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## WELLINGTON CHESS CLUB

In other games the conquered boast, Ill-fortune when their game is lost While modest winners state as fact That they owe more to luck than tact.
But Chess admits of no excuse
And losers must themselves abuse,
While winners, pleas'd or mighty vain,
Offer to beat them o'er again,
And thus they go from bad to worse.
Hence Chess is spleen's prolific source.
Had the worthy Dr. Peter Wilson lived in Wanganui 103 years later, the above lines might have been given a very different twist. A visit to the Wanganui Chess Congress would have convinced him that the source of spleen was very far removed from that locality. In all our experience (and it has been a varied one) of sporting and competitive events we have never attended one in which good sportsmanship and geniality were so pronounced.

## IMPORTANT

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## THE CHIMP'S A CHAMP AT CHESS

Although we can find nothing about him in the English magazines, we understand that Abena, a new arrival at the London Zoo, is the big noise in local chess circles. On the cover this month Abena decides that a little book learning is necessary if heis to make a monkey out of his keeper. Judging by his worried expression, the book is not helping. much.

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## AROUND THE N.Z. CLUBS

## REMCERA

The annual report of the Remuera Chess Club showed the roll standing at 30 members. Only one tournament was held during the year. This was won by R. E. Baeyertz, O. Dunn and J. A. C. Barnes taking the minor places. The club did well in the inter-club matches of the Auckland Chess League In the A grade it was runner-up to the Auckland Chess Club, scoring four wins and one loss. The $B$ grade team was also runner-up to Auckland with the same score. The second B grade "also ran." Three teams have been entered again this year. The A grade team has very good prospects; it includes A. W. H. Breakey, winner of the Auckland club's Summer Cup. Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Remuera club were: Patron, R. M. Algie, Esq.; president, B. A. Mayhill; vice-president, T. H. Burnett; honorary secretary and treasurer, J. A. C. Barnes; captain and director of play, R. E. Baeyertz; committee, A. W. H. Breakey and Dr. H. Burrell. A lightning tourney held on the opening night of the season, April 20, was won by Mrs. E. L. Short (Auckland), J. A. C. Barnes being second. There was a large attendance of visitors.

## AUCKLAND

The annual meeting of the Auckland Chess Club was held on Monday, April 11, and the report presented showed that a very successful year had been experienced. Membership at 111 was the same as the previous year and the club is in a sound financial position. C. Bailey is this year's president, with John James honorary secretary and D. B. Duggan treasurer. Opening night was on Saturday, April 23, and a handicap lightning tournament was held, the winner being B. H. P. Marsick, with A. L. Fletcher second. Good entries have been received for all tournaments and another busy year is expected.

## NAPIER

Napier Chess Club officers for this season are: President, J. W. Callaghan; captain, G. W. Gilchrist; honorary secretary, E. G. A. Frost; committee, L. Pleasants, T. J. S. Gurney, J. E. Axford, E. F. Wright, A. W. Tucker, F. E. Kibblewhite. In the 1948-9 season four inter-club matches were played against Hastings, each club winning two. Congratulations to Hastings for winning the Baird Challenge Cup. Club tournaments resulted as follows:-Championship: G. W. Gilchrist 1, T. J. S. Gurney 2. Junior championship: E. F. Wright 1, I. Husheer 2. Handicap: E. E. Wright 1, R. J. Cockroft 2, J. W. Callaghan 3. May-J. W. Callaghan 1, R. J. Cockroft 2. June-July-E. F. Wright 1, R. J. Cockroft 2. August-September-E. F. Wright 1, R. J. Cockroft 2. October-NovemberMrs. Gilchrist 1, J. W. Callaghan 2. Lightning tourney (closing night): L. Pleasants.

In the Hawke's Bay-East Coast championships 1948, three Napier members did well. E. G. A. Frost tied for second place and.L. Pleasants was fifth equal. J. E. Axford was a close fourth in the
large field in the reserves tourney. This year the Napier club is to be the host for this tournamer

## ASHBURTON

Dr. N. E. H. Fulton was unanimously re-elecief president of the Ashburton club at its anrerat meeting on May 19. Mrs. T. Forrest was electez secretary in place of Mr. Graham Thomson, wins did not seek re-election. Mr. Thomson has dore great work in helping to form the club and kees it running smoothly. A number of high schocl pupils are being coached by the club and alread one has become a regular member. A gratifying feature is the number of women players in the club, no fewer than five being members. The clut is looking forward to matches against Canterbury and Rakaia.

## DOMINION ROAD

The following officers were elected at annual meeting: Patron, R. F. Barter, J. vice-patron, O. Nicholson, Esq.; president, J. Simmonds; vice-president, A. G. Rowland; secr=tary, D. E. Miller; treasurer, A. W. Glen; manesement committee, A. Hill, W. J. Tabb, J. Bailey

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The Otago Chess Club championship was won by W. Lang with 10 points, W. G. Stenhouse being second with 9, ahead of J. F. Lang $7 \frac{1}{2}$, A. McDermott 61, R. W. Lungley and H. A. MeGilvars 5 , R. Watt $4 \frac{1}{2}$, S. J. Webb 4. R. E. Williamsot known to his friends as "Stonewall," carried o the intermediate championship with 15 points $=$ generally solid play and avoidance of cisks. Ipopular veteran A. E. B. Ward, 13 , was secons followed by C. Ahern 10 , J. K. L. Webling $91, \mathcal{Z}$ Paris $7 \frac{1}{2}$, A. C. Twose $6 \frac{1}{2}$, R. Wier $6 \frac{1}{2}$, J. J. Marlow 6, J. A. Jackson 6, E. Hodgskinson 5, Dr. R. Gardine 1. The junior championship required a playbetween R. J. Glass ( $13 \frac{1}{2}$ ) and F. A. Botting ( 1315 Glass winning 2-1. This pair were very everls matched, and Glass is a promising 15 -year-old wio will require watching in the near future.

Other tournaments decided were; - Sergambit tourney: J. F. Lang $12 \frac{1}{2}$, A. J. McDermott 14 R. Watt 9, W. G. Stenhouse $6 \frac{1}{2}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{A}$. McGilvary J. K. L. Webling 4, R. Williamson $2 \frac{1}{2}$, A. Ward Junior gambit tourney: Dr. R. Gardner $12 \frac{1}{2}, ~ F . ~ \&$ Botting 12, V. Hay 10, C. A. Hall 9, R. J. Glass atd R. C. Paris 6, G. Adams 4, I. Penrose 3i, L. Abbum 3, M. Rodgers 2. Ruy Lopez tourney: J. F. Lang ${ }^{2}$, R. Watt $6 \frac{1}{2}$, W. G. Stenhouse and A. J. McDermott 4 , H. A. MeGilvary $2 \frac{1}{2}$, A. Ward $1 \frac{1}{2}$. The perpetull handicap was won by R. J. Glass, with F. $£$ Botting in second place.

Otago v. Civic.-A correspondence matet between the Otago and Civic (Wellington) clus was begun on April 15 and all games are to finished by April 15, 1950. The match is 20 playets a side under the rules of the N.Z.C.C.A. The tears are as follows (Otago names first in each case W. G. Stenhouse v. N. Fletcher, J. F. Lang v. J. I

Hardy, A. J. McDermott v. T. J. Costello, J. A. Cunningham v. J. R. Cusack, H. McGilvary v. E. Fritz, R. Watt v. E. Faulkner, J. Webling v. A. Summers, A. Ward v. V. Cuff, R. J. Glass v. H. Pobar, W. H. Allen v. F. Spiro, J. A. Jackson v. Watson, A. P. A. Mathieson v. D. Wiseman, Dr. R. Gardner v. C. Roberts, G. Adams v. H. Woodfield, C. Griffin v. A. Hartman, L. Abbott v. O. Strom, B. C. Cusack v. C. Johansson, J. McEwan v. W. Haycroft, V. Hay v. D. Jordon, L. Wheeler v. K. Jobson.

This season's tournaments are well under way. S. J. Webb leads in the championship with nine wins and three losses, no draws, out of a total of 18 games to play. The position at present is as follows:-

| S. J. Webb . . . . . . | 9 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| R. Watt . . . . . . . . | 9 | 4 | 1 | $9 \frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| W. Lang ........ | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 |
| R. W. Lungley . . | 0 | 0 | 1 | $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 14 |
| W. G. Stenhouse . . | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| R. E. Williamson . . | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| A. J. McDermott . | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| H. A. McGilvary . . | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| A. E. B. Ward . . . | 0 | 9 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 |

The intermediate, with a total of 14 games to play, stands at: J. K. L. Webling $4 \frac{1}{2}-2 \frac{1}{2}$, C. Ahern 3-1, R. J. Glass 2-2, R. C. Paris 2-2, J. A. Jackson 3-3, A. C. Twose $1 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$, J. J. Marlow $2-4, \mathrm{~J}$. Lawson 0-2. A new member, J. McEwan, leads the juniors with $10-0$ (total 18 to play). The remaining scores are: B. C. Cusack $5 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$, V. Hay $8-5$, A. C. Hall $4 \frac{1}{2}-6 \frac{1}{2}$, L. Abbott $2 \frac{1}{2}-10 \frac{1}{2}$, J. C. McAnsh $2 \frac{1}{2}-3 \frac{1}{2}$, A. Westgate $0-6$, Dr. R. Gardner 3—0.

The match committee, Messrs. Stenhouse, MeGilvary and Abbott, aims to finish the championship tourneys by October 29, and the schedule (one match to every four club nights) appears to be working all right with one or two exceptions. Some players are, indeed, well ahead of schedule, especially in the lower grades.

Otago C.C. Annual Meeting. - A. E. B. Ward presided over an attendance of 33 members at the 65 th annual meeting. Attendances for the year on playing nights had totalled 2245, and membership was almost exceeding the capacity of the clubrooms. The club was in a strong financial position. Election of officers: President, A. G. Twose; vicepresidents, W. G. Stenhouse, sen., and H. A. MeGilvary, jun.; committee, J. K. L. Webling, R. W. Lungley, J. C. McAnsh, L. H. Abbott and Dr. R. Gardner; secretary, J. F. Lang; treasurer, G. D. Wright; honorary auditor, W. H. Allen; honorary solicitor, W. Lang; delegate to N.Z.C.A., Rev. Dr. E. N. Merrington. Congratulations were extended to G. D. Wright and W. H. Allen on their having reached 50 years' membership of the club, most of this being spent in office in one capacity or another. L. D. Coombes was thanked for presenting two fine additional scrolls for the senior and junior championships. C. R. Griffin suggested that, in view of many inquiries, a ladies' chess club should be formed. A recommendation was accordingly adopted.

## WELLINGTON CHESS LEAGUE

The season of the Wellington Chess League was officially opened by the deputy Mayor, Mr. R. L. Macalister, who congratulated the league on the inauguration of the secondary schools chess championship and stressed the importance of encouraging in the schools the players of the future. Prizes were won as follows: A and B grade teams tournaments, Wellington Chess Club; C grade teams, Watersiders Chess Club; All-Wellington Championship, A. W. Gyles (Wellington C.C.); B grade individual championship, R. Brown (Wellington Working Men's Club); C grade individual championship, L. C. Laver (Watersiders C.C.) ; secondary schools championship, D. J. Brasch (Wellington College).

In the North-South match A. W. Gyles (North) lost to K. Beyer (South) at top board. The match was at 30 boards, North winning $18 \frac{1}{2}-11 \frac{1}{2}$

The Wellington Chess League has decided to apply for affiliation to the New Zealand Chess Association.

