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The first "Chess News" Problem Solving Championship starts this month. Details Page 20.

OUR APOLOGIES for so few annotated games this month, although we publish a record number of game scores. Next month there will be Frankel-Belton and Hutchings-Court from Congress (notes by Sarapu), Phillips' win over C.J.S.Purdy (notes by J.R. Phillips) and an annotated game from the Player of the Year. Also next month Ortvin Sarapu will resume his series of articles with "A System to see Combinations." The March issue will be one of our best. . . Make sure your friends see it. . . Send us their names, we will send them a copy..

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MENZIES NAMED "CHESS NEWS" PLAYER
OF THE YEAR FOR 1959.

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FOULDS AND MENZIES SHARE HONOURS +
AT HAMILTON CONGRESS +

Auckland's B.C.Menzies, who tied with F.A.Foulds in the 1958-59 N.Z. Championship, has been selected as our Player of the Year for 1959.

Aucklanders F.A.Foulds and B.C. Menzies, both from Dominion Road C.C., tied in a tightly-contested New Zealand championship tourney at Hamilton.

As can be expected each year, the choice was not easy, especially in the light of results at Congress.

They scored 8 points each. Foulds, who was never headed from start to finish, lost two games and drew two, while Menzies, who was a point behind in the middle stages, lost only one but drew four. Both won their last-round games, in which tension reached a height.

However, Menzies, who renders invaluable service in chess administration in Auckland as well as being in the top bracket of players, scored the most notable success of his chess career at Hamilton through extremely consistent play. He was the hardest player to beat, and the half-points he conceded were hard-earned.

There were innumerable features of interest, not least of them being excellent organisation. The tournament was capably directed by Waikato League secretary N.A. Palmer, and all arrangements ran smoothly. There was an absence of incident.

The "Chess News" Roll of Honour of Players of the Year now reads:

FLAG-FALL VITAL

At least as important as ability in the Championship was clock management, and at this Foulds and Menzies were both adept. (Cont.P.3)+

- 1957. O.Sarapu.
- 1958. J.R.Phillips.
- 1959. B.C.Menzies.

Trophies for all three are now being prepared, and will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

"CN" will publish brief biography of B.C.Menzies next month, and we have invited him to contribute a game or two from his collection, with his own notes, for publication.

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Editorial.....OF THIS AND THAT

There is no better place than at Congress to obtain a cross-section of player opinion on topics of moment, which is what this column sets out to reflect. Points on which definite opinions were expressed (although not necessarily unanimous) in informal discussion at Hamilton included:

Swiss System: The new Swiss rules, given a try-out in the Reserves, found general favour. There was some feeling early that uncompleted games should be counted as draws, not wins, for next round pairing purposes, but this died down as the tourney proceeded.

Resolving Ties: There was a substantial weight of opinion against dividing the Reserves on a count-back while having joint titleholders in the championship. There was definite feeling that a play-off for the major event should be staged if possible, and that it would be better to declare a tie in the secondary event rather than distinguish between two players, to a large extent through early-round pairings, on a count-back.

Master Points: There was opposition to allocation of points towards mastery from the schoolboys' championship. It was felt other events were of higher standing than that one.

BLACK TO PLAY AND WIN?

At the Hamilton Congress more games were won with the Black pieces than with White in both events. The relative scores were:-
Championship: White 25 wins, Black 30, Drawn 11.

Reserves: White 48 wins, Black 53, Drawn 19 (excluding 1 default).

At Wellington last Labour weekend, with several of the same players participating, Black also scored best.

Looking at individual players in the Championship at Congress we reveal the following scores:

| | With White: | With Black |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Eriksen | 3-3 | 4-1 |
| Court | 2-3 | 5-1 |
| Marsick | 1/2-5 1/2 | 3-2 |
| Lynch | 2-4 | 3-2 |

These players each did far better with Black than with White. But why this advantage for the second player? Do New Zealanders play too vigorously with White, trying to get more out of the move than there is there? Do they attack prematurely if they have White? Or do they just simply prefer to play with Black? We are inviting comments about this for our next issue, for it seems this tendency could have a bearing on our standards of play.

