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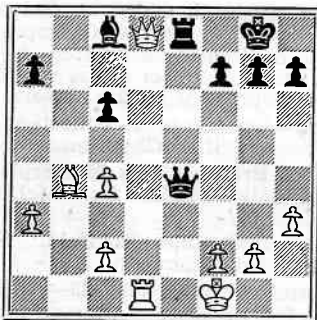
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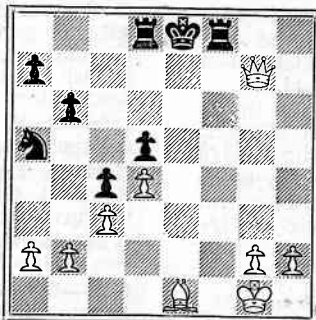
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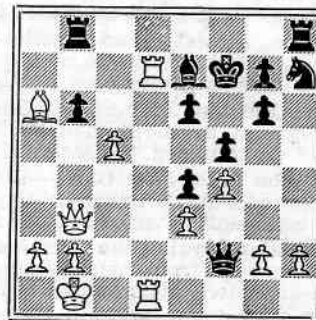
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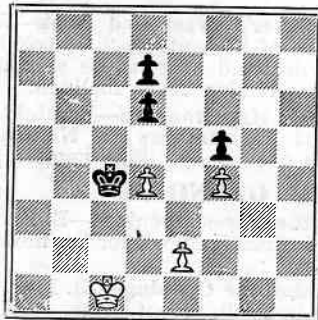
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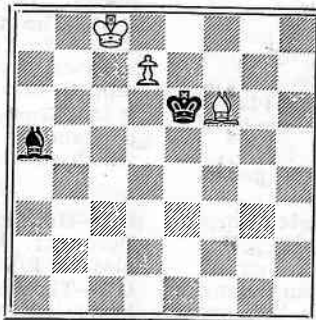
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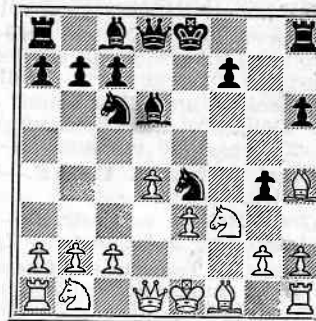
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A combinative chance like this is worth waiting for. Can you grasp it?



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More chess skill needed here than in many a middle game "bludgeon" finish.



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## VERY MUCH YOUR BIRD!

When F. G. McSherry founded the N.Z. CHESSPLAYER in December, 1947, he made it known to his lieutenants that he was prepared to give the journal three years to show whether or not it could pay its way. As a printer and supporter of chess, he would produce the magazine, waiving trade profit, provided he was not called on to foot a bill after the trial three years. Preliminary expenses (one being about £18 for material for diagram reproduction) he wrote off as a donation to the game.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY IDEA OF TREATING THE CHESSPLAYER AS A BUSINESS VENTURE.

Though support from clubs and the New Zealand chess community generally was hardly what was hoped, the magazine in two years had reached a stage where F. G. McSherry would have been prepared to continue.

In the past twelve months, however, as subscribers and readers will be well aware, a substantial rise in price levels has occurred. The effect of this on the CHESSPLAYER has been that, with existing support, and at the usual twenty pages plus cover, it was being printed at a decided loss—not merely the former unmounted loss of trade profit, but loss in hard cash.

In these circumstances there will be no surprise that the promoter (or, more correctly, the donor) has decided to reduce or extinguish his losses. To this end, the magazine will be reduced in size to 16 pages including cover, and photographs will not be reproduced. An amended "make-up" will have the effect of making readers' actual loss of reading matter not as great as might appear at first sight. Regular features will continue.

The CHESSPLAYER has shown that a good quality chess magazine can be produced locally, and many of our subscribers are well aware of its

value to New Zealand chess. Those who subscribe to the magazine are doing all they can do, but there are two observations that must be made regarding the support given it:

(1) There are still too few subscribers (after allowing for those who get a copy through their clubs).

(2) Support from clubs as such has been poor. There are 49 clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Chess Association. Of these, only TEN have advertised in the CHESSPLAYER. If the other 39 took a little advertising each year (what clubs cannot find a pound or so a year to identify itself publicly?) the present reduction in size would no doubt not have had to be made. And this would not be charity from the clubs; far from it. Advertising clubs will agree they have increased membership by CHESSPLAYER advertising, to name one benefit.

If the chess community in New Zealand shows by increased support that it wants a magazine of the former or larger size, that would be given. IT IS THE AFFAIR SOLELY OF NEW ZEALAND CHESS. Give the support and the CHESSPLAYER will respond. We know the magazine is not perfect, but it is the only medium chess here has for providing that link between centre and centre (other than official N.Z.C.A. communications) the lack of which was a handicap in the past to chess organisation and fraternity, and to some extent to raising the technical standard. Surely it is not going to be said in the future that once upon a time New Zealand had a presentable chess magazine, printed and supplied at cost or less by a philanthropic printer, but that even then it died of neglect!

Readers other than existing subscribers can help substantially by subscribing direct. Clubs can assist (as ten have already, including the largest) by taking an advertisement in each issue; or clubs can subscribe for six copies. If every club took a few copies of each issue (apart from the ten clubs mentioned), even if they afterwards gave them away to members and players, they would be helping chess and its progress—one of the things clubs are supposed to do—and this harangue need not have been penned.

The foregoing remarks are an exact statement of the CHESSPLAYER'S position. We could see no reason for not presenting the situation fully.

## N.Z.C.A. RULES

Rules revision was a major item on the agenda for the March meeting of the New Zealand Chess Association Council, but as many of the clauses—notably the sections relevant to the Swiss system—met with opposition, the proposals were adopted only in part. Most objections came from the Auckland League, and one from Wellington. The Council carried resolutions adopting the sections not objected to; approving the circulation to all affiliations of details of the amendments proposed or deletions advocated; and that votes be taken at the annual meeting in June on all sections which had met with objections, whether or not further objections or amendments were received. Council members expressed appreciation of the active interest which had been taken in this matter by the Auckland League.

## WOBBLY

### NEXT CONGRESS

The method of play at the New Zealand tournament (at Napier) has yet been finally decided by the New Zealand Chess Council, although the remit that an open Swiss tourney be held by 21 votes to 20 in favour of the Council meeting of the Council.

The remit, which was fully circulated in a pamphlet "That the New Zealand Chess Championship, 1951, be decided by form of Swiss system rounds."

Attendance at the annual meeting in addition to the secret ballot was only seven, and the result recorded as follows:

For the remit: Auckland League (13 votes), Otago and Land League (8).

Against: Wanganui League (4 votes), Nelson C.C. (2), Otago C.C. (2), Otago H.B.-E.C. League (4 votes), and Otago League (8).

None of the other clubs was represented at the meeting, nor did any give weight to their voting wishes in the count of the votes. The result is subject to a check on the powers of the affiliations mentioned.

Later in the month, the Christchurch delegate, Gyles, presented the notice of motion: "That the N.Z.C.A. abandon the Swiss system in the next Congress; and that the Council elect a Major Open, First Class, and Second Class as round robin tournament before 1947."

After a brief discussion, the chairman, W. M. Hay, stated that the notice of motion was acceptable, although he respects it was a direct result of the remit already agreed. The matter will be considered at the next meeting in June.

### Napier Congress

The Council accepted the invitation from the Hawke Bay Coast Chess League for the next Congress to be held at Napier.

### A Progressive Plan

The following H.B.-E.C. remit was also presented: "That the 1952-53 New Zealand Championship Congress be decided by form of Swiss system rounds."



## WOBBLY SWISS

### NEXT CONGRESS AT NAPIER

The method of play in the next New Zealand Championship tournament (at Napier) has not yet been finally decided by the New Zealand Chess Association Council, although an Auckland remit that an open 11-round Swiss tourney be held was carried by 21 votes to 20 at the March meeting of the Council.

The remit, which had been fully circulated in advance, was: "That the New Zealand Championship, 1951, be decided under a form of Swiss system open, 11 rounds."

Attendance at the meeting in addition to the secretary, B. Egley, was only seven, and the votes were recorded as follows:

For the remit: Auckland Chess League (13 votes), South Auckland League (8).

Against: Wanganui C.C. (2 votes), Nelson C.C. (2), Canterbury C.C. (2), Otago C.C. (2), H.B.-E.C. League (4), Wellington League (8).

None of the other ten affiliations was represented at the meeting, nor did any give written notice of their voting wishes. However, the count of the votes is still subject to a check on the voting powers of the affiliations represented.

Later in the meeting the Christchurch delegate, A. W. Gyles, presented the following notice of motion: "That the N.Z.C.A. abandon the use of the Swiss system in the annual Congress; and that the Championship, Major Open, First Class, and, if required, Second Class, be played as round robin tournaments, as before 1947."

After a brief discussion the chairman, W. M. Haycraft, ruled that the notice of motion was acceptable, although in some respects it was a direct negative of the remit already adopted. It will be considered at the annual meeting in June.

#### Napier Congress

The Council accepted an invitation from the Hawke's Bay-East Coast Chess League for the next Congress to be held at Napier.

#### A Progressive Proposal

The following H.B.-E.C. League remit was also presented as a notice of motion which will be dealt with at the annual meeting: "That the 1952-53 New Zealand Championship Congress be held in

May, 1953, instead of December 26, 1952, to January 3, 1953."

