB; 23.  
 23. QR5 ch.-resigns. If 23...KN2 then 24. QN5 ch.-KR2; 25. BXP-NB4; 26. RQ4!  
 and Black cannot escape.

E. Davida-R. Wilkin Caro-Kan Defence. Played at Gisborne 1964, Labour Week-  
 end Tournament. Notes by R. Wilkin. 1. pk4-pqb3; 2. pq4-pq4; 3. pxp-pxp  
 4. pqb4 (The Panov attack) nqb3; 5. nkb3-nkb3; 6. bk2-pxp; 7. o-o pk3. 8. bxp-bk2  
 9. nb3-o-o; 10. pqr3-pqr3; 11. bkn5-pqn4; 12. br2-bn2; 13. rb1-rb1; 14. nk2-nk1;  
 15. bxb-nxb; 16. nk5-nq4; 17. qq2-n(1)b3; 18. bn1-qq3; 19. pqn4-nn3; 20. rb5-bq4  
 21. r(1)b1-nb5; 22. qb4-qb1; 23. rb3t-qn2; 24. rn3-nk5; 25. ~~rk3~~-pb3; 26. nxn-pxn  
 27. pb3-pn4; (nn4 was much the better defensive move. Black is now committed  
 to an inferior endgame.) 28. qb1-nxr; 29. bxp ch.-qxb; 30. rxq-kxr; 31. qpxn-pr4  
 32. qb2 ch.-kn2; 33. nb3-pxp; 34. pxp-rqb2; (The following moves were made to  
 see out time control which was 45 moves in 1 1/2 hours.) 35. nk4-rr2; 36. qn2  
 pk4; 37. nb3-r(1)qr1; 38. pr3-bb2; 39. ~~kr2~~-rb2; 40. qq2-rqn1; 41. qq6-r(1)b1;  
 42. kn3-rb3; 43. qq2-bk3; 44. qr2-r(3)b2; 45. qr6-rb3; (At this point with time  
 control completed, the game should have been adjudicated but without  
 suitable adjudicators a draw was agreed to. Although material is equal  
 White should win. Fortunately the fate of the tournament did not rest  
 on this game.)

M. Robb (Otago) - A. Wilkinson (Canterbury) <sup>Notes by Wilkinson</sup> Alekhine's Defce. Telgr. match 1964  
 1. pk4-nkb3; 2. p-k5-nq4; 3. pq4-pq3; 4. nkb3-bn5; 5. bk2+pk3; 6. o-o-bk2; 7. pb4-  
 nn3; 8. bk3 (A good plan for White is to rid himself of his rather insecure  
 KP and play for Queenside expansion e.g. 8. pxp-pxp; 9. nb3-o-o; 10. pqn3-  
 nb3; 11. bk3-pq4; 12. pb5-nq2; 13. pqn4-pb4; 14. pn5 etc.) 9...nb3; 9. qnq2-o-o;  
 10. pqr3-pb3; 11. pxqp-pxp; 12. pqn4-pb4; 13. pq5t-pxp; 14. pxp-nk4; 15. nq4 (?)  
 (A move which appears to be crushing yet overlooks a resource which Black  
 finds) 15...bxb; 16. qxb-nxp!!; 17. n-k6-qk1!; (A quiet retreat but surprising-  
 ly it places White's Queen in mortal danger, e.g. 18. nxr??-nqb6; 19. qkl-  
 nq6; and wins. The attempt to regain the pawn by 17. pb4 fails e.g.  
 17...nxb; 18. qxn-nn5; 19. qk6ch-kr1; 20. nxp?-qn3ch; 21. k-rl-bb3; 22. qrmoves-  
 nb7ch; and White must give up the exchange to avoid mate.) 18. bq4 (Again  
 18. pb4 achieves little although Black must be careful, e.g. 18...nxb?

19. qxn-nn5; 20. q  
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19.qxn-nn5;20.qqn3! and wins. However if 18.pb4-nqb6;19.qb2 (19.qk1? nq6)...nn5;20.qb3-bb3! and after 21.nxr-qxbch;22.qxq-nxq Black should recover his Rook with a material advantage.) 18...rb3;19.nn5-rn3;(Not 19...nkb4?;20.qq3...rn3;21.bxn and wins for if 21...pxb;22.qn3ch-krl; (22...kbl;23.nxp mate) 23.nb7ch and wins the Queen.) 20.nr3-bb3;21.qr-kl-qb2;22.pb4-nb3;23.bxb-nxb;24.nn5-qq2;25.qk6ch-qxq;26.rxq-rq1;27.n(2) b3? (Preventing 27...pkr3; but allowing Black to exchange his bad Rook for White's good one.) 27...nk5;28.rxr-pxr;29.nk6-rq2;30.pn5-nq1;31.n(3) q4-nxn;32.nxn-pq4;33.nq4-rqb2. Adjudicated a win for Black. Black's extra passed pawn gives him a won position in conjunction with his open file, well placed Knight and White's rather weak queenside pawns.