Entries for the Wellington Chess League's teams tournaments are: A grade (five teams), Civic, Hutt Valley, Wellington C.C. (two teams), Working Men's Club; B grade (four teams), Civic, Waterside, Wellington, Working Men's Club; C grade (seven teams), Civic, Eastern Suburbs, Hydro-electric, Technical College, Waterside, Wellington College (two teams).

The Eastern Suburbs Chess Club this year has affiliated to the league for the first time. J. W. Ross is the club's secretary.

After an absence of several years from play, Dr. P. Allerhand, former New Zealand champion, is playing again this year.
J. I. Goldsmith, chairman of the Wellington Chess League and president of the Civic C.C., is at present in hospital recuperating from an operation.
H. Godtsehalk, over 90 years of age and still playing, was knocked over by a tram recently, and his condition is only fair. He is father of $R$. A. Godtschalk.
R. A. Godtschalk, who has left Wellington for New Plymouth, was elected a life member of the Wellington C.C. This club now has five life members-W. Toomath, W. J. Emery, J. L. Hardy, A. W. Gyles and R. A. Godtschalk.

## LEVIN

It is pleasing to hear that a new club has been formed at Levin and is already going strong. Correspondence player Ralph T. Woodfield (club captain) is the guiding spirit.

## WHANGAREI

The Whangarei club is running its current championship on the Swiss system and the field is so strong that present champion J. Parkinson is expected to be well tested.

## "WHY THE SICLLIAN?"

In reference to the above title to game No. 207 in our April number, Mr. E. H. Faulkner writes: "My little collection contains 38 White wins, 35 Black wins and five draws. Incidently, I have eight Tarrasch games, four each colour. His black wins were again F. J. Marshall, Amos Burn, Gene Maroczy and B. Richter. H. Pilnik also appears, losing with white to G. Stahlberg, Argentine 1947. No New Zealand games are included in the above figures. 'Why the Sicilian?' could be a very misleading little article."

## H.B. TITLE TO LYNCH-AGAIN

Special Correspondent: E. G. A. FROST Pts.
1 D. I. Lynch
2 G. Severinsen
3 L. Pleasants
4 F. Beamish
5 T. G. Paterson
6 E. G. A. Frost
7 W. H. Dick
8 L. E. Cook
9 R . Severinsen

## OVERSEAS NEWS

## NEW EDITOR FOR "B.C.M."

News that J. du Mont has relinquished the editorship of the "British Chess Magazine" will come as an unwelcome surprise to readers of that excellent publication. Mr. du Mont has edited the "B.C.M." for the past nine years, setting a standard that will be difficult to surpass. He is perhaps best known to players as the author of the book "The Basis of Combination in Chess.'

## U.S.S.R. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The women's championship of the U.S.S.R. has been won by Olga Rubzowa, of Moscow, with 13 points out of 17 . Eugenia Biglowa ( $11 \frac{1}{2}$ ), of Leningrad, was second, followed by Ludmilla Tudenko and Valentina Belowa. The lastmentioned pair played against Great Britain in the radio match.

## LARRY EVANS AGAIN

After a shaky start in which he dropped 2 points, 17 -year-old Larry Evans strung together row of victories to again win the championship of the Marshall Chess Club, New York City. He finished with $14-4$ ahead of Santasiere $13-5$ Mengarini $12 \frac{1}{2}-5 \frac{1}{2}$, Halper and Hearst $12-6$, Pilnik $11 \frac{1}{2}-6 \frac{1}{2}$.

## CANADA

The Toronto City championship was won bi Charles A. Crompton, $10 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$. The defender, Fran R. Anderson, tied for second place with S. E. Gate $9 \frac{1}{2}-2 \frac{1}{2}$. Crompton is editor of the chess colures in the "Toronto Star,"

## BOOK OF HASTINGS CONGRESS

From "En Passant" Publications Ltd. comes the book of the 1948-49 Hastings Congress, whict is edited by H. Golombek and W. Ritson Morry. A complete record of the premier section, the book contains copious notes and is obtainable from " E Passant" Publications Ltd., 20 Chestnut Road West Norwood, S.E.27, England; price $1 / 6$.

## CORRECTION

In our account of the Beverwijk tournem (January-February number) we credited Henneberke with half a point more than he actuatw earned. His score was $4 \frac{1}{2}$, which placed him equail sixth with R. G. Wade.

HAWKE'S BAY - EAST COAST LEAGUE
Formation of a Hawke's Bay - East Coast Chess League was approved at a conference in Napier ar King's Birthday week-end. A constitution modelled on that of the Wellington Chess League but with several modifications, was adopted, and the first annual meeting was held. Mr. John Mason of Napier, a former New Zealand champion and president of the N.Z.C.A., was elected patron, and
G. W. Gilchrist, Napier club captain, became the first president. The interim secretary is E. G. \& Frost, of Napier, and other offices will be filled at the first meeting of the executive committee. The conference agreed that the league should affiliate with the N.Z.C.A. and approved the results of previous Hawke's Bay - East Coast championsh; tourneys. Official H.B. - E.C. champions are there fore as follows: 1946-47, D. I. Lynch (Hastings 1947-48, T. G. Paterson (Hastings) ; 1948-49, D. Lynch; 1949-50, D. I. Lynch.
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| 3 Beni (Austria) |
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| 5 Bhend (Switzerland) |
| 5 Molnar (France) |
| 7 Jorgensen (Denmark) |
| 3 Lotscher (Switzerland) |

R. G. WADE'S form at Arbon was a big improvement on his previous efforts and his result might even have been better had he not suffered from a crippling bout of sciatica half-way through the tourney. As it was he played well, but had to spend a week in hospital immediately afterwards. Since the beginning of the year Wade has slayed in four tournaments, Hastings, Soest-Baarn, Beverwijk and Arbon; played a drawn two-game exhibition match against F. Molnar (French workers' champion) in Paris, and given simultaneous displays at Leeds (2), Doncaster, Norwich (2), London clubs (2), London secondary schools (8), Harrow College, Cambridge University, Dumfries and Hamilton (Scotland), Paris (France), Basle, Arbon, Amvilswil, Sirchberg and Solothurn (Switzerland). At Arbon-which, by the way, is a pleasant small town on Lake Constance, in north-east Switzer-land-Wade was beaten only by the ultimate winner, L. Pachman, the young Czechoslovakian who has held his own against the really top class players. The notes to the following games are Wade's own.


Molnar
Eosition after White's 56th move After patient plodding I have btained an ending that I had seen trying to reach for 30 =oves-an ending in which the white Bishop is weak because his tawns are "fixed" on the same olour squares. Play went:

## F. Molnar

R. G. Wade
is $\dot{8}$.
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 3$,
$\mathbf{P}-\mathrm{N} 5$ :
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3 BPXP N-N4
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 59 B-B } 1 & \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P} \text { ch } \\ \text { K-K } 3 & \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{N}_{4}\end{array}$
5) K-K 3
i1 K-B 3
Investigating this position, I mas struck by two features: (a) 2y Knight would be good on KB4; (b) if it was White's turn to move, I win quickly.

K-B 3


A popular system for Black, which is better if Black has played $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR} 3$ instead of N QB3, and therefore has the possibility of playing QN-Q2B4.

## 7 N-B 3 ! 8 P-Q N 3 :

Black's Queen's pawn is to be kept backward by a potential attack on his King's pawn.

| 8 | B-K 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $9 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | B-K 2 |
| 10 Castles | Castles |
| 11 R-K 1 | P-R 3 |
| 12 P-K R 3 | P-Q N 4 |
| 13 B-Q 3 | P-N 5 ? |
| $14 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | P-N 3 : |
| 15 N/1-Q 2 | N-K R 4 |
| 16 B-B 4 | Q-Q 2 |
| 17 Bx ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | Q x B |
| 18 N-B 4 ! | N-B 5 |
| 19 N-N 6 | R-N 1 |
| 20 N-Q 5 | P-K B 4 |
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| 21 NxN | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{N}$ |
| $22 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | Q×BP |

23 R x B :
Also good is $23 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 4, \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}$; $24 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{KN} 4 ; 25 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 7 \mathrm{ch}$ !!. 23


26 N-R 4 !
R-N 2
If 26
Q-KN4; $27 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{N} 7$ ch, $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{K} 1 ; 28 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 29$ $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{N} 8 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Q} 2 ; \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N} \mathrm{ch}$, etc. 27 Q-N 7 cll 28 NxP

## K-K 1

Resigns
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Capablanca
Capablanca won by $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{R}-\mathbf{B 1}$, Q-Q 5; 2 R-B 5, P-K 6;

Threatening if 3 R-QR5, QB5 ch.
 Resigns.

## Announce the Mate:

This page is designed to assist the inexperienced player in exercising his ability to recogniz a mating position when it arises. The positions are all taken from master games, and tie correct moves will be found on page 40 . Try to find the mate before looking at the answers NOTE that the reader plays from the bottom of the board in each case.


1. White mates in
moves

2. Black mates in .... moves QKR8 $\mathrm{K}, \mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{Q} \cdot 213 \cos 6+$ KN. ${ }^{3}$ Btack ${ }^{8}$ nome

3. White mates in .... moves


White
2. White mates in .... moves
5. Black mates in .... moves

8. White mates in .... moves

3. White mates in .... move

6. Black

N.Z. CHESSPLAYER, JUNE,
o recognise les，and the he answers．


NEW ZEALAND chess cham－ pionships usually go to players who have a good many years of experience and endeavour behind them；but

Auckland in 1936，it was only three years and a half since he had joined the Canterbury Chess Club，was graded class X．and received a Queen odds！And in the same Congress，his wife was sirst equal in the Premier Reserves！！

In his early＇teens young Abbott was shown chess by his father， and they played a few games for a year．Later he met his future wife and in turn taught her the moves．They married in 1929 ，and till 1933 played a lot of chess logether，but still had no outside play．In May that year Abbott joined the Canterbury Chess Club （＂with some trepidation＂！），and 0．Irs．Abbott shortly after became the club＇s first lady member．By Aarch，1934，he was in Class I．， and Mrs．Abbott was also there later in the year．

Abbott next attacked the 1934 Congress field and won a prize for the best score against the prize－winners．In Wellington the following Christmas he was well down，but here Mrs．Abbott easily

## THE ABBOTTS OF CHRISTCHURCH

won the inalngural New Zealand ladies＇championship（with all her 18 months＇tourney experience behind her！），holding this title for four years．Then came Auckland 1936 －and the title was his．Says Abbott of this joint triumph：＂I am sure that neither of us could have achieved this without the other．＂
During his career Abbott has won most Canterbury tourneys at different times and has been Canterbury champion five times． Both the Abbotts have represented Canterbury in inter－club tele－ graphic matches continuously since 1934，while Roy was a chess
＂All Black＂in the New Zealand－ Australia cable match last year．

Mr．and Mrs．Abbott were also foundation members of the New Zealand branch of the British Correspondence Chess Association （forerunner of the N．Z．C．C．A．）． In this field Roy Abbott was second in the first Dominion correspondence chess champion－ ship．

The pair have occupied many administrative posts in the Canter－ bury Chess Club．Mrs．Abbott was tournament secretary for ten years，while her partner has been president and secretary and served on many committees and sub－ committees．At present he is one of the Canterbury adjudicators．


Fioy Abbott was born in Devonport，England，in 1904．His father，a New Zealander by birth， did New Zealand chess a service when in 1909 he decided to return to the Dominion with his family．

The Abbotts＇son，Robert，plays a＂reasonably good game＂（his father＇s appraisal），but it is evident this young man has a job in hand should he attempt to eclipse the chess deeds of his parents．It may be a long time before Dominion chess is graced with a chess partnership so successful and popular as the Abbotts of Christchurch．

## OVERSEAS SHOTS

UKRAINE CHAMPIONSHIP 1947
Geller


## Lubensky

White＇s position is superior if， after $27 \ldots$ P－KN4，he puts his King in a safer place．However， intent on his potential Queens， Lubensky proceeded：

| 27 | P－K N 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 28 B－N 6 | $\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{N}$ 2 |
| $29 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 5$ ？ |  |
| And succ |  |
| 29 | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| $30 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | R x B ！ |
| $31 \mathbf{P} \times$ R | $\mathbf{R \times R}$ |
| $32 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N}^{7}$ | R－K N 8 ： |
| 33 P－B 3 | P－K R 4 |
| 34 R－Q 4 | NxR |

NxR
If $35 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 8$ ，then Black plays NxP and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 5$ ．

| 35 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 36 K－R 4 | P—N 5 ch |

And N－B4 mate cannot be prevented．

By J. D. STEELE

On this and the following pages Associate Editor J. D. Steele concludes his study of the openings played at the last New Zealand Championship Congress. Readers of all grades will find his comments both interesting and instructive.