CONGRESS FEATURES

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP, 1958-59.

| Time Counts.-Foulds | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | Tl. | Pl. |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| won no fewer than three | 1.F.A.Foulds (Ak.) | x 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1= |
| games on time, and also | 2.B.C.Menzies (Ak.) | 1/2 | x 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1= |
| lost one (against Belton) | 3.R.A.Court (N.P.) | 0 | 0 | x 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3= |
| in the same manner.Among | 4.J.Eriksen (Wn) | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | x 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3= |
| his successes with the | 5.W.Bello (P.N.) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | x 0 | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| clock was his last-round | 6.T.van Dijk(Dn.) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 1/2 | 6= |
| game with Frankel, who | 7.F.P.Hutchings(Ch) | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 1/2 | 6= |
| played well, had a winning | 8.Z.Frankel (Wn) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | x 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8= |
| position at the adjourn- | 9.D.I.Lynch (Hsgs) | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | x 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8= |
| ment, and found the right | 10.C.P.Belton (Ak.) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x 1/2 | 1 | 4 1/2 | 10 |
| move to seal. But he | 11.B.Marsick(Taum) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | x 1 | 3 1/2 | 11 |
| took half an hour to | 12.T.Lepviikman(PN) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x 1 | 12 | |

short of time at the second session 5 1/2 points in the first 6 rounds, Hutchings with consecutive wins in rounds 5, 6 and 7, and Lynch, who absorbed in analysis and forgot all about his clock! Frankel did not realise what was happening until too late. started with only 1 point in the first five rounds but scored 4 in the next five rounds, including three wins in a row.

All in all, a fairly high proportion of games in both events were decided on time. Endgames.-Subject of comment was the relatively small number of oversights causing material loss and the high proportion of games won positionally, with a consequent high proportion decided in the endgame. In both events second sessions were required for plenty of games. In addition to scores in the round-by-round report, some of these endgames will be dealt with separately later.

Slashing start.-Belton made a slashing start, winning his first three games and claiming Eriksen as his Rould 1 victim. But in the last 8 rounds he collected only 1 1/2 more points, although the one scalp he took was the notable one of Foulds.

Winning Streaks.-Other notable winning streaks were by Foulds, with

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP. ROUND BY ROUND

Round 1

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| Eriksen...0 | Belton....1 |
| Lepviikman0 | Bello.....1 |
| van Dijk..0 | Court.....1 |
| Foulds....1 | Hutchings.0 |
| Marsick...0 | Frankel...1 |
| Menzies...½ | Lynch.....½ |

Belton played the Sicilian, won a Pawn, then another, and then a third. Lepviikman set a pattern which he was to follow with painful consistency, playing the opening well and building up at least an equal position, but losing through a single slip in the middlegame or endgame. Van Dijk had a satisfactory game against Court until he missed the best line and then made a blunder on which Court capitalised without delay. Lynch, who scored 2-2 against the top four, gained half a point by playing the Ruy Lopez against Menzies. Marsick

played an irregular opening, the Hippopotamus, characterised by the opening moves P-N3, B-N2, P-B3, N-R3, N-B2. He secured a reasonable game against Frankel but after 25 moves Frankel sprang a surprise and neatly won a Q and P endgame. We give the end of this game first.

BLACK: Frankel

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- - p - n - p b
- - - p P - - p
- - - P - P - -
- - P - - - P B
P P Q B - - -
R - - - R - K -
    
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WHITE: Marsick.
Black to move.