A note to the notice of motion said this proposal was being presented as an experiment with the object of giving country players, in particular, who are unable to attend midsummer Congresses, the opportunity of taking part in a New Zealand Championship tourney.

The Council supported the nomination of Robert G. Wade as New Zealand representative in the 1952 inter-zonal tourney in the World Championship series, and it was decided that the Australian Chess Federation be asked if Wade's nomination can go forward as from the whole Australia-New Zealand zone. It was understood that Australia did not intend to nominate a representative.

#### No Brilliancy Prize

Adjudicator J. D. Steele advised the Council that not one of the seven entries for the brilliancy prize for the 1950-51 Congress was up to standard for such an award. He recommended that in future the Association award a prize for the best game, instead of for a brilliancy, pointing out that several of the entries this year would be eligible for such an award although they were not brilliances. The Council adopted this recommendation by deciding that in future the Kelling Memorial Prize be awarded for the best game. No award in either category was made for the last Congress.

[This action by the Council means the N.Z.C.A. now officially recognises what has been apparent for a number of years to those interested: that very, very few genuine brilliances are played in New Zealand, certainly not enough to produce competition for a brilliancy prize.—Ed.]

The Council approved the closing of entries for the Bledisloe Cup and Blackburn Cup competitions on April 30.

## SECOND—and Third THOUGHTS . . .

By PHILIP BARRON (England)

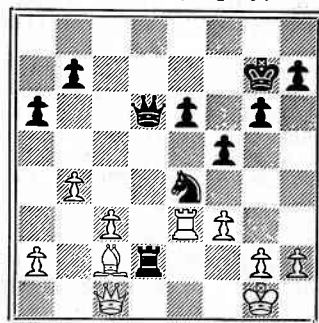
How often we reach positions where we see a neat sacrificial continuation which seems to win against all defences—and then, just as we are congratulating ourselves, we see—oh, disappointment!—that our opponent has ONE resource.

"But for that mate on the back rank after . . ." or "If he hadn't got that N at R3," we say to ourselves.

But, no, the one move is there to foil yet another pretty polish-off, and, gnashing our mental teeth, we bid a reluctant good-bye to our little dream-finish and return to the humdrum world of quiet strategy.

Such a position arose in a recent inter-club game of mine which had looked like petering out to a draw:—

P. Barron (to play)



R. Gilham

White has just answered . . . N—K5 with P—B3 (his last move, P—N4, attacking my N, was the initial error).

Now 1 . . . N x B P presented itself for examination. Yes! If R x N, then . . . Q—Q5 ch. And if, say, R x P, then N—K7 ch!

Ah! But what if he replies Q—N2! I lose my N!

Since if I won we drew the match (and if I only drew . . .) I decided to spend another minute or two checking this chance. It certainly looked as if it were just one more of those too-good-to-be-true disappointments. Then suddenly I saw it!

2 Q—N2, R x P ch!; 3 K x R, Q—Q7 ch, winning. As easy as that! The moral, of course, is that it pays to follow up "second thoughts" with a thorough "last look." There is a tendency not to stop for this in match play, especially when clocks are used.

But I'm going to think thrice before I abandon promising combinations in future!

(P.S.—After 1 . . . Q—N3; 2 Q—K1, R x B; 3 P x N, White could well survive.—P.B.)

# OVERSEAS MASTER TOURNEYS

R. G. WADE'S BULLETIN

## Unzicker Wins Xmas Tourney At Hastings

The annual Christmas tournament at Hastings, England, from December 29 to January 8 last, gave a narrow win to Wolfgang Unzicker, champion of Germany. The scoring was: W. Unzicker, 7; A. O'Kelly (Belgium) and N. Rossolimo (France), 6½; N. Castaldi (Italy), H. Golombek (U.K.), J. Penrose (U.K.), A. R. B. Thomas (U.K.), all 4½; L. W. Barden (U.K.), 3; W. W. Adams (U.S.A.), 2½; A. Phillips (U.K.), 1½.

From the following game we can see that Unzicker had no easy passage to add his name to the famous list of Hastings winners like Pillsbury, Capablanca, Euwe, Alekhine, Fine, Flohr, Keres, Szabo, and so on. But Unzicker seems to be Western Europe's best challenger to date to the Soviet domination. The Belgian with the Irish name, O'Kelly, owes much to old grandmaster Akiba Rubinstein, who lives in Brussels. O'Kelly has a solid style with a substantial knowledge of theory. England's young master Jonathan Penrose won a very fine game from Rossolimo, but at present he lacks the physique so necessary to maintain a uniform run of successes in a tourney.

Notes to this and other overseas games in this issue by R. G. Wade.

### Game No. 348

#### EVANS' GAMBIT

A. R. B. Thomas      W. Unzicker  
 1 P-K4                  P-K4  
 2 N-KB3                N-QB3  
 3 B-B4                  B-B4  
 4 P-QN4                B x P  
 5 P-B3                  B-R4

Tartakower v. Trifunovic, Paris-Belgrade, 1950, went 5 ... B-K2; 6 P-Q4, N-R4; 7 N x P, N x B; 8 N x N, P-Q4; 9 P x P, Q x P; 10 N-K3, Q-Q1?; 11 O-O, N-B3; 12 P-QB4.

6 P-Q4                  P-Q3  
 7 Q-N3                  N x P?

More usual is 7 ... Q-Q2, because 7 ... Q-K2 was regarded as unsound through 8 P-Q5, N-Q5; 9 N x N (9 Q-R4 ch, Q-Q2; 10 Q x B, P-QN3), P x N; 10 Q-R4 ch. However, after 10 ... K-B1; 11 Q x B, Q x P ch, Black has lots of counter-play.

8 N x N                  P x N  
 9 B x P ch              K-B1  
 10 Castles                Q-K2  
 11 B-QB4                N-B3  
 12 P x P                  N x P

White's pawn centre, threatening to erupt with P-K5, must be broken up.

13 Q-B3 ch              N-B3  
 14 N-B3                  B x N

White's B-KN5 followed by N-Q5 has great nuisance value. It should not be avoided by 14 ... P-KR3 because of 15 N-Q5, Q-Q1; 16 N-B4 (taking advantage of the new weakness), Q-K1; 17 Q-Q3.

15 Q x B                  B-B4  
 16 R-K1                  Q-Q2  
 17 B-N5                  N-K5  
 18 R x N!                B x R  
 19 R-K1                  P-Q4  
 20 R x B!                P x R



### 21 Q-KN3?

White's sacrifices have left Black with only one active piece, the Q, while Thomas has powerful criss-crossing Bishops co-operating with a Queen. White has a subtle win now by 21 Q-N4 ch, Q-Q3 (21 ... K-K1; 22 Q x P, R-QB1; 24 Q x P ch leads to mate); 22 Q x P, R-Q1; 23 B-Q2!, as the interposing ... P-B4 allows 24 Q-B7 mate.

21 ...                    Q-Q3  
 22 Q-N4                P-KN3  
 23 B-R6 ch            K-K1  
 24 Q x KP ch          K-Q2

24 ... Q-K2; 25 Q x NP, Q-K8 ch; 26 B-B1, R-Q1; 27 B-N5, drawing.

25 Q-N4 ch            K-K1  
 26 Q-K4 ch            K-Q2  
 27 Q-N4 ch            K-K1

Drawn

# HUNGARY

The Hungarian Championships held last October-November, were retained by Lazslo Szabo 15½ ahead of Barcza 13½, Benko 12, Gereben 12, Szilagyi 11. Tied for sixth was teenager Istvan Molnar.

### Game No. 349

#### SLAV DEFENCE

‡Molnar                    Kluger  
 1 P-Q4                    P-Q4  
 2 N-KB3                  N-KB3  
 3 P-B4                    P-B3  
 4 P x P                    P x P  
 5 N-B3                    N-B3  
 6 B-B4                    B-B4  
 7 P-K3                    Q-N3  
 8 B-Q3                    Q x NP?  
 9 Castles                Q x N  
 10 B x B                    P-K3  
 11 B-Q3                    B-R6  
 12 R-N1                    Castles (K)

If 12 ... N-QR4; 13 Q-R4 ch and 14 N-K5.

13 R x P                  N-QN5  
 14 B-N1                  N-K5?  
 15 B x N                  P x B  
 16 N-N5!                P-KR3



17 N x KP!              P x N  
 18 Q-R5

The threats are 19 B x P, P x B; 20 Q-N6 ch, or 19 Q-N6. 18 ... Q-B3; 19 R-QB7, Q-K1; 20 R x NP ch, K x R; 21 Q x P ch, K-N1; 22 B-K5.

18 ...                    R-B3  
 19 B x P!                P-N3  
 20 Q-R4                  R-B2  
 21 R x R                K x R  
 22 P-B3                Q-B2  
 23 P x P ch            K-N1  
 24 Q-B6                K-R2  
 25 B-B4                Q-KN2  
 26 Q-R4 ch            K-N1  
 27 B-K5                Q-R2  
 28 Q-B6                R-K1  
 29 R-B3                N-Q6  
 30 R-R3                B-K2  
 31 Q x KP ch            Resigns

# Najdorf's Big In Holl

M. M. Najdorf (Argentine) won a big master tournament in Amsterdam last December. Beshevsky was second with 20 players, including Stahlberg, Euwe, and Tartakower. A fine tournament winner:—

### Game No. 350

#### SICILIAN DE

Dr. Tartakower  
 1 P-K4                    P-K4  
 2 N-KB3                  P-K3  
 3 P-Q4                    P-Q4  
 4 N x P                    N-K3  
 5 P-KB3

Intending to play ... before N-QB3, the Black's ability to create ... for the Rooks by either ... or ... P-QN4-5.