VARIOUS games at the Queen's Gambit Declined and Dutch Defence are omitted from this discussion as being of no value for its purpose.

## NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENCE

Baeyertz-Cromarty went 1 P-Q 4, N-K B 3; 2 P-Q B 4 P-K 3; 3 N-Q B 3, B-N 5; and now the unusual and pointless 4 B-N 5 was played. Cromarty played correctly $4 \ldots$. P-K R 3 ; but after 5 B-R 4, went 5 BxNch ?; wasting a move. Much better was $5 \ldots$ P-B4!; with the likely continuation 6 P - K 3 ( $6 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR} 3, \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{N}$ ch; $7 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$, loses a pawn after $7 \ldots$ Q-R4), QR4 (taking advantage of the white QB's absence from the Queen's side); 7 Q-N3, N-K5; and Black has the advantage.
The crucial Lynch-Nield game from round 1 followed the Zurich Variation with $4 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3$; $5 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} \mathrm{3}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 3$; 6 P-K 3 (?). The usual $6 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR3}$ is better. Now with $6 \ldots . \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$; Black can secure at least equality. Nield played $6 \ldots$. Castles; which was also good enough, since the pin by B-KN5, which is so strong when Black has castled in the Zurich, is not on.
Against Lang, Cromarty, after 4 Q-B 2, played $4 \ldots$.... Castles; which is usually played to prevent the strong continuation $5 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR3}$, after $4 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$. After 5 P QR3, BxNch; 6 QxB, White, with his two Bishops and greater command of space, appears to have the better game, but Black's game is quite sound. Lang actually played $6 \mathbf{P x B}$, which weakens his Queen's side pawns unnecessarily.
Against Scott, Lang played $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{B 2}, \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q 4 ;} 5$ P-K 3 ?, voluntarily shutting in his QB. Scott countered energetically with 5 $\ldots$ P-B4; 6 P XBP, Q-R 4!; $\mathbf{7} \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{Q}$ 3, and now $7 \ldots$ QN-Q2; or $\mathbf{7} \ldots \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P} ; \mathbf{8} \mathbf{B \times P}, \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{B P}$;
as played, gives Black the better game.

The now rarely seen 4 Q-N 3 , appeared in McNabb-Cromarty, After the usual 4 $\ldots$ P-B 4; $\mathbf{5}$ $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{B} 3, \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{B 3} \mathbf{3} \mathbf{6} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}$, Cromarty played $\mathbf{6} \ldots$ N-K 5; which is not the best, since White gains the upper hand after $7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{B}$; $8 \mathrm{NxN}, \mathrm{BxP}$; 9 P-KN3!, when Black will have some difficulty in completing his development without creating weaknesses in his pawn structure.


White
Black's best play, then, seems to be $6 \ldots$ B $\times$ P.

The game continuation was 7 Q-B 2, Q-R4; $8 \mathbf{Q \times N}, \mathbf{B x N}$ ch; $\mathbf{9} \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{Q} 2$ !, and White has by far the freer game.
Lynch-Baeyertz opened 1 PQ 4, N-K B 3; 2 P-Q B 4, P-K 3; $3 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{QB} 3, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 5 ; 4$ Q-B , $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q 4 ; 5} \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{K} 3$, which move is not the best. White is trying to play the Rubinstein Variation with Q-B2, but these two moves do not go very well together, and Black really has a move in hand. Equality is easily achieved by $5 \ldots$ Castles; $6 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QN} 3$; $7 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR3}, \quad \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{Nch} ; 8 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$, P-B4.

## QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

With this defence is grouped the Bogoljubow Variation.

Trundle-Lepviikmann followed
the usual line to move 5 ${ }^{1}$ N-K B 3, N-K B 3; 2 P P-K 3; 3 P-Q B 4, P-Q K P-K ${ }_{\mathbf{N}}$ B-K 2 .


## Trundle

## After $6 \mathbf{N}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathbf{N}-\mathrm{K} \mathbf{5}$ : :

 $\mathbf{B 2}, \mathbf{N x N}$; Trundle playe strong move $8 \mathbf{P x N !}$, wh: been more recommended played. After the further mir 8 .... P—Q4; 9 PxP, PxP Castles, Castles; White couit got a very strong positio $11 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B4}$ !, when the ungua position of his QB and Q? prove most embarrassing to E.g., $11 \ldots$ P $\times$ P??, 12 N or $11 \ldots \mathrm{QN}-\mathrm{Q} 2 ; 12 \mathrm{Px}^{\mathrm{x}}=$ P; $13 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 5, \mathrm{BxN} ; 14$ 三 R-B1; 15 B-N7, R-N1; $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{QxB} ; 17 \mathrm{QxBP}$.A few rounds later Legr mann had the white pieces in diagrammed position
Cromarty, the play going 6 C Castles; $\boldsymbol{7}$ N-B 3, N-K $\mathbf{5}$; B $2, \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$; but, unimpresse $=$ White's showing in the pre game, he played $9 \mathbf{Q x N}$, after $9 \ldots . \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 3 ; 10 \mathrm{Q}$ $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KB4}$; White has no advam to speak of.
Cromarty-Nield went $1 \mathbf{P}$ -N-K B 3; 2 N-KB 3, P3 P-K N 3, B-N 2; 4 B-N: K 3; 5 P-B 4, B-N 5 ch: $\mathbf{Q}$ 2, $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B}$ ch; when, insteac $I$ stronger $7 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B}$, Cromarty $=0$ 7 QNxB, after which should have had no trolite equalising, although in the he played for a position sirja the King's Indian and ara entered the middle game mit slight inferiority.
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## i－K 5；：Q

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ent $1 \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ $3, P-Q=$ $1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2 . \mathrm{P}$－ $5 \mathrm{ch} ; 6 \mathrm{~B}-$ instead of marty pl三jan which Ni＝iII o trouble III in the $g \equiv-\underset{x}{ }$ ion similer ar and actus game with

[^0]bainst Nield after $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q} 4, \mathbf{N}-$ EB 3； $2 \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{K B} \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{P}=\mathbf{K} 3 ; \mathbf{3} \mathbf{P}$
 ch： 5 QxE！，N－K 5？（best is $5 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ ）； 6 Q－B $2, \mathrm{P}-$ K B 4 ．

Nield


## Trundle

Now 7 P－Q Q5 would have set Black very serious problems，since not only is the position of the black Knight at e4 untenable，but Black cannot prevent a serious weakening of his pawn structure Thout allowing White a free hand in the centre．E．g．， 7 Qastles； $6 \mathrm{KN}-\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{KB3} ; 9$ N－QB3，P－QN3； 10 P－KN3， B－N2： $11 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ ，or $10 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$ ， PeKP； $11 \mathrm{~N} / 2 \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{NxN} ; 12 \mathrm{Qx}$ \％，Q－B3； $13 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$ ！，and in ether case White＇s superiority is evident．

The game Scott－Baeyertz abowed how tricky the Bogolju－ low is for Black． $1 \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q} 4, \mathbf{N}$－ К B 3； 2 P－Q B 4，P－K 3； 3 N －太 B 3，B－N $5 \mathrm{ch} ; 4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{B}$ ， 5 ： $\mathbf{S}$ N x B，P—Q 4； 6 P－K 3， Q N－Q 2； 7 Q－B2．

Baeyertz


Scott
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B．．．．P－Q3．

## KING＇S INDIAN AND

## GRUNEELD DEFENCES

The King＇s Tridian Defence $\mathrm{M} \subset \mathrm{N} a b \mathrm{~b}$－Headerson illustrates the powerful line which McNabb used with good effect against Crowl in the Australia－New Zealand cable match last year：
$1 \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q} 4, \mathbf{N}-K \mathbf{B} 3 ; 2 \mathrm{P}-\mathbf{Q B 4}$ ， P－K N 3； 3 N－Q B 3，B－N 2； 4 P—K 4，P－Q 3； 5 B－Q 3，Q N－ Q 2； 6 K N－K 2，Castles； 7 P－ B 3，P－TN $4 ; 8$ P－Q 5，N－B 4； $9 \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{E}$ 2．

Henderson


McNabb
This is a typical position in the King＇s Indian when White advances $P-Q 5$ ，and those who play the King＇s Indian Defence would be well advised to devote some study to the possibilities for both sides from the diagrammed position．

Counter－play for Black is obviously based on ．．．．P－KB4， but White has the choice of castling King＇s side and breaking through on the Queen＇s side by an eventual $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB} 5$ ，or of castling Queen＇s side and forcing a break－ through on the King＇s side by $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KN} 4$ and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KR} 4$ ，or by P － KB4．Black must，too，bear in mind that when he advances
P－KB4 he will be weakening his own King position without forcing any immediate weakness in White＇s．And，last but not least， White has a considerable advan－ tage in space，which is reflected in the mobility of his pieces．

The game continued $9 \ldots$ ．．．． $\mathbf{P}$－ Q R 4； 10 B－K 3，P－Q N 3； 11 $\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{Q} 2, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 1 ; 12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} \mathbf{N} 4, \mathrm{P}-$ B4； 13 NP×P， $\mathbf{P} \times P ; 14 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 5$ ， B－B 3； 15 R－K N 1，K－R 1； 16 $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{N} 2 ; 17$ Castles， $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{P}$ ； $18 \mathrm{~B}-\mathbf{R}$ 6，and now $18 \ldots \mathrm{Q}-$ Q2；19 N－N3，$\quad \mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{B} ; 20 \mathrm{~K} \times \mathrm{B}$ ， R－KN1； 21 QN－K4， $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N}$ ； 22
$\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 23 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{R} 4$ ； seems to give Black satisfactory counter－play．The variations are so complex，however，that there may be improvements along the way．The progress of the game， however，shows that Black＇s task is a very difficult one，and the ＂MeNabb Variation＂is one of the most feared lines against the King＇s Indian．

An irregular defence which later took on the characteristics of the King＇s Indian was seen in Gyles－Cromarty．The game went 1 P－K 4，P－K N 3； 2 P－Q 4， P－Q 3；after which White could have taken advantage of the absence of pressure on his centre by playing $3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KB4}$ ！，when Black will be in for a very cramped game．

Lynch－Henderson illustrated the dangers in White＇s advancing his pawns too quickly against the Grunfeld： $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q} 4, \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{K} \mathbf{B ~ 3 ;}$ $2 \quad \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q B 4} 4 \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{K} \mathbf{N} 3 ; 3 \mathbf{P}-$ K N 3，B－N 2； 4 B－N 2，P－B 3； 5 N－B 3，P－Q 4！； 6 P—Q N 3 （？）（ $6 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{N} 3$ or $6 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ was better）， $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ ：； $\boldsymbol{P} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N}$－ Q 2； $8 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 3 ; 9 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} \mathrm{5}$ ， Q N－Q 4； 10 K N－K 2，$\quad \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$ ； $11 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q}$ 2； 12 P－K B 4 （otherwise $12 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$ was very strong）， $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P}$ ！； $\mathbf{1 3} \mathbf{B - Q} 2$.