- 26. ... NxQP!
- 27.Q-Q3 QxB
- 28.PxN QR-K1
- 29.R-K2 Q-K3
- 30.R-R2 K-N2
- 31.R-KB1 K-B1
- 32.P-B5 PxB
- 33.BxBch QxB

- 34.RxBP R-K3
 - 35.R/2xP Q-B8ch
 - 36.R-B1 QxP
 - 37.R-B2 Q-N4!
 - 38.RxPch! K-K1!
 - 39.R/5-R7 R/3-N3
 - 40.R-B3 RxPch!
 - 41.RxR RxRch
 - 42.QxR Q-N8ch
 - 43.K-B2 QxR
 - 44.P-K6!? Q-B7ch
 - 45.K-N1 Q-Q8ch
 - 46.K-R2 Q-K7ch
 - 47.K-N1 QxKP
 - 48.Q-QN8ch K-K2
 - 49.QxNPch Q-Q2
 - 50.Q-N5ch K-B3
 - 51.P-R4 K-B4
 - 52.K-B2 K-K5
 - 53.Q-B3 Q-B4ch
 - 54.K-K1 Q-B6
 - 55.QxBP KxP
 - 56.Q-Q7 K-Q6
 - 57.Q-N5ch K-B7
 - 58.P-R5
- Q-Q7 prolongs the resistance.
- 58. ... Q-K6ch
 - 59.K-B1 Q-Q6ch
 - 60.QxQch KxQ
 - 61.K-B2 K-B7
 - 62.Resigns.

Ruy Lopez
(Notes by T. van Dijk)

WHITE BLACK
T. van Dijk R.A. Court
1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-N5 P-QR3
4. BxN NPxB

More usual is QPxB.

5. P-Q4 PxP
6. QxP P-Q3
7. N-B3 P-B3
8. B-K3 P-KN3
9. O-O-O B-KN2
10. Q-Q2 Q-K2
11. N-Q4 B-Q2
12. P-KR4? P-KR4!
13. K-N1 N-R3
14. P-B3 N-B2
15. P-B4 P-QB4
16. N-Q5 Q-Q1
17. N-KB3 P-B3
18. N-B3

White has lost time
with these N moves.

18. ... QR-N1
19. P-K5!

The only way to get
counterplay.

19. ... BPxP
20. Pxp O-O?

This move should have
been answered by Bxp!

21. N-R4? B-B4
22. P-QN3 NxP
23. QxP Q-R4
24. NxN QxN
25. B-B1??
QxP/B5 was necessary
and good.

25. ... Bxpch!
26. KxB QxRPch
27. K-Q3 RxPch
28. K-K4 Q-K7ch
and Black mates.

Sicilian Defence

WHITE BLACK
J. Eriksen C.P. Belton

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. P-QB3 N-QB3
3. P-Q4 P-Q3
4. B-QN5 Q-N3
5. N-QR3 B-Q2
6. P-Q5 N-K4
7. BxBch NxB
8. N-K2 P-N3
9. O-O B-N2
10. N-N3 N-B3
11. Q-K2 O-O
12. P-R4 P-KR4
13. B-N5 P-R3
14. N-B4 Q-B2
15. P-R4 P-N4
16. Pxp PxP
17. N-R3 P-N5

18. N-N5 Q-N3
19. P-B4 KR-K1
20. P-B4 RxR
21. RxR N-N5
22. P-B5 B-K4
23. N-B1 B-B3
24. N-K3 NxN
25. BxB? NxBP
26. QxN NxB
27. Pxp PxP
28. P-K5 N-N5
29. Pxp PxP
30. N-R7 Q-Q1
31. P-KN3 Q-K2
32. Q-Q3 Q-K6ch
33. QxQ RxQ
34. R-R6 RxPch
35. K-B1 R-B6ch
36. K-K1 R-B3
37. N-B8 N-K6
38. Nxp Nxp
39. R-R8ch R-B1
40. R-R5 N-B5
41. N-N7 N-Q6ch
42. K-Q2 NxP
43. RxP R-B5
44. K-B2 N-R5
45. R-R5 N-B6
46. N-B5 RxP
47. Resigns.

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PHILLIPS FOR BASLE!!