5 ...                    P-K4  
 Accepting a backgammon variation. An open file is a weakness, particularly cannot be hit by minor pieces. It ties a lot of pieces preventing it from attacking.

6 B-N5 ch                Q-N3  
 7 N-B5                  P-K3  
 8 P x P                  P-K3  
 9 B x N ch              P-K3  
 9 B-R4, P-QN4  
 N-N3 and B-N2.

9 ...                    Q-N3  
 10 N-K3                P-K3  
 11 P-QN3              P-K3

11 P-QB4 is better

11 ...                    B-K3  
 12 P-QR4                Q-N3  
 13 P x P                P-K3  
 14 Q-Q3                Ca  
 15 N-B3                N-K3  
 16 P-N3                P-K3



Championship,  
November, was  
Szabo 15-4  
13½, Benko 11  
11. Tied for  
Istvan Molnar

No. 349  
DEFENCE

Kluger  
P-Q4  
N-KB3  
P-B3  
P x P  
N-B3  
B-B4  
Q-N3  
Q x NP?  
Q x N  
P-K3  
B-R6  
Castles (K)

N-QN5  
N-K5?  
P x B  
P-KR3



P x N  
10 B x P, P x B  
19 Q-N3  
R-QB7, Q-K1  
R: 21 Q x P

R-B3  
P-N3  
R-B3  
K x E  
Q-B3  
K-N1  
K-E2  
Q-KN1  
K-N1  
Q-E1  
R-K1  
N-Q6  
B-K3  
Resigns

## Najdorf's Big Success In Holland

M. M. Najdorf (Argentina) won a big master tourney in Amsterdam last December. Sam Reshevsky was second. There were 20 players, including Pirc, Stahlberg, Euwe, Gligoric and Tartakower. A fine game by the tourney winner:—

Game No. 350

### SICILIAN DEFENCE

Dr. Tartakower †Najdorf

1 P-K4	P-QB4
2 N-KB3	P-Q3
3 P-Q4	P x P
4 N x P	N-KB3
5 P-KB3	

Intending to play P-QB4 before N-QB3, thus limiting Black's ability to create open files for the Rooks by either ... P-Q4 or ... P-QN4-5.

5 . . . . . P-K4

Accepting a backward QP in some variations. A backward P on an open file is not always a weakness, particularly when it cannot be hit by minor pieces and it ties a lot of pieces down to preventing it from advancing.

6 B-N5 ch	Q-N-Q2
7 N-B5	P-Q4
8 P x P	P-QR3!
9 B x N ch	

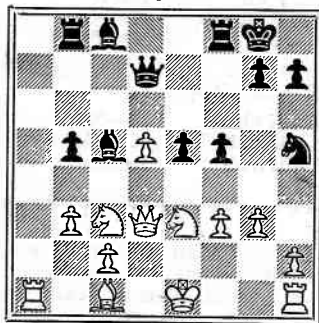
9 B-R4, P-QN4; 10 B-N3, N-N3 and B-N2.

9 . . . . .	Q x B
10 N-K3	P-QN4
11 P-QN3	

11 P-QB4 is better.

11 . . . . .	B-B4
12 P-QR4	QR-N1
13 P x P	P x P
14 Q-Q3	Castles
15 N-B3	N-R4
16 P-N3	P-B4

Najdorf



Tartakower

17 B-Q2	N-B3
18 N-K2	R-K1
19 P-QB4	P-K5
20 P x KP	NP x P
21 NP x P	N x KP

Threatening N x B and B x N.

22 N-Q1	P-B5
23 KR-B1	

If 23 B x P, then Q-R6, with the threat of B-N5 ch.

23 . . . . .	P x P
24 P x P	Q-R6
25 B-K3	

Najdorf's threat was 25 ... N x P.

25 . . . . .	B-N5 ch
26 N/1-B3	B x N ch
27 N x B	Q x P ch
28 K-Q1	N x N ch
29 Q x N	R x B
30 Resigns	

## ★ U.S.S.R.

The U.S.S.R. Championship, in November and December last, was regained by Paul Keres, whose combinative style, particularly in the late 1930's, when he scored sensational successes (Warsaw 1935, Semmering-Baden 1937, Avro 1938, match with Euwe 1939-40), has made him the idol of young players the world over. Keres is now 34. Again this year new names crept into prominence when Aronin and Lipnitsky got 11 points, half a point behind the Estonian wizard. Equal second also was Leningrad's attacking master Tolush. Other scores were Konstantinopolsky and Smyslov, 10; Alatortzev, Flohr, Geller and Boleslavsky (!), 9; Mikenas, 8½; Bondarevsky and Petrosian, 8; Averbakh, 7; Borisenko and Svetin, 6½; Liublinsky and Sokolsky, 4. Famous players like Lilienthal, Levenfish, Ragozin, Taimanov and Furman failed to qualify for the finals!

Game No. 351

### SLAV DEFENCE

†Petrosian Tolush

1 N-KB3	N-KB3
2 P-B4	P-K3
3 N-B3	P-Q4
4 P-Q4	P-B3
5 P x P	KP x P
6 Q-B2	B-Q3

6 ... B-K2, neutralising the following pin, is better.

7 B-N5	Castles
8 P-K3	B-KN5
9 N-K5	B-R4
10 P-B4	Q-R4

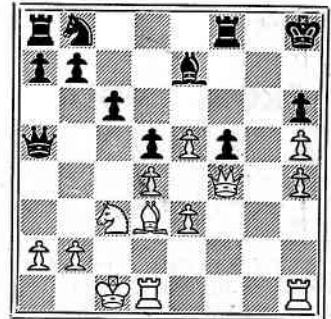
Out here the Q fails to connect with any other pieces. Better is 10 ... Q-K1.

11 B-Q3	P-KR3
12 B x N	P x B
13 P-KN4!	P x N
14 B P x P	B-K2
15 Castles (Q)	B-N4
16 P x B	K-R1

16 ... B x P ch; 17 K-N1 eventually allows the white Queen to go to KB5 without loss of time.

17 Q-B2	P-KB4
18 P-KR4	B-K2
19 Q-B4	Resigns

Tolush



Petrosian

The final position—and all done in 19 moves! A fine win indeed.

## ★ DOWN Went O'Kelly

The Belgian crack O'Kelly lost a short match to one of West Germany's younger masters, W. Niephaus, by 3½-1½. One of the match winner's successes:

Game No. 352

### DUTCH DEFENCE

O'Kelly	†Niephaus
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-KB3	P-QB3
4 P-KN3	Q-N-Q2
5 B-N2	P-KB4
6 Castles	KN-B3
7 P-N3	N-K5
8 B-N2	B-Q3
9 QN-Q2	

A positional error permitting Black to control his K4, with consequent freedom of action on the King's wing. Correct is 9 N-K5, with P-KB3 and even P-K4 occurring in some continuations.

9 . . . . .	Q-B3!
10 N-K1	P-KR4
11 N x N	Q x N
12 Q-Q2	

After 12 P-B3, P x P; 13 N x P, P-R5; 14 N x P, R x N appears quite strong.

- 12 . . . . . P-R 5
- 13 P-B 4 R P x P
- 14 P x P Q-N 3
- 15 K-B 2 N-B 3
- 16 N-B 2 N-N 5 ch
- 17 K-K 1 N-R 7
- 18 Q-K 3 N x R
- 19 B x N R-R 7
- 20 P-B 5 B-B 2
- 21 R-N 3 P-N 4
- 22 P x P e.p. P x P
- 23 N-B 4 B-N 2
- 24 P-R 4 R-R 8
- 25 B-R 3 Q-R 4
- 26 Q-Q B 3 Q-R 6
- 27 K-Q 2 R x B
- 28 R x R Q x R
- 29 Q-N 4 Castles
- 30 Resigns

## FROM INDIA

C. L. Bedi, Editor of the "Indian Chess Magazine," has been having unspecified trouble on the production side. The last two issues of the I.C.M. we have seen are COMPLETELY HANDWRITTEN by Bedi himself, and reproduced in block form. This must be in the world record class as an example of keenness. From the November issue we take a game won at correspondence by a member of the Indian Correspondence Chess Association:

Game No. 353

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

†M. G. Smith M. D. Guarrero  
(I.C.C.A.) (Morocco)

- |             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 1 P-Q 4     | N-K B 3 |
| 2 P-Q B 4   | P-Q 4   |
| 3 P x P     | N x P   |
| 4 N-K B 3   | P-K 3   |
| 5 P-K 4     | N-N 5   |
| 6 P-Q R 3   | N/5-B 3 |
| 7 N-B 3     | P-Q R 3 |
| 8 B-K 2     | B-K 2   |
| 9 Castles   | Castles |
| 10 B-K B 4  | P-R 3   |
| 11 R-B 1    | P-K N 4 |
| 12 B-K 3    | B-B 3   |
| 13 P-Q 5    | N-K 2   |
| 14 P-K 5    | B-N 2   |
| 15 B-Q 3    | N x P   |
| 16 N x N    | P x N   |
| 17 N x P!   | P x N   |
| 18 Q-R 5    | R-K 1   |
| 19 B-Q B 5  | R-K 2   |
| 20 P-B 4    | N-B 3   |
| 21 B-R 7 ch | K-B 1   |
| 22 P-B 5    | B x K P |
| 23 Q x P    | K-K 1   |
| 24 P-B 6!   | R-K 3   |
| 25 Q-N 8 ch | K-Q 2   |
| 26 Q x P ch | N-K 2   |
| 27 B-B 5    | P-B 3   |
| 28 Q x R ch |         |

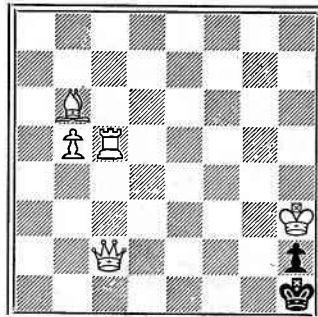
White mates in two moves.