### THE PROBLEM OF SMALLER CLUBS

by R.A.Rasa

At the latest N.Z.Chess Association quarterly meeting the Secretary read a most regrettable statement from one of the North Island minor clubs, that they decided to withdraw from the Association and become once again "a private club" - whatever that means. At the same meeting another letter was read expressing a small country club's intention to join the Association. They asked for information regarding the procedure of the contemplated move and the financial commitments and advantage of it.

Both these letters, opposite in intentions, bring to our notice the everpresent question: what is the benefit for a Club to be affiliated to the Association. The same question was asked once point blank at one of the Council meetings by a representative of one of the biggest Clubs in the Dominion. The dramatic answer to that was also given point blank by one of the Council of members with the parable: a human hand can ask the same - what benefit it has to belong to the body and toil for it until it's chopped off! Then the body becomes crippled - the hand however rots away and is lost... In other words - to belong, to make a body is the BENEFIT.

It should be quite clear, that without uniting in a compact body the chess movement in this country has little chance of growing and developing, chopped off limbs don't grow... However - there is room for thought in this for everyone who cares for chess. All should recognise and appreciate the fact, that a small club gives relatively more to the common cause and receives less in return. The Council is painfully aware of the situation. It will change when chess becomes more popular and widespread as it is bound to. In the meantime - for many years to come - our main and common aim must be to make the chess movement grow and take its rightful place among the recreational activities in this country.

Right now anyone who can point out a way of levelling the "burden" of the smaller clubs, should come forward at the Annual Meeting with constructive suggestions. They will be most welcome. Withdrawing from the Association however is not going to help anyone at all and surely it is not the answer to the problem.

### CANTERBURY CHESS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 1964

As usual this is again an interesting document illustrating the vitality of this Club in spite of a small deterioration in activity last year.



### Results of Competitions

2-3. B.R.Anderson and A.J.Nyman. Senior Championship 1. L.Esterman, 2. Fraemohs, 3. B.Koutstaal. Intermediate Championship 1.M.Browne, 2. B.A.Carpenter, 3. B.Street. Junior Championship 1.G.M.J.Hall, 2. G.M.J.Hall. Duff Cup 1.A.Wilkinson, 2. B.A.Anderson 3. G.M.J.Hall. Improvers Cup 1.G.M.J.Hall. Moore Cup 1. G.M.J.Hall, 2. W.Bereza.

Membership: This seems to have fallen from 95 last year to 88 in the current year. The report does not give the reason, but we would guess it is a normal small fluctuation.

Obituary: The Club lost three of its older members : E.B.Wiles, L.J.Darwin and S.Hindin. These men will be remembered not only by Canterbury players for their services to chess. S.Hindin won the N.Z. Championship in 1938.

Team Events The report records the Club's success in the Eledisloe Cup and also mentions a teleprinted match against the Deep Freeze Team in Antarctica. We were not aware of this event and the report does not give the result.

Fund Raising This was not so actively organised this year but members of the Club have generously supported the Wellington Congress raffle.

Individual Members' Achievements in Various Tournaments The report mentions those by Bruce Anderson with which our readers are already familiar.

Finance The accounts show a surplus for the year of about £47. The liabilities have been reduced by £170. The Club's current assets amounted to £149, and fixed assets to £2068 and investments to £42.

### "FISCHER PROBLEM" AGAIN

(The following was published in the English "Listener", by Leonard Barden. It is a most interesting article. Editor)

"The twenty-one-year-old United States champion Robert J.Fischer is undoubtedly the most controversial personality in present-day international chess. Listeners to the Third Network chess programmes will remember his forthright comments on other great masters when I interviewed him during the Leipzig Olympics in 1960, while his own chess thinking was illustrated in a consultation match against Penrose and Clarke, two of Britain's leading players.

Fischer has not competed internationally for two years. After the world title challengers' tournament of 1962 where he claimed that his Russian opponents cheated by discussing the games during play, he has declined to enter leading events outside the United States. Although Fischer's claims were denied both by his opponents and by the tournament referees, the rules of the challengers' tournament were changed to a knockout match series. Fischer still refused to take part in the recent inter-zonal event, which selected players for the challenger' series and for which he would have been favourite.

Hence, the current exchanges between Fischer and the Russians occur only in print. Last year, in a series of articles in the American "Chess Life", Fischer claimed that the Russians had made numerous analytical mistakes, some of which he cited, in commenting on important games, while he himself had 'never made a mistake in published analysis'. After such a statement, it was natural that the Russians should place Fischer's own commentaries under the microscope. In the last U.S. championship, Fischer won the brilliancy prize with a spectacular combination against Robert Byrne. Yuri Averbakh, a leading Soviet grandmaster and writer, has just claimed (in the Russian periodical "Chess in the U.S.S.R.")