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Round 2

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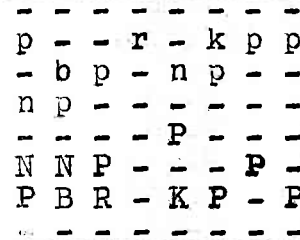
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| WHITE | BLACK |
| F.A.Foulds | F.P.Hutchings |
| 1.P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2.P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 3.B-Q3 | P-B4 |
| 4.P-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 5.N-Q2 | N-B3 |
| 6.KN-B3 | PxP |
| 7.KPxP | B-Q3 |
| 8.O-O | O-O |
| 9.R-K1 | Q-B2 |
| 10.Q-K2 | N-Q2 |
| 11.N-B1 | P-K4 |
| 12.PxP | N/3xP |
| 13.B-B2 | NxNch |
| 14.QxN | P-Q5 |
| 15.Q-Q3 | P-B4 |
| 16.PxP | N-B3 |
| 17.B-Q2 | B-Q2 |
| 18.QR-B1 | Q-N3 |
| 19.N-K3 | N-K5 |
| 20.NxP | BxN |
| 21.Q-B4ch | K-R1 |
| 22.BxN | QxNP |
| 23.R-B2 | Q-N3 |
| 24.BxB | RxB |
| 25.R-K6 | Q-Q1 |
| 26.B-K3, B-B5; 27.R-K4, | |
| BxB; 28.PxB, Q-KB1; | |
| 29.Q-K2, Q-N5; 30.P-N3, | |
| Q-N8ch; 31.K-N2, QR-KB1; | |
| 32.R-KB4.Black lost on time./ | |

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|-------------|-------------|
| Eriksen...1 | Lepviikman0 |
| Bello.....0 | van Dijk..1 |
| Court.....0 | Foulds....1 |
| Hutchings.0 | Marsick...1 |
| Frankel...0 | Menzies...1 |
| Lynch.....0 | Belton....1 |

Foulds and Belton took an early lead by becoming the only players with 2 points. Court lost a vital Pawn to Foulds in the late middlegame and Lynch lost on time on the last move before time control, but had little hope with the bad Bishop against a N. Lepviikman lost a Pawn early to Eriksen in a Ruy Lopez and was never dangerous, while Bello was generous with his Pawns against van Dijk. Hutchings-Marsick ended on a thrilling note, with Marsick finding a mate when threatened with mate on the move. Frankel gave up his KN Pawn to Menzies for attacking chances which never material-

WEAK ISOLATED PAWN
How Foulds won Courts weak, isolated QBP:

BLACK: F.A.Foulds



WHITE: R.A.Court.
White to play.

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| 28.NxN | BxN |
| 29.R-Q2 | RxRch |
| 30.KxR | N-B4 |
| 31.P-B3 | N-R5 |
| 32.K-B2 | N-N3 |
| 33.B-B1 | K-K3 |
| 34.K-Q3 | N-R5 |
| 35.B-Q2 | P-QR3 |
| 36.P-QB4 | N-N7ch |
| 37.K-B2 | BxB |
| 38.KxB | P-N5 |
| 39.N-B2 | NxPch |
| 40.K-K2 | P-QR4 |
| 41.N-Q4ch | K-Q3 |
| 42.K-Q3 | N-K4ch |
| 43.K-B2 | K-B4 |

- 44.N-K6ch K-B5
- 45.P-B4 N-B6
- 46.P-KR4 N-Q5ch
- 47.NxN KxN
- 48.Resigns.

- 25.R-B2 Q-K6ch
- 26.K-B1 P-K4
- 27.PxP Q-Q6ch
- 28.K-K1 PxN
- 29.PxP BxP
- 30.R-B7 B-Q4
- 31.R-N7ch K-B1
- 32.RxRP Q-N8ch
- 33.K-Q2 Q-N7ch
- 34.K-Q3 Q-B6ch
- 35.K-K2 Q-K6ch
- 36.K-Q1 Q-N8ch
- 37.K-Q2 QxPch
- 38.K-Q3 QxPch
- 39.KxP QxPch
- 40.K-B3 Q-B5ch
- 41.Resigns.