## SUI-MATE

Mr. Warne, of Auckland, contributes the following sui-mate, which we believe has never been published. It was composed by Mr. Warne and a clubmate in England and readers will find it of interest.

White compels Black to mate him in 14 moves.

Black

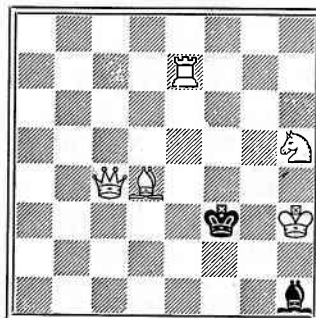


White

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| White           | Black               |
| 1 Q-K 4 ch      | K-N 8               |
| 2 R-B 3 dis ch  | K-B 8               |
| 3 Q-R 1 ch      | K-K 7               |
| 4 B-Q 4         | K-Q 7               |
| 5 P-N 6         | K-K 7               |
| 6 P-N 7         | K-Q 7               |
| 7 P-N 8 (N)     | K-K 7               |
| 8 N-Q 7         | K-Q 7               |
| 9 N-B 6         | K-K 7               |
| 10 N-R 5        | K-Q 7               |
| 11 Q-B 1 ch     | K-K 7               |
| 12 R-K 3 ch     | K-B 7               |
| 13 R-K 7 dis ch | K-B 6               |
| 14 Q-B 4        | P-R 8 (Q or R) mate |

"But what if Black makes a Bishop?" you ask. Well, the authors thought of that, though it takes another nine moves:

Black



White

- |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 15 R-B 7 ch     | K-K 5 |
| 16 B-N 1 dis ch | K-K 4 |

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|-------------|------------|
| 17 Q-Q 4 ch | K-K 3      |
| 18 Q-Q 7 ch | K-K 4      |
| 19 B-R 2 ch | K-K 5      |
| 20 R-K 7 ch | K-B 6      |
| 21 Q-Q 1 ch | K-B 7      |
| 22 Q-K 1 ch | K-B 6      |
| 23 Q-R 4    | B-N 7 mate |

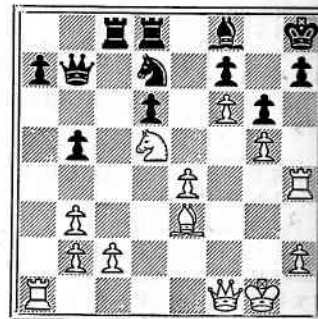
And they also allowed for Black making a Knight, thus:

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|-------------|------------|
| 15 R-K 3 ch | K-B 7      |
| 16 K-R 2    | N-N 6      |
| 17 Q-B 7 ch | N-B 4      |
| 18 K-R 1    | K-B 8      |
| 19 Q-B 4 ch | K-B 7      |
| 20 Q-B 2 ch | K-B 8      |
| 21 Q-Q 3 ch | K-B 7      |
| 22 R-K 2 ch | K-B 8      |
| 23 R-K R 2  | K-K 8      |
| dis ch      |            |
| 24 Q-Q 2 ch | K-B 8      |
| 25 N-N 3 ch | N x N mate |

## SLICK

New Zealand's top player had a win on material in this London inter-club game, but found a brisker finish than would have been afforded by cautious manoeuvring.

C. G. Rains



R. G. Wade

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|-------------|---------|
| 25 Q-R 3    | P-K R 4 |
| 26 R x P ch | P x R   |
| 27 Q x P ch | K-N 1   |
| 28 P-N 6    | N x P   |

If 28 . . . P x P; 29 Q x P ch, K-R1; 30 P-B7.

- |             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 29 N x N ch | K-N 2   |
| 30 B-R 6 ch | K x N   |
| 31 Q-B 5 ch | Resigns |

Do not fail to read our leading article in this issue. It may not directly concern you, but you will know someone it does concern!

## FROM NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch  
Round 7 saw a toe between the youngsters and one of the veterans latter victorious who uphill fight all the way made a slip. Notes by

Game No. 3

### QUEEN'S GAMBIT

Cambridge Springs

- |              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| †R. O. Scott | I. S. |
| 1 P-Q 4      | N-    |
| 2 P-Q B 4    | P-    |
| 3 N-K B 3    | P-    |
| 4 B-N 5      | Q N   |
| 5 N-B 3      | P-    |
| 6 P-K 3      | Q-    |
| 7 N-Q 2      | P x   |

B-N5 is more usual  
8 B x N  
9 N x P  
Q-B2 is preferable.

White, with the betterment, does not mind a Queens.

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 11 . . . . . | Q x |
| 12 R x Q     | B x |
| 13 P-Q R 3   |     |

N-N5 leads to interest  
14 B-N 2  
15 P-Q N 4

Or B-K2, but Black castle and wants K2  
16 Castles  
17 N-K 5  
18 N-Q 3

To develop the Bishop  
19 B-B 6  
20 N-K 4

This forces an exchange of Bishops and gives Black freedom.

- |          |       |
|----------|-------|
| 21 B x B | R x B |
| 22 R-B 1 |       |

Leaving the Knight en must make room for

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 23 . . . . . | P-B |
| 24 N-N 5     | N-N |

To guard B3 later. Black cramped.

- |            |       |
|------------|-------|
| 24 N-K 5   | P-R   |
| 25 N/N-B 3 | R-Q   |
| 26 R-B 3   | B-N   |
| 27 R/1-B 1 | P-Q   |
| 28 K-N 2   | P x P |
| 29 P x P   | P-N   |
| 30 R-B 8   |       |



K-K3  
K-K4  
K-K5  
K-B6  
K-B7  
K-B6  
B-N7 mate

allowed for Black  
ht, thus:

K-B7  
N-N6  
N-B4  
K-B8  
K-B7  
K-B8  
K-B7  
K-B8  
K-K8

K-B8  
N x N mate

ICK

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by cautious

Rains



Wade

P-KR4  
P x R  
K-N1  
N x P

x P; 29 Q x P =

K-N2  
K x N  
Resigns

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## FROM NEW ZEALAND EVENTS

### Christchurch Congress

Round 7 saw a tough struggle between the youngest competitor and one of the veterans, with the latter victorious when after an uphill fight all the way the junior made a slip. Notes by H. D. Addis.

Game No. 354

#### QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED Cambridge Springs Defence

R. O. Scott I. S. Crawford  
1 P-Q4 N-KB3  
2 P-QB4 P-K3  
3 N-KB3 P-Q4  
4 B-N5 QN-Q2  
5 N-B3 P-B3  
6 P-K3 Q-R4  
7 N-Q2 P x P

B-N5 is more usual here.

8 B x N N x B  
9 N x P Q-Q1

Q-B2 is preferable.

10 P-KN3 P-B4  
11 P x P

White, with the better development, does not mind an exchange of Queens.

12 . . . . . Q x Q ch  
13 R x Q B x P  
14 P-QR3

N-N5 leads to interesting play.

15 B-N2 P-QR3  
16 P-QN4 QR-N1  
17 B-R2

Or B-K2, but Black is not going to castle and wants K2 for the K.

18 Castles K-K2  
19 N-K5 N-Q2  
20 N-Q3 P-QN4

To develop the Bishop.

21 B-B6 R-Q1  
22 N-K4 B-N2

This forces an exchange of Bishops and gives Black more freedom.

23 B x B R x B  
24 R-B1

Leaving the Knight en prise, but must make room for the KR.

25 . . . . . P-B4  
26 N-N5 N-N1

To guard B3 later. Black is very cramped.

27 N-K5 P-R3  
28 N/N-B3 R-Q3  
29 R-B3 B-N3  
30 R/1-B1 P-QR4  
31 K-N2 P x P  
32 P x P P-N4  
33 R-B8

Trying to get round behind the pawns.

30 . . . . . R-Q1  
31 R x N

White simplifies and still maintains his positional advantage.

32 N-B6 ch R/1 x R  
33 N x R K-B3  
34 R-B6 R x N  
35 P-R3 P-R4  
36 P x P P-N5  
37 N-K1 R P x P

Developing the Knight well.

37 . . . . . K-K4

Coming across to move the Rook from its commanding position.

38 N-Q3 ch K-Q4

At last he has reached about an equal position.