Henderson


## Lynch

Now Black should have consoli－ dated his position with a pawn ahead by ．．．．N－Q2 and reaped the benefit of his clever play．

More orthodox was Scott－ McNabb，which went： 1 P－Q 4， N－K B 3； 2 P－Q B 4，P－KN 3； 3 N－Q B 3，P－Q 4； 4 P－K 3 （this quiet line is a favourite of Reshevsky＇s，but it sets Black few problems）， $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N} 2 ; 5$ Q－N 3， $\mathbf{P}-$ B 3； 6 B－Q 2，Castles； 7 N－B 3， $\mathbf{P x P}$（＂M．C．O．＂recommends 7
$\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QN} 3$ as the only way to equalise here); $\mathbf{8} \mathbf{B \times P}, \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N}-\mathbf{O}$ 2; 9 Castles (K), N-N 3; 10 KRK 1 ? See Game 200, April issue, where $10 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2$ is shown as leading to advantage to White.

The Budapest Defence made one appearance and resulted in a quick win for Black. The game went: 1 P-Q 4, N-K B 3; 2 P-QB4, P-K 4; 3 P $\times \mathbf{P}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 5$; $4 \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$, NxKP; 5 N-KB3, $\mathbf{Q}$ N-B $3 ; 6$ $\mathbf{N x N}, \mathbf{N x N} ; 7 \mathbf{B - K} 2$ ( $7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$ was better), $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{B 4 ; ~} 8$ Castles, Castles; 9 P-QR3, P-QR4; with equal chances.
A better continuation for White is $5 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4, \mathrm{KN}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 6 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$, $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 5 \mathrm{ch} ; 7 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$ !, when White has a much more comfortable game.

Black


White

## Q.G.D., DUTCH DEFENCE, QUEEN'S PAWN GAME (AND COLLE SYSTEM)

No novelties were seen in these openings. Usually White showed no sign of desiring more than equality, which is relatively easier to maintain in the Queen's Pawn than in the King's Pawn openings.

One noticeable feature was the preference shown for the slow form of the Queen's Pawn and the Colle System. In both the above White is playing the defence with the move in hand. Black must beware of opening the position too early, for White may transpose into a more aggressive line. With care, though, Black can achieve equality without much trouble.

Here are examples of right and wrong strategy on Black's part:
$1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4 ; 2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{KB} 3, \mathrm{~N}-$ $\mathrm{KB} 3 ; 3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 4 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3$, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3 ; 5 \mathrm{QN}-\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 6 \mathrm{~B}-$ Q3, B-Q3; 7 Castles, Castles; 8 PxP!, BxP; $9 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4, \quad \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$
(9 .... Q-B2 is better, but not good enough for equality); 10 $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{P} ; 11 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{KN} 5$; $12 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 4$, to White's advantage (Fine).
4.... P-KN3; 5 QN-Q2, QNQ2; $6 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2 ; 7$ Castles (or 7 Q-K2 as in Cromarty-Lynch), Castles; and Black has comfortable equality.

Another good method after 1 $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4 ; 2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{KB} 3, \mathrm{~N}-$ $\mathrm{KB} 3 ; 3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3$, is $3 \ldots \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4$; and if $4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3$ !

## CATALAN SYSTEM

This opening has had a quite remarkable burst of popularity over the last ten years, but its star is beginning to wane.

Fletcher scored a good win over Lynch with $1 \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q 4}, \mathbf{P}$ Q 4; 2 P-Q B 4, P-K 3; 3 N K B 3, N-K B 3; $4 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{3}$, $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P} ; 5 \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N}_{2}$ (instead of the PXPi 5 Q-R4 ch).

Lynch


## Fletcher

Now Lynch played 5 .... B$K$ 2. This quiet move does not fit in with the aggressive $4 \ldots P$ $x P$. As so often, Black should take advantage of the lack of pressure on his centre and play $5 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4!$; when Black has equal chances, since White must lose time regaining his pawn.

## ENGLISH OPENING

Baeyertz-Nield was a good illustration of the dangers of the symmetrical defence. The game went: 1 N-K B 3, N-K B 3 ; 2 $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} \mathbf{N} 3, \mathrm{P}$ Q N 3; 4 B-N 2, B-N 2; 5 Castles, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3 ; 6 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2 ; 7 \mathrm{~B}-$ N 2, Castles. Now Baeyertz could have transposed back into the ga me. Botvinnik - Capablanca, Moscow, 1936, with 8 N-B3, N$\mathrm{B} 3 ; 9 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4, \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{P} ; 10 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}$,
$\mathrm{BxB} ; 11 \mathrm{KxB}, \mathrm{PxN} ; 12 \mathrm{Qx}=$
Q-B2; 13 P-K4!.


White has a perfect position with a weak point (Black's QP on which to pile the pressure. while Black will have no counterplay for a long time ahead. (After all this the reader will be a little surprised to hear that Botvinniz actually managed to lose the game in question - but only by blunder in a won position.)

With the black pieces Hendersegave a good example of his ingenuity in finding new ideas it the opening. The game went $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB4}$ 4, P-K 4; $2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{QB}$. P-K B 4; 3 P-Q 3, N-K B $3: 4$ N-B 3, N-B 3; 5 P-K N 3, PQ 4; $6 \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{N x P} ; 7 \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{N} 2$ (the game now looks like a reversed Sicilian), B-N 5 ! ; 8 B-Q 2, NB3:; 9 Castles (K), Q-K 2; 10 $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q R} 3, \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{Q} 3$. White probably still has a tiny advantage, but Black's game is quite playable.
In the next round Lepviikman: had to cope with the same defence this time handled by Fletcher 1 P-Q B 4, P-K 4; 2 N-Q B N-Q B 3; 3 P-K N 3, P-B $4: 4$ B-N $2, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 5 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K}$ 玉 6 r-K 3, P-Q 3; 7 K N—K! Castles; 8 Castles, B-K 3; 9 PN 3, Q-Q 2; $10 \mathrm{P}-\mathbf{Q} 4$ ! , $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{Q 1}$ (best).

Fletcher


Lepviikmann
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Now $11 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4!, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 5 ; 12 \mathrm{P}-$ Q5, gives White a fine game with good chances of a Queen's side pawn attack.

In the last round game between Lepviikmann and Lynch, Lynch was led by the needs of his score to play safe, but with Lepviikmann playing at last to his old form the self-imposed handicap in the opening was too much. The opening was: $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q B 4}, \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$; 2 N-QB3, N-K B 3; 3 PKN3, P-Q4; $4 \mathbf{P x P}, \mathbf{N x P}$; $5 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{NxN}$ ? (after 5 N-B3; Black can just equalise) $6 \mathrm{NPxN}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 2 ; 7 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{~B}-$ K 2; 8 P-Q 3, Castles; 9 Castles, P-Q B 3; 10 Q-B 2, P-K B 4; $11 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1 ; 12 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$, Q-B $2 ; 13 \mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{Q} 2, \mathrm{~B}-\mathbf{B} 3 ; 14 \mathrm{~B}-$ R1, N-N 3; 15 P-B 4 !, B-K 3; 16 Q-R 5 !, winning a pawn.

## Otago Championship

The championship of the Otago Chess Club is virtually the provincial championship. Here is a summary of the games played in the first round:-
J. F. Lang v. R. E. Williamson: Catalan System (by transposition). In the middle game Lang exchanged his Queen for the opposing Rooks. Williamson's Queen then being out of play, Lang attacked with Rooks and Bishop, mating Black on the 41st.
A. J. McDermott v. R. Watt: Grunfeld Defence. In a complicated middle game, McDermott embarked on a combination which after exchanges and further tricky play allowed Watt to emerge a Bishop to the good. McDermott resigned on the 41st.

Stenhouse v. H. A. McGilvary: Sicilian Defense. Stenhouse got his opponent into positional difficulties and finally won a Rook on the 30th.
R. W. Lungley v. A. E. B. Ward: Ruy Lopez (Bird's Defence). Lungle had the better position in the early middle game. Later, Ward developed some counterplay, but crashed when Lungley threatened a mate in two and a mate in one by different routes. Ward stopped only the mate in one.
W. Lang v. S. J. Webb: Queen's Gambit Accepted. Webb took and retained the gambit pawn. A game of fluctuating fortunes followed, and after beating off Lang's attacks, Webb finally won with his advanced pawns.

## WHY STUDY!

One of our contributors wished for a machine that would give a player a sharp prod when he was about to make a bad move. Well, Dr. William Rose Ashby has the answer-or has he? Those who think chess is a difficult game to master will be interested in the following item which appeared in the cable news recently, headed "Thinking Machine' Can Work Out Own Problems ":-
"LONDON.-A machine called a 'homeostat,' which is said to work out its own problems and get the right answer has been invented by Dr. William Rose Ashby, chief of research at the Barnwood nerve hospital, Gloucester, says the Daily Herald.
'Dr. Ashby says it is a demonstration 'thinking machine, which may one day be developed into an artificial brain more powerful than any human intellect and capable of tackling the world's political and economic problems.

The machine always thinks out its problem and rights itself. Previous mechanical brains could not do anything as enterprising as this. They were really just calculating machines.
"But the homeostat, Dr. Ashby explains, if it were developed, for example, to play chess with him, should be able to beat him.'
Dr. Ashby's machine may be capable of doing everything he claims for it, but the cable does not say it can compose music or paint a picture. To be logical, if it can solve the problems (mathematical, logical and artistic) encountered in the game of chess, it should be able to do these things. If the worthy doctor cannot beat his "mechanical brain" at chess, all we can say is he has either outdone Frankenstein or is a poor chess player?

This is not the first time chess players have been challenged by a machine. The most famous was
that displayed by Baron von Kempelen at the Court of Vienna in 1770 . This was in the form of a cabinet containing a board, upon which a mechanical man known as the T'urk made the moves in the game. Although von Kempelen was ath inventor of many other things it was through the amazing popularity of the Turk that he was best known. The sensation created upon its first appearance in Vienna was not altogether to von Kempelen's liking, as he wished anly to use the Turk to draw attention to his other inventions. This was not to be, however, for he was induced to display his automaton in other cities of Europe, and so in 1783 the Turk set out on his long trek that was to take him all over Europe and even to the U.S.A. The Baron von Kempelen died in 1804, but the Turk went on for many years under different masters, and although it was later known to be operated by a hidden player (Pillsbury was said to have operated it at one time) its secret was never discovered. Among those who are said to have played against the Turk were Napoleon Bonaparte, Philidor (he won!) and Benjamin Franklin.

## ISN'T IT A SHAME ?

Scene: Gambit Chess Club, Christchurch. Time: Just after six o'clock (presumably). White: The Invisible Man (our guess). Black: A local grower (no guess). 1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 B-B 4, PK 3; $\quad 3 \quad Q-Q 3, \quad N-K B 3 ; 4$ Q-K N 3, N-R 3; 5 N-Q 2, PB 3; 6 P-K 3, Q-R 4; 7 N-K 2 ("Hic"), N-K 5; 8 P-N 4, $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}$ P; 9 Q x P, $\mathbf{B \times N} \mathbf{c h} ; 10 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q} 1$, $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P}$ mate.

If the Swiss system becomes any more popular in New Zealand chess tournaments, we can foresee the necessity for the New Zealand Chess Association to introduce a rule to stop players breaking into a yodel during play.