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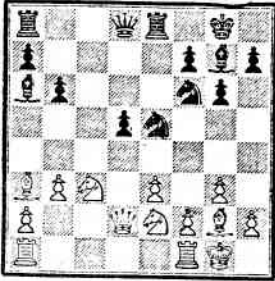
to have found a serious flaw in Fischer's analysis. The first diagram shows the critical position after Fischer's 13th move as Black.

Byrne played 14.krq1 and was beaten by 14...nq6; 15.qb2-nxp!; 16.kxn-nn5ch; 17.knl-nxkp; 18.gg2-nxb; 19.kxn-pq5!; 20.nxp-bn2ch; 21.kblqq2!; 22. resigns, since if 22.qk62-qr6ch; 23.knl-rk8ch!; 24.rxr-bxm; wins.

A major alternative in the first diagram is 14.qrql, attacking Black's weak pawn while keeping White's own king position guarded. Fischer gives 14...nk5; 15.nxm-pxm; 16.bxp-qxq; 17.rxq-nb5; 18.bxr/nxr; 19.rql-nb5 (see second diagram); 20.pxm-rxb; with good chances for Black who regains his pawn and has the bishop pair for the endgame.

Averbakh suggests, in the second diagram, 20.bb6! with these variations: (a) 20...nxb; 21.bxr-bxm; 22.rq7! White has rook and at least two pawns for two scattered minor pieces. (b) 20...nxb; 21.bxr+kbl; 22.bb6-bxm; 23.rq8ch-kk2; 24.rq7ch-kk3; 25.rxrp; (c) 20...nxp; 21.pxm-bxm; 22.rq7, threatening both bq5 and rxrp. Averbakh concludes that 19...nxp is better than Fischer's 19...nb5 but that after 20.bb3 White has nothing to fear." (The Listener" 15th October 1964.)

Is Averbakh right or can our readers find a way to save Fischer's analysis?



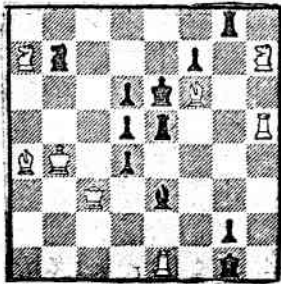
**PROBLEM SECTION**

Solution to problems and studies given in the June-July issue will be published in the next issue if space permits.

Ladder: Dr N.E.H. Fulton, Ashburton 67 points; G. Severinsen, Takapau, 32 points; A. Wilkinson, Christchurch, 14 points; R.M. Gordon, Hastings, 10 points. Important. The following set of problems is the last in the 1964 ladder competition. There will be no ladder competition in 1965, because of the small number of solvers participating and because of increasing amount of our work. We will however continue to publish problems and studies.

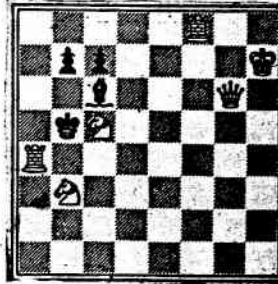
Solutions to the following problems should reach us by 1 March 1965. Each of the problems carries six points.

J.V.D. STRYDOM & H. LIEBECK  
(PROBLEMS, MAY 1962)



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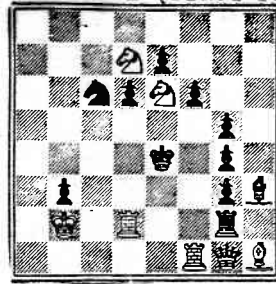
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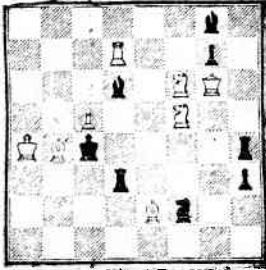
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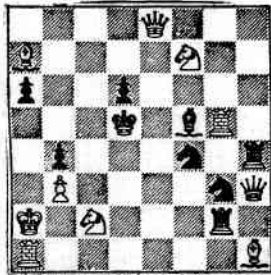
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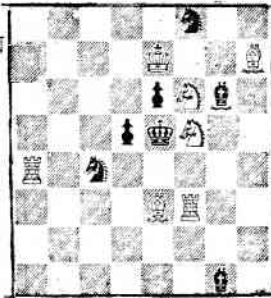
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# CONGRESS

The New Zealand Championship 1964-65 will be contested in Wellington at the Railway Social Hall from 28 December 1964 to 6 January 1965. The tournament is organised by the Wellington Chess League on behalf of The New Zealand Chess Association.

Spectators are welcome.

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