39 R-B2 R-N2

Intending to follow up with R-B2, challenging command of the file, but P-K4 seems better.

40 N-B4 ch K-K4?

A slip which loses straight off. K-Q3 was necessary.

41 R-B6 B x P  
42 P x B Resigns

★

### NICE OTAGO GAME

In the recent Otago Chess Club championship W. G. Stenhouse got a good win by swapping his Queen for a Rook and Bishop.

Game No. 356

#### RUY LOPEZ

R. W. Lungley ‡ W. G. Stenhouse

1 P-K4 P-K4  
2 N-KB3 N-QB3  
3 B-N5 P-QR3  
4 B-R4 N-B3  
5 Castles B-K2  
6 P-Q4 P-QN4  
7 B-N3 P-Q3  
8 P-B3 P x P  
9 N x P N x N  
10 P x N Castles  
11 R-K1 B-N5  
12 P-B3 B-R4  
13 N-B3 P-B3  
14 Q-Q3 R-B1  
15 B-K3 N-Q2  
16 QR-B1 P-QB4  
17 B-B2 P-B5  
18 Q-Q2 B-N3  
19 N-Q5 N-B3  
20 N x B ch Q x N  
21 Q-N4

## ● WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SENSATION !!

The "New York Times" of March 27 reports that in the Botvinnik - Bronstein World Championship match, in progress in Moscow—

● The first four games were drawn.

● BRONSTEIN won the fifth (Nimzo-Indian Defence), in which Botvinnik, playing the white pieces, became cramped and resigned on the 40th.

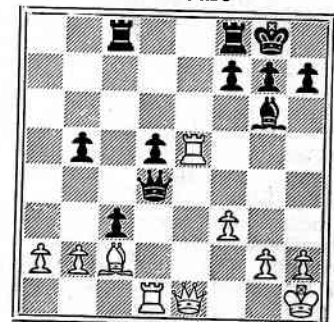
Rather more promising is 21 B-N5, taking advantage of Black's weakness on the dark squares.

21 . . . . . Q-Q2  
22 B-B4 P-Q4  
23 B-Q6 P-QR4!  
24 Q x R P Q x B  
25 P-K5 Q-B3  
26 P x N Q x P  
27 R-K5? Q-B5

A reply which White apparently did not consider.

28 Q-K1 Q x Q P ch  
29 K-R1 P-B6  
30 R-Q1

Stenhouse



Lungley

30 . . . . . Q x R/5!

A well-conceived exchange, which gives Black full scope for his Queen-side pawn dozer.

31 Q x Q B x B  
32 R-QB1 KR-K1  
33 Q-Q4 R-B5!  
34 Q-N1 P x N P  
35 R-K1 R x R  
36 Resigns

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## FROM THE CLUBS

### WELLINGTON

End of March progress results of Wellington tournaments are:

In the All-Wellington individual Championship A. W. Gyles has 6—0. Others scores: Dr. P. Allerhand, 6½—½ (draw with E. H. Severne); R. O. Scott, 4½—3½; O. N. Thomson, 4½—3½; E. G. A. Frost, 4—5; L. Lindekranz, 3½—4½; H. J. Fuller, 3—5; E. H. Severne, 2½—1½; E. A. Williamson, 1—6; R. Teece, 1—1; E. J. Sharp, ½—5½.

J. C. Taylor has won the All-Wellington B grade tourney with a score of 6—1, and W. J. Emery is runner-up with 5—2.

Dr. Allerhand looks a certain winner of the Wellington club title, with 9½—1½ (including a loss to J. L. Hardy). Others: A. W. Gyles, 8½—2½; R. O. Scott, 7½—4½; L. Esterman, 7—4; Dr. M. B. Cwilong, 7—3. [We understood Dr. Cwilong had left for Canada; looks like he's back!—Ed.]

### TIMARU

Latest New Zealand town to sponsor a chess club is Timaru, according to a report by J. L. Hardy to the N.Z.C.A. Council. Inquiries to the Internal Affairs Department's physical welfare and recreation officer, Mr. A. Calder, has led to the formation of a new club with an initial membership of 13.

### ONEHUNGA

The annual general meeting of the Onehunga C.C. was held on April 3. Officers for the new season: President, H. Dickenson; vice-presidents, Dr. Auburn and B. C. Blakey; hon. secretary, W. T. Percival; hon. treasurer, J. Caddy; executive committee, Messrs. Stuart and Grossman.

Dudley Gallaher won the club championship for the fifth time. Grossman won the Styles Memorial Handicap. The club enjoyed a good season, playing nights being well attended. The opening night will be held on April 24, when the customary lightning tourney will be played. Visitors are welcome on playing nights, and also prospective playing members.

### OTAGO

Final results of championship competitions for 1950-51 are:

Senior.—S. J. Webb, 11 points, 1; W. G. Stenhouse and R. Watt, each 9, equal 2.

Intermediate.—A. C. Twose, 10 points, 1; I. H. Penrose, 9, 2; C. Ahern, 8½, 3.

Junior.—V. Hay, 11 points, 1; B. C. Cusack, 8, 2; G. Adams, 7½, 3.

Limited Opening tournaments held during the summer months resulted in S. J. Webb winning the Two Knights Defence with 9½, L. F. Lang (9) being second, while V. Hay won the Queen's Gambit Accepted with 11½.

In the perpetual handicap tournament S. J. Webb (39) wins the Glass Memorial Cup and is followed by V. Hay (37) and A. E. B. Ward (24).

Otago's annual meeting was held on March 24. Officers for 1951-52 are: Patron, J. J. Marlow, Esq.; president, Dr. R. Gardner; immediate past president, W. G. Stenhouse; vice-presidents, J. A. Jackson and S. J. Webb; committee, W. Lang, J. R. Cusack, R. H. Rasa, I. H. Penrose, A. E. B. Ward; hon. secretary, J. F. Lang; hon. treasurer, G. D. Wright; hon. auditor, W. H. Allen; delegate to N.Z.C.A., Rev. Dr. E. N. Merrington; correspondent to N.Z. CHESSPLAYER, Dr. R. Gardner.

### REMUERA

The annual general meeting of the Remuera C.C. was held at the clubroom, Clonbern Road, on March 7. Notable events during the year were the success of the senior team in winning the Eades Cup for the second year in succession and the holding of the Jenkins trophy, taken from the Dominion Road club. The club would welcome a challenge for this trophy. The championship of the Remuera club was won by W. Webb, a new member, and the intermediate division was won by B. A. Mayhill, well known in Auckland chess circles. Officers for the season: Patron, Mr. R. Barker; president, T. H. Burnitt; vice-president, Dr. H. Burrell; secretary-treasurer, W. Webb; club captain, J. A. Barnes; committee, Messrs. Barrow and Luck.

### AUCKLAND

A. E. Meyerbach won the Auckland C.C. Summer Cup with 11 points; R. J. Browne, 10; G. Sale, 9½. Open Handicap: G. Sale, 13½, 1; Mrs. N. Bloom, 10, 2.

The Beverwijk tournament, held January 13 to 15, resulted: Pilnik 6½, O'Kelly 6, Kieninger and Kramer 5½, Poulsen and N. Rossolimo 5, van Seters 4½, Donner 3½, Stumpers 3, Paloma 2.

## Move & Win Solutions

No. 1—1 B—K7!, Resigns. Just a good old back rank mate. Dr. Tartakower v. Billecard, Ostend 1907.

No. 2—1 B—R4, R—Q2; 2 Q—N5 ch, R/1—B2; 3 Q—N8 ch, B—B1; 4 Q—K6 ch, Resigns. Kere v. Randvere, Estonian Championship 1935-36.

No. 3—1 Q x P ch!!, K x Q; 2 B—B4 ch, K—B3; 3 R/1—Q6 ch, B x R; 4 R—B7 mate. Beautiful! Cukierman v. Voisin, Paris 1929.

No. 4—1 P—K4, P x P; 2 P—B6, K—Q6 (K—Q4; 3 K—Q2); 3 P—B6, P—K6; 4 K—Q1 wins. Or 1 ... K x P; 2 P x P, K—Q4; 3 K—Q2 wins. Horwitz and Kling.

No. 5—1 B—Q8!, B—K8; 2 B—N5, B—R4; 3 B—B4, and wins by B—B7, queening the pawn. Both black moves are forced, except that Black could retire his B to any square on the diagonal QR4—K8, which, of course, White answers with an appropriate varied B move, e.g., 1 ... B—Q7; 2 B—R4, B—R4; 3 B—N3. Endings like this, which can be found in many end game books, must be mastered by the aspiring player.

No. 6—1 ... P x N; 2 B x Q, B—B7 ch; 3 K—K2, B—N5 ch; 4 K—Q3, N—N5 ch; 5 K x N, P—B4 mate. Fries v. Schlechter, 1887.

## READ THIS ALOUD

A reaction from having to present chess news with a modicum of decorum is responsible for this treatment of the following item from the Keewee C.C.

"The club championship was won by Albert Ross. Opening 1 P—KB4, he made a bird of nearly aviary game. Few of his opponents had a feather to fly with, except Ima Finch, the club's only lady member. Ima offered Albert a Rook, which, gullibly accepted, only to find his Queen cooped up in a nest of pawns. Though egged on by his supporters, Ross was finally knocked off his perch. The taloned Wang Gambit exponent Claude Clucker secured second place, after losing too long over a move. One of his best wins was a smasher against Cocker; he gave cockerel. The rest of the field were scratching for points." Just a ruse to raise a smile.