# IVIC HESS LUB 

## EVERY FRIDAY

7.30 to 11 p.m.

## BOOK REVIEW

## "BATTLES ROYAL OF THE CHESSBOARD"

BATTLES ROYAL OF THE CHESSBOARD, collected by $R$. N. Coles. (London: Williams and Norgate, Ltd.)
Fifty games covering the period 1834 to 1946 are the subject matter of "Battles Royal of the Chessboard," each game chosen as a prime example of struggle, as distinct from a display of virtuosity in which one player gains the ascendancy by superior play and wins handsomely

Many chess players have little idea of the strength of the leading players 100 years ago, and this book will remove any mistaken impression they may harbour that Howard Staunton and his brother masters would today find a New Zealand championship beyond them. Mr. Coles may be commended not only for presenting fifty slashing games, but also for the historical value of the seriesthe historical being an aspect of the great game that needs to be kept before the contemporary player, to assist him to realise the magic of the drama of which he plays a role in to-day's chess scene.

All the famous names will be found here from de Labourdonnais to Botvinnik. Here is a sample, with the notes-a Blackburne win against Dr. Em. Lasker:-

## Game No. 210 <br> London 1899 <br> RUY LOPEZ

Dr. Em. Lasker J. H. Blackburne

| P-K 4 | P-K 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 N-K B 3 | N-Q 3 |
| 3 B-N 5 | P-Q 3 |
| 4 P-Q 4 | B-Q 2 |

5 P-Q 5
A most unusual move, which relieves the tension in the centre but gives him a certain space advantage. His next move is the necessary corollary, otherwise Black frees his game with P-KB4.

| $5 .$. | N-N 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6 B-Q 3 | B-K 2 |
| $7 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3$ | N-K 3 |
| 8 N-K 2 | P-B 3 |
| 9 P-B 4 | N-R 3 |
| $10 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 3$ | N-B 4 |
| 11 B-B 2 | $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{Q}$ N |

With a view to breaking the grip of the white pawns, but his pieces are not well posted for supporting the manoeuvre and it
recoils upon him
12 P-N 4
13 Q P x
$\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{N} 2$

| 13 Q P $\mathbf{P}$ |
| :--- |
| 14 |

BxP
15 P-QR4 BXNP
16 Castles
$\mathrm{B}-\mathbf{Q} 2$

With a weak QP, and a Queen's side majority against him, Black must try at all costs to get some sort of attack going.
17 P-R 3
P-K R 4
18 B-K 3
19 P-N 5
P-R 4
R-Q B 1
20 R-B 1
N-B 4

## $21 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 2$

Black was threatening $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 5$, winning the KP. Now White threatens to open up new lines of attack by $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$.


Desperate situations call for desperate remedies, and Blackburne decides to sacrifice a pawn to hinder White's attack and further his own.

| 23 BxP | R-K N 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 24 BxP | BxRP |
| 25 B-K N 3 | B-K 3 |
| $26 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$ | N-N 5 |
| $27 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 1$ | B-N 4 |
| 28 R-N 1 |  |

28 R-N 1
Had White appreciated the full force of the attack which Black has conjured out of a lost position he would have played $P$-B4, though even then $B-R 5$ gave Black a powerful offensive.
28
N $\quad$ R-K R 1
29 N-B 3
B-K B 5
30 N-Q 5
B-K $\mathbf{S}$

If 30 BxB , Black plays $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{R} 5$, though he also has $30 \ldots \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 8$ ch; 31 K x R, N x P ch. The Black attack is now beginning to show in its true colours.

## 30 <br> Q-N 4 <br> 31 P-B 3

Forced by the threat of Q-R4.


31
R-R 8 ch
The brilliant culmination of a fighting recovery.

## $32 \mathbf{K} \times R$ <br> 33 NxB

B x B
If $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 2$ (against $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B}$ -$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B} 7 ; 34 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{B}$ (against Q - 켜파 ch), N x R ch; $35 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 1$, Nx with an advantage even marked than that obtained ir. $I$ actual game.
$\begin{array}{ll}33 \\ 35 & \mathbf{K}-\dot{N} 1 \\ \mathbf{N} & 1 \\ 5\end{array}$
$36 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B}^{7} \mathrm{ch}$
BxN(B)
Q-Q 7

The game appears to be absilutely won, but it is White's m now to fight back.

| 37 KRxN | Q |
| :---: | :---: |
| 38 Q R-B 1 | Q x B P |
| 39 N-N 6 | R-Q 1 |
| 40 N-B 4 | $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{N} 2$ |
| 41 N-K 3 | Q-B 5 |
| $42 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$ | Q x P |
| $43 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B}^{\text {\% }}$ | N-B 4 |
| 44 R-K R 1 |  |
| Threatenin | te on the |
| a wonderful | ement |
| hopeless pos earlier. | of eight |
| 44 | R-Q 2 |
| $45 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 8 \mathrm{ch}$ | K-K 2 |
| $46 \mathrm{R} / 1-\mathrm{R} 8$ |  |

45 R R $8 \mathrm{ch} \quad \mathrm{K}$ K 2
Making a last brave effor in reply $46 \ldots$ Q $\times$ P; White everin now escapes with a draw br का $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 8 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 48 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N}:$ 랜 $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 4$ ( $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{N} 4 ; 49 \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 8 \mathrm{ch}$ : $49 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 3$ (K-B5; $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{N} 4 ; 51 \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{R}$ - 3 सा ch) $; 50 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 4 \mathrm{ch}$. A great game Lasker's only loss in the townment, and one which earnerd Blackburne the brilliancy prins

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Q-Q 5
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Resigns

CARDBOARD
PORTLAND SINGLE SETS
2/6 Each
New Zealand Chessplarer

With a view to using information in some suitable we asked a well-known for an account of his career. Ber is what he sent: " Born '08; learm moves, '36; still learning, ' 49

# WORLD CHESS DIGEST 

## Moscow v. Budapest

A. W. Gyles (Wellington) has supplied the notes to the following lively game from the Budapest half of a match Moscow $v$. Budapest. Teams of eight play one game against each member of the opposing team. The half-way score was: Moscow 38, Budapest 26.

## Game No. 211

## SICILIAN DEFENCE

V. Smyslov
I. Szabo

1 P--K 4
2 N-Q B 3
3 P--K N 3
$4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N}$ 2
$5 \mathrm{KN}-\mathrm{K} 2$
6 P-Q 3 P-Q B 4
N-QB3
P-K N 3
B-N 2
P-Q 3
P-K 3
More usual here is B-Q2. The late English master Amos Burn used to say that he considered the first move of the Queen's Bishop was the most important move of all and that that piece should not be moved until it was absolutely certain that the best square was found for it, and that many games were lost through a bad first move with this piece. From this point of view the text move is an improvement on B-Q2.

## 7 Castles <br> K N-K 2 <br> 8 B-CQ 2

Is this the best square for this Queen's Bishop? B-K3 appears to be better.

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\begin{array}{rll}
8 & \text { Castles } \\
9 & \text { P-K R } & \\
\mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{K}-\mathbf{R} \mathbf{2} & \text { P-K R } 3 \\
\text { R-N } \mathbf{1}
\end{array}
$$

Preparing to meet White's king's side attack with a counter-attack on the queen's side.

| 11 Q-B1 | $\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{R} 2$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$ | P-Q ${ }^{4}$ |
| 13 P-KK N 4 | P-B 4 |

Otherwise $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 5$ would be crippling.
$14 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 3$
$\mathbf{N}$-Q 5
15 N—Q 1
No doubt played with a view to driving the black Knight away by $P-B 3$ and following up with N-K3. Had White played B-K3 on his eighth move instead of $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q} 2$, and $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ on his eleventh, his queen's side would have been
freer. Black now takes full advantage of White's eramped queen's side.
15

17 P-B 5

Too venturesome. Had he foreseen Black's sacrifice on move 18, he would most probably have played $17 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B3}$. Then might have followed $17 \ldots$ P $\ldots$ P; 18 B x P, N/5-K3; $19 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$, with a playable game.

| 17 | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 18 N P x P | N/2xP: |
| 19 Px N | Q-R 5 ch |
| 20 B-R 3 | NXKBP |
| 21 NxN |  |

All White's last moves have been forced. R-KN1 is of course answered by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 5$.

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\begin{array}{ll}
21 & \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{N} \\
22 & \text { B-K } 1
\end{array} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { Q }-R 4 \\
& 23 \\
& \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}
\end{aligned}
$$

At last the 'Queen's Bishop moves, but not before all his other pieces and all his pawns except one have moved. Oh, that Mr. Burn could have lived to see this game! He would have called it the perfect game.
24 Q—K 3
If instead N -B2, Black still plays .... P-K5 with greater effect.

| 24 | P-K 5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $25 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{N} 1$ |
| 26 BxB |  |
| A dying |  |
| 26 | Q X B |

27 B-N 3
The only move to prolong the game.
27
B-K 4
28 Q K KP R×Bch

Much better than $Q \times Q$ first, as the text drives the white King away from his pieces.

## $29 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1 \quad \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Q}$ ch <br> 30 PxQ R-N5

Although White has managed to come out with only a pawn down, his position is hopeless. His King is cut off from his pieces, his Knight blocks his Queen's Rook, and he is immediately
threatened with the loss of another pawn.
$31 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 2$
R-B 5

Better than BxP, as the text wins the central pawn.

Resigns

## SALTSJOBADEN

The following game from the Saltsjobaden candidates tournament will be found interesting to the student. Szabo, who finished second to Bronstein in this tournament, and Najdorf, equal sixth, will both have something to say in the result of the forthcoming tournament to find Botvinnik's. challenger. Notes by R. G. Wade.

Game No. 212

## QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

IV. Najdorf
L. Szabo

| 1 | $P-Q 4$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 | P-Q B 4 |
| 3 | N-K B 3 |
| 4 | P-K ${ }^{\text {N }}$ |
| 5 | $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ |
| 6 | Castles |
| 7 | Q-B 2 |
|  | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |

N-K B 3
P-K 3
P—Q N 3
B-N 2
B-K 2
Castles
P-B 4
$\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$
If $8 \quad \ldots \quad \mathrm{BxP} ; 9 \quad \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3$, Castles; $10 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$, leaves Black a weak centre pawn without control of his Q5 to compensate.

| 9 | N-B 3 | N-B 3 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 10 | R-Q 1 | P—Q |
| 11 | P—N 3 | P—Q R 3 |

After this Black's centre formation is secured. Nor can this formation be ignored, as Black might be able to play later $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$.
$12 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$
Q N-N 5
13 Q-N 1
Q-B 2

Hans Muller of Vienna gives 14 $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ as somewhat better.

## 14

15 Q-B 2
16 Q R-N 1
17 B-R 1
18 P-K 3
19 P—K 4
$\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{B} 3$
QR-N 1
B-R 1
P-KR 3
N-QR 4


Najdorf
Najdorf surrenders the square Q4 rather than be tied down to defence of the QNP, which Szabo's $12 \ldots \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 5$ sought to make a weakness.

| 19 | N-B 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 20 Q-K 2 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ |
| 21 N-R 2 | N/2-K |

For if $22 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N}$; followed by .... N-Q5, gives Black a better game.
22 P-Q N 4
Impatient. Steadier was 22 $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 1-\mathrm{B} 2$, to stop Black occupying Q4.

| 22 | B-B 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 23 BxN | BxB |
| 24 P-N 5 | N-Q 5 |
| 25 NxN | Bx ${ }^{\text {N }}$ |
| $26 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 4$ | $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}$ : |
| $27 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{B}$ | NPXP |
| 28 Q-Q 3 | P-R ${ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| 29 R-R 1 | K R-Q 1 |
| Threatening | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$. |
| 30 Q-K 2 | Q-B 4 |
| $31 \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{Q} 4-\mathrm{Q} 1$ | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| 32 PxP | $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| $33 \mathrm{R} \times$ R P | R-N 5 |
| 34 R-N 2 | KR-N 1 |
| $35 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}$ | $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ |
| 36 Q-R 6 | $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ |
| 37 QxP | Q x ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| $38 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Q}$ | $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 8 \mathrm{ch}$ |
| 39 B-B 1 | Bx $\mathbf{P}$ |

This move is forced due to the threat of $40 \ldots \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 6 ; 41 \mathrm{R}-$ Q2, B-B3; with .... B-N4 in the offing. It is $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$ that gives Black winning chances. A pawn down in a Rook and pawn ending with the pawns all on the same wing is often a draw.