- 13.N-QR4 RxR
- 14.RxR B-B2
- 15.N-B5 P-QR3
- 16.P-R3 P-QN3
- 17.N-N3 P-QN4
- 18.B-K2 B-N3
- 19.N-K5 NxN
- 20.BxN N-K1
- 21.B-KB3 R-R2
- 22.N-Q4 K-B1
- 23.N-N3 P-B3
- 24.B-Q4 BxB
- 25.RxB K-K2
- 26.K-B1 N-Q3
- 27.N-R5 B-Q2
- 28.K-K2 R-B2
- 29.K-Q2 P-K4
- 30.R-Q5 P-K5
- 31.B-K2 P-B4
- 32.N-N3 N-N2
- 33.N-Q4 P-N3
- 34.P-N4 K-B3
- 35.PxP PxP
- 36.B-R5 B-K3
- 37.NxB KxN
- 38.R-Q4 N-Q3
- 39.B-K2 K-K4

King's Indian Defence

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|---------------|-----------|
| WHITE | BLACK |
| F.P.Hutchings | B.Marsick |
| 1.P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 2.N-QB3 | B-N2 |
| 3.P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 4.P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5.P-KB3 | QN-Q2 |
| 6.B-Q3 | P-B4 |
| 7.B-K3 | Q-N3 |
| 8.KN-K2 | PxP |
| 9.BxP | Q-R4 |
| 10.O-O | N-K4 |
| 11.R-N1 | NxB |
| 12.QxN | O-O |
| 13.P-QN4 | Q-B2 |
| 14.N-Q5 | NxN |
| 15.BPxN | P-QR3 |
| 16.KR-B1 | BxBch |
| 17.QxB | Q-Q1 |
| 18.R-B3 | B-Q2 |
| 19.QR-QB1 | R-B1 |
| 20.RxR | BxR |
| 21.Q-R7 | R-K1 |
| 22.N-Q4 | P-K3 |
| 23.PxP | PxP |
| 24.P-N5 | Q-N4! |

Queen's Gambit Accepted

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| WHITE | BLACK |
| D.I.Lynch | C.P.Belton |
| 1.P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 2.P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3.N-KB3 | PxP |
| 4.P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 5.BxP | B-K2 |
| 6.N-B3 | P-B4 |
| 7.O-O | N-B3 |
| 8.PxP | QxQ |
| 9.RxQ | BxP |
| 10.P-QR3 | K-K2 |
| 11.P-QN4 | B-N3 |
| 12.B-N2 | R-Q1 |

White lost on time.
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 ROUND-BY-ROUND REPORT,
 Rounds 4-7, will be
 presented in "CN" next
 month.

Round 3

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| van Dijk..0 | Eriksen...1 |
| Foulds....1 | Bello.....0 |
| Marsick...0 | Court.....1 |
| Menzies...1/2 | Hutchings.1/2 |
| Lynch.....1/2 | Frankel...1/2 |
| Belton.....1 | Lepviikman0 |

Foulds and Belton both made it three in a row, Foulds winning the exchange from Bello, who played the Caro-kann, and Belton taking a point from Lepviikman. The former champion had B and P against N and 2 Ps, with prospects of holding half a point, when he blundered on move 60. Hutchings played the Sicilian against Menzies and gained half a point when the game was reduced to an ending with Rooks and Knights. Lynch and Frankel had a quick draw after the latter had played the Dutch, van Dijk helped Eriksen to score a quick win, and Marsick did not play at his best against Court.

Budapest Counter-Gambit

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| WHITE | BLACK |
| T.van Dijk | J.Eriksen |

- 1.P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2.P-QB4 P-K4
- 3.PxP N-N5
- 4.B-B4 P-Q3
- 5.PxP Q-B3
- 6.Q-Q2 BxP
- 7.P-K3 BxB
- 8.PxB O-O
- 9.N-K2? R-Q1
- 10.Q-B3 Q-Q3
- 11.N-B3 Q-B4
- 12.Q-B3 N-Q3
- 13.N-B2 B-B4
- 14.P-KR3 R-Q6
- 15.N-K3 Q-N5ch
- 16.N-B3 RxN/B6
- 17.PxR QxPch
- 18.K-Q1 QxRch
- 19.Resigns.