## Problems & Tr

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## Win Solutions

K71, Resigns. Just rank mate. Dr. Billecard, Ostend

R4, R-Q2; 2 Q-Q2; 3 Q-N8 ch. Resigns. Keres Estonian Champion-

x Pch!!; KxQ; 2 B3; 3 R/1-Q6 ch mate. Beautiful! Moisin, Paris 1922

K4, P x P; 2 P-B3; 3 K-Q2; 3 P-K-Q1 wins. 2 P x P, K-Q4; Horwitz and King

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P x N; 2 B x Q; 3 B-N5 ch; 4 K-K5; 5 K x N, P-Schlechter, 1892

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We think perhaps that editors who are problemists might warn those who wish to excel at problems that playing the game cannot be the slightest use to problemists. Although problems do not have nearly the same number of adherents as the game, those who indulge in them think them of vastly more importance and interest. One might just as well give advice to poets that perhaps composing poems—in moderation—might help (by sharpening their wits) in the writing of some textbooks on grammar or history!

Then again game editors are apt to judge the relative importance of the two branches by the number of those who send in solutions. For every one who actually sends in solutions there must be several who solve some of the problems and derive some interest from them. There is no criterion of the number who play through the games because they are not asked to write. One such editor makes a calculation that only four per cent of the readers of a magazine take an interest in problems. The old-established B.C.M. usually allows about one-fifth or a sixth to problems and does not insult problemists by cutting this down or omitting the pages altogether. Even if there were only four per cent who took the magazine for the problems it is an absolute breach of contract with these to cut down their particular pages.

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## New Zealand Personalities

### W. S. KING, CHRISTCHURCH

Now living quietly in retirement in Christchurch, William Samuel King can look back on a long life of useful and successful endeavour in chess, music, journalism and rifle shooting. This is not necessarily the order of importance in which he would place these activities, but he cannot deny he has them to his credit.

W. S. King was born in Hastings (England) in 1868 and came to New Zealand in 1874 with his parents. From about 1882 to 1903 he lived in Oamaru, where he became an apprentice compositor on the "Oamaru Mail." When he came to Christchurch in 1903 he took a literary position on the "Canterbury Times," and conducted that paper's chess column till 1915. His immediate predecessors in that position were H. Hookham (first official New Zealand chess champion) and J. S. Blackburn (donor of the Blackburn Cup). Later, W.S.K. transferred to the "Lyttelton Times" (now the "Star-Sun").

King's chess career began in 1893 when he became an original member of the Oamaru C.C., of which he was champion on one occasion. Later he joined the Canterbury C.C. He has played top board for both clubs in telegraphic matches, and is a life member of both. His main interest in chess, however, was the problem side. Most of his problem composing was done about fifty years ago, and some of his work was of extreme merit. One of his finest problems would be our No. 75 (December, 1949), a three-er of great beauty. As a solver he is easily top class.

As a rifle shot King attained high rank. He was New Zealand rifle shooting champion in 1899 (Wanganui); on many other occasions he was in the first four in that event. He was three times sent to Bisley, 1897, 1902, 1911, with the Dominion contingent, and also went to Sydney three times as a New Zealand representative in shooting matches. He was captain of Linwood Rifles in the old Volunteer days.

Not content with chess and shooting, King had at least an equally notable career in music. From 1892 to 1944, as a trombonist, bandmaster, conductor, contest judge or critic, he had a

hand in some musical work, mostly with bands. He was judge for about twenty New Zealand band contests, including leading fixtures such as the 1905 New Zealand band championship, and various exhibitions. His last assignment was as conductor to Derry's Military Band, Christchurch, from 1936 to 1944.

Miss Adele Wellard-King, well-known Canterbury executive and chess player, and Mrs. T. Forrest, of Ashburton, are twin daughters of Mr. King. Claude King, sports editor of "The Dominion," Wellington, is a son.

That men of the stamp of W. S. King should find chess worth a lifetime's attention is an implied compliment to all others who share his love for the world's finest game.

## Dim Outlook For The Empire Championship

The British Chess Federation will not be able to name a date suitable to them for the holding of a British Commonwealth Championship within the next two years, according to advice received by the New Zealand Chess Association Council.

The B.C.F. letter explained that other commitments and the general unsettled position today had forced this decision.

The N.Z.C.A.'s special Commonwealth tourney sub-committee recommended that the B.C.F. be advised that New Zealand was still willing to sponsor the tournament if they are willing to send an entrant, provided that at least 12 months' notice is given.

The chairman, W. M. Haycraft, explained that it was considered that the tournament would not be fully successful unless a British representative took part.

Decision on the report was deferred until the next meeting, with other Commonwealth federations to be informed of the postponement recommendation.

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## South Island Congress

The Otago C.C. has made itself responsible for the arrangements for the second South Island Chess Championship and subsidiary tournaments, to be held at Dunedin on June 2 to 4. Otago has expressed itself in favour of the same time schedule as at Christchurch last year, five rounds in the three days. Apart from allowing any long games to be played out, it is considered that the occasion is one on which players from various parts of a large area have one of their rare opportunities of meeting, and it is desirable to leave time for informal contact.

The difficult problem of the classification of players is approached by leaving entrants to choose their own grades as far as possible, but the tournament committee asks for power to transfer in case of a very unequal entry in different grades or of obvious gross disparity in playing strength.

If entries warrant, it is proposed to have altogether three grades each of about 16 players.

## F. V. Siedeberg Dies

The death occurred in London on December 3 last of Frank Vaughan Siedeberg, at the age of 81. Siedeberg, who was born at Clyde, Central Otago, was educated at the Otago Boys' High School, being dux in 1888. He graduated B.A. at the University of Otago in 1892 and gained his M.A. with first class honours in mathematics the following year. He studied electrical engineering in Berlin and some years later went to England and then to America. He returned to England and was living in retirement there at the time of his death.

Siedeberg was a keen chess player and while still a student twice won the New Zealand Championship. Older chess enthusiasts still remember his feat in 1893 when he played four games simultaneously blindfold. He won three, and the fourth was held to be drawn because one of his pawns had been placed on the wrong square by the person making his moves.

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## PROBLEM SECTION

### SOLUTIONS FOR JANUARY

- 136 (Fontaine): R—R6
- 137 (Barron): B x NP
- 138 (Simay-Molnar): KR—N4
- 139 (Andrade): B—B5
- 140 (Andrade): K—N6
- 141 (White): R—Q5
- 142 (Vaughan): K—R3
- 143 (Vaughan): R—R7
- 144 (Gardner): B—Q7 (cooked by R—K1)

Correct solutions from—

- \*Chas. Edwards—All.
- F. C. Ewen—All.
- Dr. N. E. H. Fulton—All.
- Alan Hignett—All.
- E. M. Guest—All.
- W. S. King—All.
- L. Pleasants—All.
- \*C. de Wit—All.
- J. J. Marlow—All bar 143.
- \*E. Dalton—Late December, 127, 128, 129; January, all bar 137 and 138.
- Dr. R. Gardner—All bar 137, 142.
- J. H. Woolley—All bar 137, 139.
- J. Collins—136, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144.
- \*L. F. J. Kyte—136, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144.
- A. H. N. Taylor—136, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143.
- J. Sloan—136, 140, 141, 142, 143.
- N. A. Palmer—136, 138, 139, 140.
- \*W. M. Walker—136, 140, 141, 144.

\*New solvers. Welcome!

L. Fontaine's No. 136 should have had added the name of E. Baigent as joint author (our error).

N. A. Palmer suggests we make it clear that when K and R are on their original squares in a position it may be assumed they have not yet moved, permitting castling if desired (that is, if it cannot be demonstrated from the nature of the position that either or both must have moved).

No. 137: "P. Barron's best to date" (L. Pleasants). "Very pretty" (Dr. Fulton).

All the others made an appeal to one solver or another, specially Vaughan's two-er and White's Knight wheel, though some opined Andrade's 140 was not up to his usual high standard.

No. 144 (Dr. Gardner): Dr. N. E. H. Fulton and E. M. Guest give 1 R—K1, K—B3; 2 B—N6, P queens; P—K8 (N), and other variations. These make a claim of a cook correct (if anyone had made it!). This should show others (as the composer has now voluntarily admitted it has shown him) how difficult it is to compose

a sound problem, even a flyweight like this, and, accordingly, increase their respect for the art. Try again, Dr. Gardner (and others), and good luck.



### THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY

An organisation is a live one if it publishes at short intervals an attractive eight-page booklet. If it is a chess organisation, then it is more "live" still. But when it is a chess problem society, then it is as "live" as it can possibly be, for it is well known that chess problemists are somewhat fewer than half the entire chess world, itself not exactly an overcrowded profession.

In any search for a "live" chess body, the British Chess Problem Society decidedly fills the bill. It produces "The Problemist" each two months—free to members—and a typical number contains about 40 problems, accompanied by a wealth of authoritative and varied material that is to all interested in the problem art what the Saturday Night Special is to the sporting man. The Editor is the eminent C. S. Kipping. Most of Britain's leading problemists are or have been prominent in the society.