## 40

41 R-Q 2
K-B 1
Otherwise Black piles on the difficulties with R-N7.
41
$42 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$

## $\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{K} 2$ <br> P-N 4 :

Establishing a passed KP or giving White isolated pawns.

| $43 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | B x ${ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $44 \mathrm{~K} \times \mathrm{B}$ | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| $45 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | K-B 3 |
| $46 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 7$ | R-N 6 : |

Cutting off the white King.
47 R-R ${ }^{7}$
K-N 2 :
No chances of drawing by 47 .... K-N3; $48 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 5 \mathrm{ch}$.
48
49
50

| 48 R-B ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | R-Q 6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $49 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 7$ | $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{R} 4$ |
| 50 R-R 5 | R-Q 4 |
| 51 R-R 3 | K-N 3 |
| $52 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 3$ | K-B 4 |
| 53 P-R 3 | P-R 5 |
| 54 R-N 3 | P-B 3 |
| 55 R-R 3 | R-N 4 |




Najdorf

| 56 | R-N7: |
| :---: | :---: |
| $57 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 5 \mathrm{ch}$ | $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{4}$ |
| $58 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| $59 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 4$ |  |

If $59 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KR7}$ wins.


## $64 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 5 \mathrm{ch}$

If $64 \mathrm{RxP}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 7$ promotes the pawn.

| 64 | R-N 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $65 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 8$ | K-B 5 |
| $66 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{P}$ ch | K-B6 |
| $67 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 8$ | P-K 7 |

68 R-K 8
P—K

Not $68 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 8 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{K} 5 ; 69$ $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 8 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 4$; queening the pawn.


If the Rook continues to check, the King takes the pawn and then zig-zags down the board to the

Rook until the checks are exhausted. This is a game for improving your play.

## GERMANY

At the last international teams tourney, held at Buenos Aires is 1939 to the accompaniment of the German blitz on Poland, Germany headed Poland to become tod chess nation (U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. did not enter). Under the Germar occupation of Europe chess was encouraged-witness the pitiful attacks in Dr. Alekhine's name or renowned Jewish players to qualify his collaboration. Despite the wreckage of their country, chess is flourishing again in tha: defeated country. Tourneys are abundant and there are two chess papers despite a terrible paper shortage. Their players include Bogoljubow, Kieninger, Brinckmann, Karl Richter and the former Estonian Paul Schmidt, who was a sparring partner of Paul Keres ir pre-war days.

A new young player whe recently won a tourney at Bac Nauheim is W. Unzicker. Here is his win from Dr. Lange in tha: tourney. Notes by R. G. Wade.

## Game No. 213

## CARO-KANN DEFENCE



I prefer $4 \ldots \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 5 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 3$, $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 3 ; 6 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KR4} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KR3} ; 7 \mathrm{~N}$ $\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 2 ; 8 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{QB4}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3$; 9 $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2$, or $4 \ldots$ N-Q2; $5 \mathrm{~N}-$ KB3, N-KB3; followed by P-K3, $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 2$, Castles and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB} 4$ for Black, to the disruption of pawns after $5 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}$.

## 5 NxNeh <br> NPXN

$5 \ldots$ KP x N; leaves White $a=$ end game superiority because he can create a passed pawn on the Queen's side, whereas Black has no counter. White has "only" $i=$ get through the middle game $t=$ have a technically won ending.

## 6 B-Q B 4 B-B 4 <br> 7 N-K 2

After a similar manoeuvre ir Horowitz - Flohr, U.S.A. U.S.S.R., 1946.
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$8 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4 ; 9 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{P}$ $10 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3$ wins, or $8 \ldots \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{R} 3$; 9 Q-R5.

| $9 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB} 3$ | N-Q 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 Q-R 5 | B-N 3 |
| Not $10 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 3 ; 11 \mathrm{Bx}$ |  |
| 11 Nx B | BPx |
| 12 Q-R 3 | P-K 4 |
| 13 B-K 3 | Castles |
| $14 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | Qx $\mathbf{P}$ |
| 15 Castles (Q) | $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{K} \mathbf{B}$ |
| Weak. |  |
| 16 KR -K 1 |  |
| Threatening B-KN5. |  |
| 16 | B-K 2 |
| 17 B-Q 4 | Q-B 5 ch |
| $18 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 1$ |  |

Dr. Lange


Flatt

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6 \text {. . . B } \times \mathbf{P}
$$

Black accepts the challenge. A quieter continuation would be $6 \ldots$ B-N3; $7 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR} 3$; with a satisfactory game. $6 \ldots$. N xP; looks quite all right, but after $7 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P} ; 8 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{N} 3$, White can muster up a very strong attack.

## 7 Nx P

Q-B 3
If $7 \ldots \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N}$; then $8 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{N}$, Q-B3; $9 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{P}$ ch !, but not $9 \mathrm{~B}-$ -N2, QxQ; $10 \mathrm{BxQ}, \mathrm{KN}-\mathrm{K} 2$; and White cannot capture the NP because of $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KN1}$ followed by B-R6. Black should have played 7 .... N-K4.

## 8 N x N ! <br> $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{N}$

Black cannot take the Rook, for if $8 \ldots \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{R}$; $9 \mathrm{NxB}, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{N}$; 10 Q-Q5, B-K3; 11 QxP, with an overwhelming advantage.

## 9 P-Q B 3 <br> B-Q B 4

Black's original intention, after $7 \ldots$ Q-B3; was to proceed here with $9 \ldots \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{P} ; 10 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{N}$; $11 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{R} 4$; but the possible continuation $12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$ now appeared too strong.


Probably best. $12 \ldots$ P-Q4; $13 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$ !, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4 ; 14 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 5$, gives White an extremely dangerous passed pawn. The text looks bad on account of White's control of the diagonal, but after the white KP is removed the Bishop can be shut off with P-Q4.

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13 Q-R4
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Best for White and most disagreeable for Black. Bad for White would be $14 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B4}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ !; $15 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{QP}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P} ; 16 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 5$, P—B3; etc.
${ }_{15}^{15} \dot{\text { N-K }} 4 \quad \quad$ QxP 3

Evrard


Flatt

## $16 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 3$

White must give some consideration to the strong-looking $16 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$. But analysis proves it to be less strong than it looks. After $16 \ldots$ Q-N3; the two best continuations would be: (1) 17 B-KN5, B-KB4; $18 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{K} \times$ $\mathrm{B} ; 19 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{BP}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4 ; 20 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{P}$, $\mathrm{KR}-\mathrm{Q} 1 ; 21 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 4$ or $\mathrm{N} 7, \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{B}$; and (2) $17 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$, Castles (K)! (not here $17 \ldots$ B-KB4; 18 Nx P ch!, $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N} ; 19 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{P}$ ch, $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 2$; $20 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4 ; 21 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N}$ ch, $\mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{R} ; 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{R} 3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 2 ; 23$ B x P ch, B-K3; 24 Q-Q7 ch, winning).

## 16

## Q-N 3

An endeavour to maintain control of the diagonal, but White easily regains it.

## 17 Q-Q $1 \quad$ P—Q 4

If $17 \quad \ldots \quad \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3 ; 18 \mathrm{BxB}$, $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B} ; 19 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$, and the threats $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2$ and $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{KN} 5$ would be very winnish.

| 18 B-Q 3 | Q-B 2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 19 Q-B 2 | P-K R 3 |
| 20 P-K 4 | Castles |
| 21 P-B 5 | Q-B 3 |

P-KP
Castles
Q-B 3

It is necessary to blockade the pawn.

## 22 B-R 3

Better than $22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$; $23 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 5 ; 24 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 4, \mathrm{Q}-$ R5! After the text Black's projected Q-R5 becomes impossible on account of the necessity to defend the pawn on QB4 22 . . . . P-B 4
This has the disadvantage of shutting in the Bishop, but R-B2 was even less satisfying.
23 P-B 4

$$
\text { P-Q } 5
$$



24 QR-K 1
Best here appears to be the obvious $24 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 4$, after which there follows $24, \ldots$ Q-B3; 25 $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 4!, \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{K} 1 ; 26 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N}-$ B1; 27 QR-K1, N-Q3; and the white QB would re-enter the game via B1 while his adversary remained impotent on QN3. White would have more chances. 24 5 R-K 2

QR-K 1
The fact that White has preceded $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 4$ by $\mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{K} 1$ renders the former move useless, for if 25 N-K4, Black could now play $25 \ldots$ Q-R5 (see note after move 22); 26 N xP, B xP!; 27 Bx, RxB; 28 QxR, NxQ; 29 R×Rch, K-R2; $30 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 6$; 31 NxP , QxP; $32 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{Q}-$ QR5; and Black regains the piece and stands well. A most interesting variation and worth study.
25
P—N 3 !
6 N-K 4
Q-R 5 :
7 P-B 6
N-B 4
28 R-B 3

White does not want the probable draw arising from 28 $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B} 1, \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N} ; 29 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 6 \mathrm{ch}$; $30 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{R} / 5$; $31 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{N}$, $R \times P ; 32 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{R} ; 33 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{NP}$, $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{N} 2$.

28
29 R/2X
N-K 6
30 R x P
$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{B}} \times \mathbf{R}$ $31 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2 \quad \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4$

The only satisfactory move to counter the prospective $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 7 \mathrm{ch}$, followed by Q-B3. Black intends to close the diagonal by giving back the exchange with R -Q5.

## 32 P-N 3 <br> Q-R 6

It was better to shut off the Bishop by R-Q5 at once.

## 34 P-B 7 ch

Any other move would leave Black with a clear advantage. 34

## $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{P}$

If $34 \ldots \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{P}$; then $35 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 6$ ch, R×N; 36 QxQ, $\mathrm{Bx} \times \mathrm{Q} ; 37$ B $\times$ R, etc.
35 N - $\mathbf{Q} 6 \mathrm{ch}$
$\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{N} 1$
Not $35 \ldots \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N}$; because $36 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{N} 1 ; 37 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 7 \mathrm{ch}$, wins.

## 36 R-K 7

Upon 36 NxB , there follows $36 \ldots \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N}$ ! ; not $36 \ldots \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{Q}$; $37 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}$ moves; 38 BxP mate!

| 36 |  | Q $\times \mathbf{Q}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | $\mathbf{B \times Q}$ | $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{N}$ |
| 38 | R-N 7 ch | K-R 1 |
| 39 | R-B 7 dis ch | R-Q 5 |

Black has to sacrifice a Rook to avoid perpetual check.
40 R x R ch
41 R-Q 8
$\mathbf{K}-\mathbf{N} 2$
42 BxR 8 K—B 2

The black-square Bishop at last comes into the game, and with the two black Bishops dominating the position the game continued: 43 B-B 3, K-K 2; 44 R-K R 8, P-K R 4; $45 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q}$ 6; 46 K-B 1, K-Q 3; 47 K-K 1, KB 4; 48 P-K R 3, B-R 4 ch; 49 K-Q 1, B x P; 50 R-R 8, B-N 3 (the Rook is singularly impotent); 51 R-K N 8, B-B 4; 52 B $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{P}$, K×P; $53 \quad \mathbf{P}-\mathbf{N 4}, \quad \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{Q} 2!; \mathbf{5 4}$ R×P, K-B 6; 55 P-N 5, P-Q 7; 56 Resigns.