Caro-kann Defence

| | |
|------------|---------|
| WHITE | BLACK |
| F.A.Foulds | W.Bello |

- 1.P-K4 P-QB3
- 2.P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3.PxP BxP
- 4.P-QB4 N-KB3
- 5.N-QB3 P-KN3
- 6.N-KB3 B-N2

- 7.B-K3 O-O
- 8.Q-N3 QN-Q2
- 9.P-B5 N-N1
- 10.B-K2 N-QB3
- 11.O-O P-K3
- 12.KR-Q1 P-QN3
- 13.N-QR4 Pxp
- 14.NxP R-N1
- 15.Q-R4 QN-R4
- 16.P-QN3 B-Q2
- 17.NxB NxN
- 18.B-QN5 N-KB3
- 19.B-KB4 Q-N3
- 20.BxR RxB
- 21.B-Q3 Q-Q1
- 22.N-K5 B-B1
- 23.N-B6 NxN
- 24.QxN R-B1
- 25.Q-R4 Q-B2
- 26.P-KN3 B-R3
- 27.B-R6 Q-B7
- 28.B-Q3 Q-B6
- 29.P-QN4 QxQP
- 30.B-R6 Q-N7

31.QR-N1, Q-B7; 32.QxQ, RxQ; 33.P-QR4, N-K5; 34. B-Q3, R-R7; 35.BxN, PxN; 36.P-QR5, P-K6; 37.PxP, BxPch; 38.K-R1, P-K4; 39.R-R1, R-B7; 40.QR-N1, R-R7; 41.R-R1, R-QN7; 42.KR-QN1, R-QB7; 43. P-QN5, Resigns.

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| | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 0. | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 0. | 1. | 2. | Tl. | P1. |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1. B. Douglas (Auck) | x | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | 1= |
| 2. G.G. Haase (Dun) | 1/2 | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1/2 | - | - | - | 1/2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 1= |
| 3. R.J. Sutton (Auck) | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | x | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1/2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 7 1/2 | 3 |
| 4. L. Whitehouse (Ham) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 7 | 4 |
| 5. R.E. Baeyertz (Auck) | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | - | x | 1 | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 6 1/2 | 5= |
| 6. M. Ponimoni (Well) | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 6 1/2 | 5= |
| 7. K.M. Okey (N.Ply) | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 1/2 | 5= |
| 8. N. Cruden (N.Ply) | 1/2 | 1/2 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | x | - | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 6 | 8= |
| 9. B.J. Halpin (Manga) | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | x | 1 | 0 | - | 1 | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8= | |
| 10. W. Reindler (Te Awa) | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | x | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 6 | 8= | |
| 11. E. Frost (Well) | 1/2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0 | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - | 5 1/2 | 11= |
| 12. I.D. Hayes (Dun) | 0 | - | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 1/2 | - | 1 | x | - | 1/2 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 1/2 | 11= | |
| 13. R. Kyle (Cambridge) | 0 | - | - | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | - | x | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 5 1/2 | 11= | |
| 14. Miss M. McGrath (Wn) | 1/2 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | - | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | x | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 1/2 | 11= | |
| 15. J.B. Kay (Auckland) | 0 | 1/2 | - | - | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | - | 0 | 1 | - | - | - | x | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 5 | 15= | |
| 16. R.L. Mills (Taur) | - | - | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | x | 1/2 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 15= | |
| 17. Mrs E.L. Short (Ak) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | x | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 15= | |
| 18. W.L. McIver (Ham) | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 18= | 18= | |
| 19. R. Roundill (Gore) | - | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 1 | - | 1/2 | 1 | x | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 4 | 18= | 20= | |
| 20. H.F. Pobar (Well) | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | x | 0 | 1/2 | 2 1/2 | 20= | 20= | |
| 21. H.E. Halpin (Manga) | - | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 2 1/2 | 20= | 20= | |
| 22. S. Mancewicz (Hawera) | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 2 1/2 | 20= | 20= | 20= | |

Pobar lost to Mrs Short by default. First and second in order on count-back, others generally in alphabetical order.

Brian Douglas and Graham Haase took the honours in the Reserves, Douglas being the only unbeaten player at Congress and taking the top place on the count-back.

Like the Championship, the Reserves was a tough tournament, with only 1 1/2 points separating the top eight players with three rounds to go. Also as in the Championship, the winners each

dropped three points on the way, Douglas through 6 draws, Haase through a loss (to Baeyertz) and 4 draws. Count-back points (total scores of all opponents) were Douglas 78, Haase 76½. For the record it should be stated that in addition to meeting each other Douglas and Haase each met the same 8 opponents. One met Hayes and one met Frost, these two each scoring 5½. The count-back difference rested on Douglas's game with Kyle and Haase's game with McIver, these being the first round pairings.