We don't think it would be a bad idea if a few New Zealanders joined the B.C.P.S. Philip Barron (contributes interesting comments to "The Problemist," among other things) assures us the society would be "delighted to have some Commonwealth members." Your Editor himself has applied for membership, so it cannot be said we are urging support for the B.C.P.S. but are "too busy" to set an example. At 10/- per year no one is debarred financially, and there is no question about the merit of "The Problemist," the link between distant members and Home. What about it?

Here's part of what P. Barron said about the CHESSPLAYER in a recent issue of "The Problemist": "Thanks to . . . the magazine's policy in general, the number of N.Z. CHESSPLAYER solvers has shot up from a mere five to twenty in under a year—and all won over from the heathen!"

Applications for membership should be addressed to C. S. Kipping, Esq., Wednesbury, England (this address is correct).



No. 145—L. Pleasants  
First publication



Mate in two (4 v)

No. 148—C. Mansel  
London Observer.



Mate in two (7 v)

No. 151—Alain C. V  
(dedicated to A. Ellet)



Mate in two (8 v)





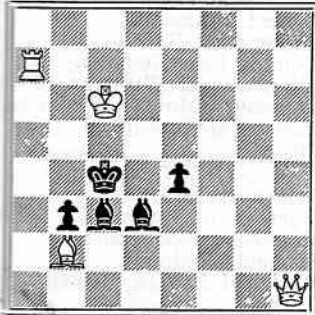
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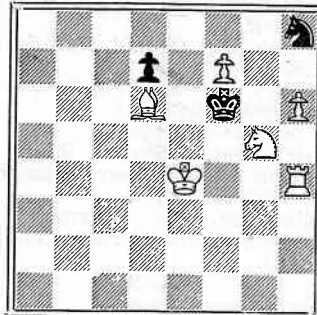
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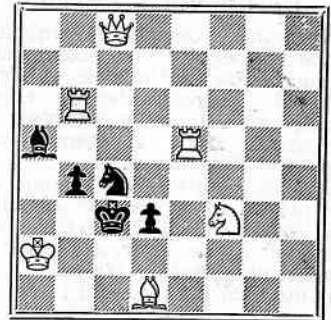
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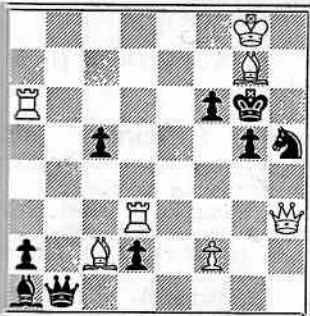
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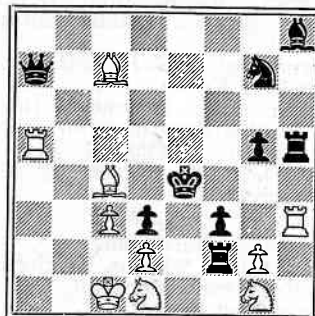
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London Observer, 1932



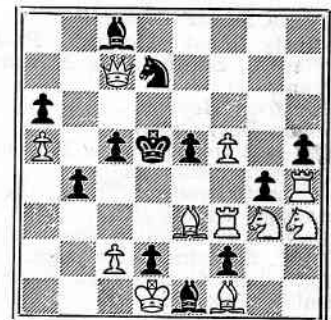
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No. 149—G. Becker,  
New York



Mate in two (10 v. 9)

No. 150—J. K. Heydon



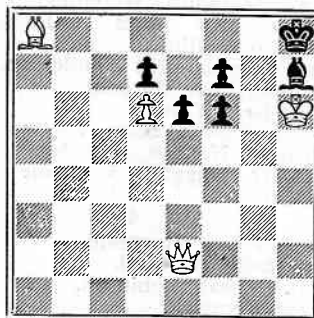
Mate in two (11 v. 12)

No. 151—Alain C. White  
(dedicated to A. Ellerman)



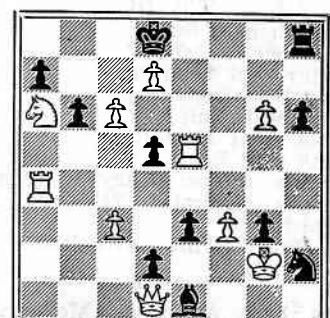
Mate in two (8 v. 13)

No. 152—W. J. Wood



Mate in three (4 v. 6)

No. 153—B. J. da C. Andrade



Mate in three (10 v. 11)

# CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

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## Cromarty Wins Again

By SPENCER SMITH

Norman Cromarty, Wanganui, is the winner for the second year in succession of the title of New Zealand correspondence chess champion. His score this year is 8½ points from 11 games—six wins and five draws.

During the past two seasons he has played 22 games for 16 wins and six draws. This is very good going and we offer our hearty congratulations to Norman.

[Count us in, too.—Ed.]



## Trophy Tournaments

### FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT To 31/3/51

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Cromarty beat Hooper, Park, Paterson, Smith, drew Manson, Grant.

Grant drew Hooper.

Paterson beat Grant.

Smith beat Hooper, drew Manson, Paterson, Cunningham.

Park beat Broom, Smith, drew Manson, Cunningham.

Manson beat Tibbitts, drew with Grant, Severinsen, Paterson.

Tibbitts beat Grant, drew Broom, Smith, Paterson.

Hooper beat Tibbitts.

Leading scores: Cromarty 8½ (first), Gyles 7½ (complete), Cunningham 7 (complete), and Severinsen 6 (two to finish).

#### T.T. 1B

Beamish beat Boyd.

Jones beat Mitchell.

Godley beat Beamish.

Sloan beat Denys.

Kiley beat Smith.

Fulton beat Mintoft.

Smith beat Boyd.

Leading scores: Kiley 9 (complete), Beamish 7½ (two to finish).

Miss Hollis defaulted all games.

#### T.T. 1C

Ross beat Anderson, McSherry, drew Donald.

Hansford beat Ross, McSherry and Anderson.

Donald beat McSherry, drew with Marsick.

Esterman beat Donald, Ratliff and McSherry.

McSherry beat Luck, Adkins.

Ratliff beat McSherry.

Adkins beat Esterman.

Marsick beat McSherry, Ross.

Anderson beat McSherry, Marsick.

Luck beat Hansford.

Leading scores: Esterman 6½ (complete), Hansford 6½ (one to finish).

#### T.T. 2

Edwards beat Jones.

Douglas beat Keam.

Eades drew G. H. Hignett.

A. N. Hignett beat Jones.

Pearse beat Douglas, Jones.

Foulds beat A. N. Hignett, Eades, Cusack, Keam, Douglas, and drew Browne (games adjudicated).

Browne beat A. N. Hignett, Jones, Jones beat Keam.

Leading scores: Browne 6½ (three to finish), Severinsen 6½ (three to finish), Cusack 4½ (five to finish), A. N. Hignett 6½ (two to finish).

#### T.T. 3

Orbell drew Hardiman.

Meredith beat Wilkins, Henderson.

Woodfield beat Meredith, Neale.

Duggan beat Jessett.

Neilson beat Jessett, Meredith, drew Hardiman.

Jessett beat Collins, Hardiman, drew Henderson, Neale.

Yates beat Neale, Miss Collinson, drew Meredith, Woodfield.

Wilkins beat Miss Collinson, Duggan, Collins.

Miss Collinson beat Henderson.

Hardiman beat Meredith.

Collins beat Yates.

Leading scores: Yates 7 (two to finish), Neilson 7½ (one to finish), Duggan 5 (four to finish).

#### T.T. 4

Johnston beat Hartnell.

Smith beat Hartnell.

Hartnell beat Robinson, Chrisp, drew Fenwick.

Jones beat Hartnell.

Williams beat Hartnell.

Manson beat Hartnell, Williams.

Remetis beat Robinson.

Hall beat Johnston.

Robinson beat Smith.

McCombie beat Remetis.

Leading scores: Williams 10 (two to finish), Manson 9 (three to finish), McCombie 9 (two to finish).

#### T.T. 5

Sewell beat Mills.

Wooderson beat Sewell, Mitchell.

Findon beat Wooderson.

Mills beat Findon.

Taylor beat Lomax, Sewell, King, Mitchell.

Hanham beat Lee, Mitchell.

Lomax beat Lee, Mitchell.

King beat Lee, Wooderson.

Mitchell beat Lee, drew Findon, Sewell, Teece, Mills and King (games adjudicated).

Mrs. Sayers beat Mitchell.

Leading scores: Taylor 8 (four to finish), Wooderson 6 (three to finish).



### TROPHY TOURNEYS 1951-52

These players were PROMOTED to the following tournaments:—

H. G. King, L. J. Kiley, and F. Beamish—to Championship.

F. E. Hansford, L. Esterman—to T.T. 1B.

R. J. Browne, A. N. Hignett, C. Cusack, R. J. Severinsen—to T.T. 1C.

J. Yates, W. Neilson—to T.T. 2.

W. C. McCombie, D. Manson, W. A. Williams—to T.T. 3.

J. C. Taylor, E. L. Wooderson—to T.T. 4.



### ● YOUR BIRD, TOO

The leading article in this issue of the CHESSPLAYER should be read by all, but particularly by members of the N.Z.C.C.A. who feel they have something to contribute by the maintenance and improvement of this section.

It stands to reason that chess in New Zealand in general, and the N.Z.C.C.A. no less, has every right to gain from the existence of a presentable chess magazine.