## NO SAFETY PIN

In this game, from the first round of the Wellington Chess Club championship, Black, to escape other evils, allows a pin, but White shows the pin is a needle-and sews the game up. Notes by A. L. Fletcher.

Game No. 215

## NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENCE

L. Esterman<br>R. O. Scott

1 P-Q 4
2 N-MK B 3
3 P--B 4
$4 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 3$
5 P-K 3
6 Q-B 2
To three or not to three, that is the question. The text move "attacks the centre" in approved style, but where $\ldots . . \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KB4}$ is played, a pawn at QB3 is a source of great stability to Black's own centre. The damage to White's central position occasioned by
$\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB4}$ may be more than offset by the lack of stability in Black's should he follow that move by .... P-KB4. That is the case here. The basic cause of Black's loss is White's ability to bombard his (White's) Q5, which lacks support from the black QBP.

## 7 PxBP: <br> N-K 5

This is over-ambitious. The meek .... B BP gives equality, and Black can hardly hope for more in this position.

## 8 B-Q $3 \quad$ P-B 4 <br> 9 Castles $\quad \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{N}$

White threatens $10 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{N}$ (if $10 \ldots \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P} ; 11 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{P}$ ) ; 11 $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P} / 4 ; 12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$, with a winning game. Black is hence induced to take the Knight. But if $9 \ldots \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{N} ; 10 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P} / 4$; $11 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P} ; 12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 4$, also with marked advantage to White. As $9 \ldots$ B x N turns out none too well, White's position must be superior after 9 Castles.

## $10 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$

## N $\times P / 4$

$10 \ldots \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 11 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 4, \mathrm{~N}-$ B 3 ; and if $12 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 4$; was a better choice here, leaving White's Queen's side pawns ornamenting the QB file.
11 B-RR 3
P-Q N 3
12 Q R-Q 1
Q-B 3
13 PxP
$\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$
14 N-Q 4
R-B 2
$15 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2$
Q N-R 3
16 P-Q B 4
$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} \boldsymbol{2}$
17 N.-N 3
$\mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}$

White is on top, and Black now evolves a clever defensive plan of allowing the pin and supporting the pinned piece, expecting to unpin when White's pinning moves are spent.
18 BxP
N-K 3
19 R-CQ 6
Q N-B
20 N -Q 4
R-K 1

## $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4$ <br> P-K <br> P-K B 4 !?

Whatever theory says, this Etmbit is no more unsound than - opponent will prove. "Modern Chass Openings," page 13 , note ©. has a refutation of the Catabrese-"but," asks Reuben Tine, "what good is the book if 20.0 don't know it and your opposart doesn't play it?" If you pregare your surprise line reasonably well, your opponent may (1) know it as well or better than you ans (2) improvise an adequate nower although unfamiliar with the variation; (3) succumb to the wath and make an inferior melaly. Any club player will tell ruat that (3) is the best bet.
The "M.C.O." line makes Black's life a misery. Here it is: 1 P-Q3, N-KB3; $4 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B4}, \mathrm{P}$ Q3; $5 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{KB} 3, \mathrm{BP} \times \mathrm{P} ; 6 \mathrm{QP} \times \mathrm{P}$, B-N5; $7 \mathrm{PxP}, \mathrm{BxN} ; 8 \mathrm{QxB}$, $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P} ; 9 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{QN} 3, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 1 ; 10$ 3-KN5. Try to find any grovement for Black; I can't.

## : PxP?

An inexplicable choice, which ti.tes his second move of queswable value. A fortune awaits - - inventor of some sharp gadget *-ich would prod a player when te oontemplated giving up central suatel of the chessboard. Best is P-Q3, both developing and mending the KP.

| 3 . | N-K $\mathrm{B}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $4 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2$ | P-K 5 |
| 5 N-QB3 | P-Q 4 |
| 6 NxPP | Bx $\mathbf{P}$ |
| $7 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{Nch}$ | QxN |

White must rid himself of the black KP-but not this way. The only good move is $8 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q}$, which turns the tables with a bang. If $8 \ldots$ Q-KN3; $9 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$, and Black cannot retake. To avoid losing two pawns Black must therefore play $8 \quad \ldots$ Q-B3; 9 PxP, QxP; $10 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3!, \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{Qch} ; 11$ KxQ , leaving White a pawn ahead. Black has no other guard for his KP and cannot ignore $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 3$ as he does the move played.
8
$\dot{\mathbf{P}} \dot{\mathbf{Q}} \dot{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{B}$
$\mathbf{N}-\mathrm{B} 3$
Better was the immediate 9 BxP, e.g., $9 \ldots \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 5 ; 10 \mathrm{Q}-$ Q3, $B \times B$ ito avoid further exchanges); 11 QxBch, B-K2; 12 N-B3, threatening another minor piece exchange and making it advisable for Black to move his Knight again. This was White's last chance to save the game.

## $\mathbf{9} \dot{\mathbf{B}} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{P}} \quad$ Castles $10 \underset{\mathbf{B} \times \mathrm{P}}{ }$ <br> BxB

White has got rid of the menace on K4, and is even two pawns up-but at what a price! He is four moves behind Black, and his Queen is very badly placed.

## 11 <br> \section*{12 Q-B 3}

Forced. Black's next manoeuvre should be studied by the aspiring club player.
$12 \dot{\mathbf{Q}} \dot{\mathbf{K}} \dot{2} \quad \mathbf{Q}-\mathrm{K} 3 \mathrm{ch}$ :
If $13 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{K} 1$; and the white King is bogged.


Gillmore
13
14 Q-B
Q-N 3 :

## 15 Q-B $4 \quad$ R-B 1 <br> $16 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 4 \quad \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{ch}}$ <br> 17 K-Q 1 <br> N-K 4

White now has a choice of bad moves only.
19 N-R 3, $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N} ; 20 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 1$, $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q}$ 6; 21 Q-N 4, QxQ; 22 P×Q, R/6-Q 1; 23 K-B 2, BB 4; $24 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{R} ; 25 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QR} 3$, $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{Q}$ 6; and White fought a losing battle to move 44.

## WANGANUI 1948-9

Nelson's H. McNabb plays the Sicilian often, and, realising this, A. L. Fletcher tried an unusual system against it at Wanganui to get his opponent on unfamiliar ground. He succeeded, and won the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER prize for brilliancy in the process. Notes by H. D. Addis.

## Game No. 217 SICILIAN DEFENCE

A. L. Fletcher

1 P-K 4
2 N-TQ B 3
3 P-B 4
4 N.-B 3
5 B-N 5
P-Q R 3
White is playing the Vinken Variation, given by "Chess Review" (U.S.A.), which gives $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 2$ as best here.

| 6 Bx N ch | PxB |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7 P--Q 3 | N-B3 |
| P--K 5 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ |
| Castles | B-K2 |
| 10 Q--K | Castles |
| 11 P-Q 3 | P-QR 4 |
| 12 N -QR 4 | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N} 3$ |
| $13 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | P-R 5 |
| 14 B-K 3 | K-R 1 | P-R6 followed by

> 友- ${ }^{5} 5$ and $\ldots . . N$
> Q4, and Black

|  | $5 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 6 N-Q 1 |

## 17 P-K N 4

Starting a King's side attack.

| 17 | P-B 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 18 Q-N 3 | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ |
| 19 Px | P-Q 5 |
| $20 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ | Q-N 3 |

$20 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2 \quad \mathrm{P} 2 \mathrm{Q} 5$
Leaves the King's side bare.
$21 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 2 \quad \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2$
22 N -K $4 \quad$ P-B 5
Offering a pawn for development.
23 N/3-N $5 \quad$ P-B 6
24 N x R P
... B-B4 seems stronger.
24
H. McNabb

P—Q B 4
N-QB3
P—K 3
P-Q 4
P—Q $\mathbf{P}^{2}$
xB
N-B
$\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{Q}$
Castles
-QR4
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N}$
K-R 1
has more freedom.

... K x N
$24 \ldots \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B}$ is answered by 25 Q-R3. $24 \ldots$. P-B4 leads to interesting play with advantage to White.

## 25 B--N 5

## B-B 3

If 25
B x B; $26 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{B}$ ch, $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{N} 3 ; 27 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{x} \mathrm{KP}$, and Black is in difficulties.

| 26 Q-R 4 ch | K-N 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 27 PxB | N-K 4 |
| $28 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ | R-B 6 |
| 29 Q-R 8 ch | K-B 2 |
| $30 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 6 \mathrm{ch}$ | Resigns |

## REPLY PAID

Playing at board 5 in the OtagoCanterbury telegraphic match, $S$ J. Webb (Otago) takes full advantage of his opponent's cramped set-up. Notes by the Editor.

## Game No. 218

SICILIAN DEFENCE

1
$3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3$

P-Q B 4
N-Q B 3
It is difficult to justify this curious departure from the orthodox. $3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ is natural and correct.


Too passive; better 4 .... BN5; with a free game.

## $5 \mathbf{P}$-Q 4 <br> $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{N}$ —K 2

The game has now transposed into the $3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 5$ variation of the French Defence. Usual, and probably best, here is 5

Q-N3.

| 6 N-R 3 | N-N 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7 N-B 2 | B-K 2 |
| 8 P-K N 3 | P-N 3 |
| 9 P-K R 4 | B-N 2 |
| 10 P-R 5 | N-B 1 |
| 11 B-K 3 | N-Q 2 |
| 12 P-R 6 | P-N 3 |
| 13 B-R 3 | R-Q B |

The black King is badly placed. Necessary was 13 $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$; to prepare .... Castles (Q).

| 14 N-R 2 | N(B3) x CP : |
| :---: | :---: |
| $15 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{N}$ | P-Q 5 |
| 16 Castles | PxB |
| 17 P-K B 4 | P-K N 4? |

This further exposure of the King's side is fatal; better 17 B-R3; or $\ldots$ P-B5; followed by .... B-B4.
$18 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{P}$
19 B x P !
Black cannot piece.
$\begin{array}{ll}20 \mathrm{~B} \times P \mathrm{ch} & \text { K } \times \mathrm{B} \\ 21 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{P} \text { ch } & \text { K—K }\end{array}$

22 Q-R 5 ch
$23 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 5$
$24 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 7 \mathrm{ch}$
25 QxR
$26 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 6 \mathrm{ch}$
$27 \mathrm{~N} \times \mathrm{Qch}$
$28 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 7$
Resigns
Neatly finished by White.

## Announce the Mate! SOLUTIONS

No. 1 -White mates in 4 moves. 1 Q-K1 ch, N-K5; 2 Nx N, RQ8; $3 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 6 \mathrm{dbl} \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Q} 1 ; 4 \mathrm{R}-$ Q7 mate.

No. 2-White mates in 3 moves. $1 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 1 ; 2 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 8 \mathrm{ch}$, NxR; 3 Q-K8 mate.

No. 3-White mates in 4 moves. 1 Q-B6ch, QxQ; $2 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{Q}$, followed by $3 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Pch}$ and $4 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 7$ mate; or if $2 \ldots \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 2 ; 3 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{N}$ ch and $4 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 7$ mate.

No. 4-Black mates in 4 moves. 1 .... Q-R8 ch; 2 KxQ , B-B6 $\mathrm{ch} ; 3 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 8 \mathrm{ch} ; 4 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 1$, $P_{l} \times R$ mate.