## Handicap To

### PROGRESS REPORT

McClymont beat Day, 2, Haycraft.

Neary beat Bishop 2, drew Guthrie 2.

Esterman beat McEwan, Davis beat Sadleir 1½.

Sloan beat Toothill, Mrs. Lovell 2.

McMahon beat Haycraft, Costello beat McClymont.

Nicol beat Haycraft, C. Taylor beat H.

Wing 2.

Hartnell beat Bishop 1, Nicol 2.

Bobar beat McEwan, Mrs. Sale beat R. Taylor.

Court beat Neilson 2, D. Manson beat McClymont, ham, Walker.

Sewell beat Neary, Mullineaux.

Toothill drew Wallbank, Broadbent beat Blomfield.

Kurta beat Toothill, Walker beat Higgens.

Haycraft beat McMahon, bury, J. L. Lomax.

B. Gardiner beat Kurt hill 2, Hoult.

Day beat Filmer 2, Hall beat Mrs. Lovell.

Meredith beat Hartnell, McEwan beat Colthart.

Mrs. Walker, Blomfield beat Miss Clarke beat Howlett.

Sadleir beat Howlett, Chrisp drew Freeman.

Godley beat Cusack 2, Mrs. Haar beat Mrs. O.

drew J. W. Collins, J. B. Guthrie beat Mrs.

D. C. M. Manson beat Miss Wilkinson beat G.

Kiley beat Jones, Kiley Broom 2.

Howlett beat Sadleir, Filmer beat Haycock.

Nairn beat Parsons, Mrs. Howlett beat Mrs.

Hansford beat Walker 2, Chisnall beat Court.

F. L. Collins beat J. L. L. Hoult beat B. Gardiner.

Fletcher drew Kiley 2, 2.

Muir beat Mrs. Haar 1½, Donald beat Jones, Kiley Traves.

Jones beat Kiley, Parsons beat Kyte 2, Na Court beat Chisnall.

Holdsworth beat Walker, Delnan beat Hansford.

Hanham beat Meredith, Brunt beat Roberts.

## Handicap Tourney

### PROGRESS REPORT

McClymont beat Day, Holdsworth 2, Haycraft.  
 Neary beat Bishop 2, Hartnell 1½, drew Guthrie 2.  
 Esterman beat McEwan 2.  
 Davis beat Sadleir 1½, Filmer.  
 Pagan beat Toothill, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Lovell 2.  
 McMahon beat Haycraft.  
 Costello beat McClymont.  
 Nicol beat Haycraft.  
 C. Taylor beat Hartnell 1½, Wing 2.  
 Hartnell beat Bishop 1½ and drew Nicol 2.  
 Pobar beat McEwan, McMahon 2.  
 Mrs. Sale beat R. Taylor 2.  
 Court beat Neilson 2, Brunt.  
 Manson beat McClymont, Hanham, Walker.  
 Sewell beat Neary 1½, Mrs. Mullineaux.  
 Toothill drew Wallbank 2.  
 Broadbent beat Blomfield, Day.  
 Kurta beat Toothill.  
 Walker beat Higgens.  
 Haycraft beat McMahon, Stichbury, J. L. Lomax.  
 Gardiner beat Kurta 2, Toothill 2, Hoult.  
 Day beat Filmer 2.  
 Hall beat Mrs. Lovell, Hartnell 2.  
 Meredith beat Hartnell.  
 McEwan beat Colthart 2, Pobar, Mrs. Walker.  
 Blomfield beat Miss Collinson.  
 Clarke beat Howlett.  
 Sadleir beat Howlett.  
 Chrisp drew Freeman.  
 Bodley beat Cusack 2, Costello.  
 Mrs. Haar beat Mrs. Clayton 2, drew J. W. Collins.  
 B. Guthrie beat Mrs. Clayton.  
 C. M. Manson beat McIver.  
 Miss Wilkinson beat Griffiths.  
 Kiley beat Jones, King, drew Broom 2.  
 Howlett beat Sadleir.  
 Filmer beat Haycock.  
 Nairn beat Parsons.  
 Mrs. Howlett beat Mrs. Haar 2.  
 Mansford beat Walker 2, Chisnall.  
 Chisnall beat Court.  
 L. Collins beat J. L. Lomax 2.  
 Hoult beat B. Gardiner.  
 Fletcher drew Kiley 2, Esterman 2.  
 Muir beat Mrs. Haar 1½, McKay.  
 Donald beat Jones, Kiley, drew Traves.  
 Jones beat Kiley.  
 Parsons beat Kyte 2, Nairn.  
 Court beat Chisnall.  
 Holdsworth beat Walker.  
 Selnan beat Hansford.  
 Hanham beat Meredith.  
 Brunt beat Roberts.

## BEST GAME

The following game won the best game award in the T.T. Championship class. Notes by E. H. Severne (Wellington).

### Game No. 357

#### RETI OPENING

E. R. Broom (Christchurch)	‡S. Smith (Wanganui)
1 N—K B 3	P—Q 4
2 P—K N 3	N—K B 3
3 B—N 2	

More usual for White is 2 P—B4, when Black can play .. P x P (Reti Gambit Accepted), .. P—K3, .. P—Q B3, or .. P—Q5.

3 . . . . .	P—K 3
4 Castles	B—B 4!
5 P—Q 3	B—K 2
6 P—N 3	Castles
7 B—N 2	Q N—Q 2
8 Q N—Q 2	P—Q N 3
9 P—B 4	B—N 2

Black has attained a sound development.

10 P—Q 4	R—B 1
11 R—K 1	P x Q P
12 N x P	N—B 4
13 P—B 4	

Preventing 13 ... P—K4, followed by .. P—K5.

13 . . . . .	R—K 1
14 R—Q B 1	B—R 1
15 P x P	N x Q P
16 N—B 4	P—Q R 3
17 P—Q R 3	

17 P—QR4 is needed here.

17 . . . . .	P—Q N 4
18 N—K 5	N—K 6
19 N/5—B 6	N x Q
20 N x Q	B x B
21 R/K x N	B—Q 4
22 N/8—B 6	B x N
23 N x B	R x N
24 P—Q N 4	R/3—B 1
25 P x N	B x P ch

Black comes out of the exchanges a pawn to the good and with Bishops of the same colour.

26 K—N 2	B—B 1
27 K—B 3	P—B 3
28 R x R	R x R
29 R—Q 7	P—K R 4
30 K—K 3	R—B 3
31 K—Q 3	R—Q 3 ch
32 R x R	B x R

Black appears to have better winning chances with Rooks off.

33 K—Q 4	K—B 2
34 P—K 4	K—K 2
35 P—K 5	P x P ch
36 P x P	B—N 1
37 K—B 5	B—R 2 ch
38 K—B 6	B—N 8

39 P—R 3	P—N 4
40 B—B 1	P—K N 5
41 P x P	P x P

The white pawns are all vulnerable to Black's Bishop, whereas Black's pawns are safe from attack.

42 K—N 7	K—Q 2
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If 43 K x P, K—B3, and White is virtually in zugzwang. For example, 44 B—Q2 or B—N2, a pawn is lost by 44 ... B—B7; or 44 K—R5, B—B7; 45 B—B4, K—B4; 46 K—R6, P—N5; 47 P x P ch, K x P, and works his way to Q4.

43 Resigns



### ★ BAD LUCK TO HIM!

Extract from a recent bulletin of the N.Z. Correspondence Chess Association: "Bulletin No. 6 subscribers—We apologise for the delay in delivery. The MS was stolen when the office of the Editor was recently ransacked.."

It is no joke having a Bulletin MS stolen; many hours of work would be needed to produce the replacement. But we can't help feeling the matter needs looking into.

The thief no doubt took an assortment of material for later examination. Imagine his feelings when he discovered in his haul a bundle of chess writing!

Depending on his attitude, he would either throw the papers down in disgust, or read them.

If he read them, he might even become a convert (he couldn't be a chess player to begin with); then he would always have to be on his guard when asked how he began playing chess.

If a detective novel fan, he might fancy he had come across some nefarious plot, and be in a quandary as to how to turn the papers over to the authorities without disclosing how he came to have them.

And if he had been a player, and played through some of the stolen scores, noting some of the technical shortcomings they no doubt revealed, he would probably have reflected that, after all, he himself was only a novice at crime.

The N.Z.C.C.A.'s Bulletin Editor ("Curly" Eades) would be quite justified in hoping, as a minimum, that while on the way to his next "job" the thief falls down a manhole.

otherwise stated.

Hartnell.  
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 Robinson.  
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 Manson 9  
 Dombie 9

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 Lee, Mitchell.  
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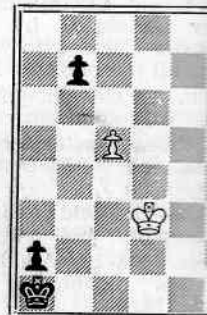
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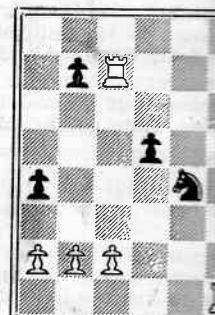
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No. 1—White to move

White's first move is obvious enough, but what is the best then? You could



No. 4—Black to move

This is harder still than No. 1. All there to see. How can you find the best move?