No. 5-Black mates in 3 moves. $1 \ldots \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 6 ; 2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N} 6 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{N} / 5-$ $\mathrm{K} 7 \mathrm{ch} ; 3 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{N}$ ch, $\mathrm{N} \times \mathrm{Q}$ mate.

No. 6-Black mates in 4 moves $1 \ldots \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{RP} \operatorname{ch} ; 2 \mathrm{~K} \times \mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 3$ ch; $3 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{N} 2$, B-R6 ch; 4 K moves, B-B8 mate.

No. 7-White mates in 3 moves. $1 \mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{B} \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{Q} ; 2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 6 \mathrm{ch}$, K-R1; $3 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 7$ mate.

No. 8-White mates in 2 moves.
1 R-R5 ch, N x R; $2 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 5$ mate No. 9-White mates in 2 moves. 1 Q-N6 ch, PxQ; 2 BxP mate.

## Solutions to Problems

No. 37 (Elworthy): R-N3.
No. 38 (Lindquist): Q-QN1.
No. 39 (Kipping): K-R5.
No. 40 (Hochberg): B-B5.
No. 41 (Pleasants): N-B4.
No. 42 (Nemo): B-R2.
No. 43 (Galitzky): P-R6.
No. 44 (Raynor): Q-Q3.
No. 45 (Barron): R-KR2.
Correct solutions submitted by W. S. King (37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, $44,45)$, D. Jack $(37,38,39,40$, 41, 42, 43, 45), Mrs. T. Forrest (37, 42), A. H. N. Taylor (37, 41, 42,45 ).

## PROBLEM NO. 32 (KAINER)

To all solvers: This problem has no solution as published in our February issue. It was correctly reproduced from an unimpeach-
able source, a book of inter national authority and standir
but we picked probably the but we picked probably the diagram from 200 or so wint contained what is presumabis a printer's error. We suggest this error might be the omissira of a white pawn on b2. Wi-a pawn here the problem is 50 While concerned at the trozires we have given solvers (judgira letters received regarding problem), we feel we ourseltum can fairly claim to have then unfortunate victims in the ma-42m equally with them.

Following are the continuatina given following the key $\pi$ m Q-R4. 1 .... K-K5; $2 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{F}$ $\mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{P} ; 3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 6$ mate. 1 $\mathrm{P} ; 2 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{P} ; 3 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{i}$ mate. $1 \ldots \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 3 ; 2 \mathrm{R}$ (2 .... K×P; 3 R×P ma: $\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{K} 5 ; 3 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ mate. 1
$\mathrm{P} ; 2 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Q} 5 ; 3 \mathrm{P}-5$ but there is no mate here bec $=-\frac{\pi}{t}$ the King has a flight on c3.-

## TO CORRESPONDENTS

L. PLEASANTS-No trouble it in regarding amended position. nit thank you for your good wistue and problem.
W. S. KING-Your kind co:ments are appreciated. We ir our best.
E. M. GUEST-You will have -5 seven problems to solve in issue. You are right about ary of interest in problems. I thair we problem lovers shor-it realise that our art has $s-\infty$ relation to practical chess, $=4$ should not regret too much - .es most players prefer what wim might call the active divisio the chess world. It is a mane of taste. To reach a motes competency as a problem expur. is as difficult as the same for player, and few indeed ambition have yet found $:= \pm$ for both.
R. T. THOMPSON, J. BAII =T and others-Concerning $p=-$ lem No. 29: If, as you sugs White plays $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 8(\mathrm{~N})=$ Black has a sufficient resouse in .... Bx K ! ! !

## STAND UP, MR, PLEASANTS

 Problem Editor,New Zealand Chessplayer.
Dear Sir,-In my opinios problem No. 41, by L. Pleasant of Napier, is werthy of praise $Z$ is one of the best two-movers the has come before me for mor years. - Yours, etc., DOUG: $=$ JACK (Auckland).
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## || PROBLEM SECTION

PROBLEM EDITOR: J. Adkins, Hauraki Street, Birkenhead, Auckland N. 5

No. 46-E. M. Guest (C'church), Good Companions, 1922.

Black, 8 men


White, 10 men
White to move and mate in two
No. 49-L. Pleasants (Napier). First publication.

Black, 5 men


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White to move and mate in three

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White to move and mate in two
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White to move and mate in three

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## CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

## Trophy Tourneys，1948－49

## FOURTH \＆FINAL PROGRESS REPORT，14／6／49

Championship．－Byrne beat Grant，Cole，drew Lynch．Tibbitts drew Grant．Whitlock beat Lynch， Broom，drew Cunningham．Cole beat Grant． Lungley beat Cole and Whitlock．Cromarty beat Grant，Lungley，drew Broom．Cunningham beat Cromarty．Byrne v．Lungley to be adjudicated．

T．T．Class 1 B．－King drew Mintoft，Severinsen， Smith．Paterson beat Fulton．LePetit beat Dick． Fulton beat Severinsen，drew Dick．Kiley beat Smith

T．T．Class 1 C．－Wright drew McGilvary．Watts beat McKenzie．Donald drew McGilvary．McKenzie drew Wright．The following games are being adjudicated：Ratliff $v$ ．Miss Hollis，Hooper and Watts；Hooper v．Wright；Toye v．McGilvary and Watts；MeGilvary v．Watts

T．T．Class 2．－Cook beat McDiarmid．Eades beat Pearse，Adkins，drew Stack，Guthrie．Stack beat McDiarmid，drew Pearse，Cook．Beamish beat Pearse，Cook，Adkins，drew McDiarmid．Pearse beat Littlewood，drew Hignett，Cook．Keam beat Littlewood，Eades．Adkins beat Guthrie．Hignett drew Guthrie．McDiarmid beat Adkins．

T．T．Class 3．－Mathieson drew Nabbs．Miss Wilkinson drew Nabbs．Jones beat Miss Collinson， Jessett．Miss Collinson beat Collins，drew Orbell， Hignett beat Miss Collinson．

T．T．Class 4．－Dickie beat Robinson，Dick， Vincent，Neale，drew McCombie．Hartnell beat Vincent．McCombie beat Robinson．Duggan beat Dick，Smith Smith beat Hartnell，drew Neale． Jones beat Vincent，Dickie．Neilson beat Dickie． Neale drew Dick，Robinson．Vincent beat Robinson． Smith v．Dickie to be adjudicated．

T．T．Class 5．－Hardiman beat Stanley，Fenwick． Mitchell beat Stanley．Taylor beat Stanley，Hardi－ man．Fenwick beat Taylor．Mrs．Forrest beat Stanley．Mills beat Hardiman，Taylor．Stanley beat White．

## Handicap Tourney

Banks beat Honore，Young 2，G．S．Smith．R． Claydon beat Calnan，Hartnell．J．C．Taylor beat T． Mitchell $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，Mrs．Sayers 2．Cooper beat Young 2 ， Wright $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ．Miss Collinson beat Lee 2．Toothill beat Meikle 1⿳亠丷厂彡 Miller，R．Severinsen，Ross．Anderson beat Harrison－Wilkie．Neale beat L．Burn，McKenzie， Goldfinch 2，Miller，O＇Connell．Marsick beat L． Burn 2，drew Goldfinch 2．Traves beat G．Mitchell， Cooper．Cusack beat Honore 2．Faulkner beat Paull．Rogers beat L．Burn．Watson beat Meikle． Pilkington beat Honore，Neale 2．G．S．Smith beat Johnston，McKenzie 2，Chrisp，Dickie 2．Ross beat Lee，Honore 2，J．A．Jackson．McEwan beat Parsons $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，Wilks $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ．Sloane beat Miss Collinson，Neale， Mrs．Eades $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，Duggan，Luck $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，drew Banks． Gant beat Johnston 2，Paull 2，Day，drew R．Clay－ don 2．Donald beat McIver，Fulton．Duggan beat P．D．Taylor 2，Robinson，R．Claydon，S．Severinsen

2，Paull 2．O＇Connell beat Neale，P．W．R．Jackson 2，drew Filmer．Lee beat Meikle 2．S．Severinsen beat Miller，Davy．Robinson beat Duggan．Meiklt beat P．D．Taylor $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ．Wing beat P．D．Taylec Johnston beat Day，Dickie $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，Young 2，drew Auckram 2．L．Burn beat Paull 2．Auckram beat Percival，Meikle，Blomfield 2．King beat Heming－ way，Chrisp．Honore beat Hartnell，Mrs．Eades $1:$ Gilberd beat Paull 2．Calnan beat G．Mitchell Honore，Miller $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，Banks 2，Day $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，drew Filme Sadleir beat Wilks，Chrisp，Hartnell．Calnan beat Johnston 2．McKenzie beat Day 2，Paull 2，Easter－ brook 1．A．Smith beat P．W．R．Jackson．L．A Jones beat Faulkner．H．J．Claydon beat J．स Collins，Miller．J．W．Collins beat H．J．Claydon Guthrie．Miller beat H．J．Claydon，Dickie 2，J．A Jackson，Neale．Hemingway beat Meikle 3，F．I Collins，drew Wilks 2．Byrne beat Percival 2，P．$\frac{\text { w．}}{}$ R．Jackson．Wright beat Honore $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，drew Kilez Walker beat Davy 2．Young beat Hartnell，Dickie Easterbrook beat Guthrie．Fulton beat McIver Wright．Wilks beat Mrs．Sayers，Sadleir．P．W．E Jackson beat J．C．Taylor，Chrisp 2，McKay，drew Teece 2，McEwan 2．R．Severinsen beat Guthrie 1 Dickie beat Young，F．L．Collins，Pilkington 1 Mrs．Sayers beat Wilks．Day beat Johnstoc Mrs．Eades beat McKenzie，drew Walker．Luck beat Woodfield，Fulton，Mitchell，drew Traves． $\mathbf{P}$ D．Taylor beat O＇Connell．A few games of the 1948－49 tourney still to be adjudicated．

Full detailed results of the Trophy Tourneys and Handicap Tourney，1948－49 season，will appear in the next issue．

## NORTH ISLAND v．SOUTH ISLAND

Second match，begun $1 / 11 / 46$ ．Final figures South Island 291 $\frac{1}{2}$ ，North Island 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ．

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$12 \ldots$ B－B 1； 13 B－Q 2，B－N 2； 14 KR－K1． R－K 3； 15 R－K 5，R－B 3 ； 16 Q－K 3 ，R－N 17 R－K 1，P－K B 3； 18 R－KR 5，P－K B 4； 19 Q－ Q 3，R－K 3； $20 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{R} ; 21 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} \mathbf{N}$ $22 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} \mathrm{3} \mathrm{P}-,\mathrm{QR} 3 ; 23 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 3$ ，Q－Q 2； $24 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K}$ 玉． N－B 2；25 N－R 5 ！，B－K 2； $26 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{B} 6 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{K}$
 $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B} 2 ; 30 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 6, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{Q} 3 ; 31 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{K} 5$ ； $\mathbf{N} \times N$ ， $\mathbf{B x N} \times 33 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 4$ ，K－B 2； $34 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 5$ ， $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{F}$ $35 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 5$ ，R－K N 1； 36 Q－K 2，B－K 5； $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ ch， $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P} ; 38$ R－R 3，K－K 1； $39 \mathbf{Q \times P}, \mathbf{P}-$ Q N 4； 40 Q－R $7, Q-Q 1 ; 41 R-R 7, B-B 3$ ；$\frac{\text { E }}{}$ $\mathbf{B \times P}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 1 ; 43 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B}_{5}, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 2 ; 44 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{E}$ 45 B－R 5，R－B 1； 46 Q－B 7，Resigns．

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