Players were seeded and generally results worked out close to the seedings. Douglas was seeded 2 and Haase 3. Dr Reindler, seeded 1 and first emergency for the championship, did not play up to top form and his loss in the last round to B.J. Halpin was one of the form upsets of Congress. Halpin was one player who exceeded expectations, being a relative unknown and being seeded 21st but finishing with above 50 per cent. . Another to perform well above rating was Miss McGrath.

Generally the others played to form, the main exception being I.D. Hayes, who struck opening and clock trouble to finish in the middle of the field although seeded fifth.

Haase was never headed, leading alone from the fifth round until Douglas caught him in the tenth. After 9 rounds the leaders were: Haase 7, Douglas 6½, Reindler 6, Whitehouse 6, Sutton 5½, Ponimoni 5½, Baeyertz 5½, Okey 5½, Kay 5, Cruden 5.

In the last round Haase drew with Frost and Douglas with Cruden, the two staying on the same mark.

Third place was decided by Sutton's last-round defeat of Ponimoni, both requiring the win to be clear third. Okey could have shared third with a win over Whitehouse, but the latter won to take fourth place. Baeyertz won from Kay to finish in the top bracket.

The first game we give from the Reserves is from the tenth round. Notes by B. Douglas.

Ruy Lopez.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|------------|
| I.D. Hayes | B. Douglas |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | NxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. Pxp | B-K3 |
| 9. P-B3 | B-QB4 |
| 10. QN-Q2 | O-O |
| 11. B-B2 | NxKBP! |

The aggressive Dilworth variation, which leads to very sharp play.

12.RxN P-KB3
 13.PxP BxRch
 14.KxB QxP
 The most accurate sequence of moves for Black. If 13...., QxP White can play 14.Q-B1! to recapture on B2 with the Queen.
 15.N-B1 N-K4
 16.K-N1

Pachman considers that after 16.B-K3!, QR-K1 (the point of White's play, the Black QR will have wasted a tempo in going to KB1); 17.K-N1, NxN; 18.QxN, QxQ; 19.PxQ, RxP; 20.B-B2! White has an advantage.
 16. ... NxN
 17.QxN QxQ
 18.PxQ RxP

A critical position. Black has a small material advantage and good attacking chances. In compensation for this White has the two Bishops. As this game shows White has great difficulty in activating his Bishops as he is continually tied

to the defence of his first and second ranks.
 19.B-K3
 B-Q2 is stronger.
 19. ... B-R6
 20.B-QB5
 White has prevented Black's QR from going to KB1, but it is just as useful on the King file.
 20. ... R-K1
 21.N-N3 P-QB3
 22.P-QR4

Trying to open lines for the Bishops.
 22. ... P-KR4
 23.PxNP

The best defence seems to be 23.B-N6! e.g., 23...., R-K4; 24.BxRP, RxNch; 25.PxR, RxB=. If White take the KRP he seems to get the worst of things after 23.NxP, R-K7. If 24.B-N3, RxNP; 25.B-R2, RxB++. Or 24.B-Q3, R-Q7!; 25.RPxP, BPxP++. Or 24.PxNP!, P-QR4!; 25.B-R4, RxNP! and if 26.PxP?, R-R7!

23. ... P-R5
 24.PxRP!? PxN
 25.P-R7 P-N7 (forced)

26.P-R8/Q?? R-B8ch
 27.Resigns.
 After the game Hayes suggested 26.B-B2, but this seems to be refuted by 26...., QR-KB1!; 27.P-R8/Q, RxB!; 28.QxR (forced), RxQ. The only defence therefore is 26.B-Q3, although Black would have good chances after RxB; 27.P-R8/Q, RxQ.

Hromadka System

| | WHITE | BLACK |
|--|---------|-------|
| G. Haase | 1.P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| | 2.P-QB4 | P-B4 |
| | 3.P-Q5 | P-K3 |
| | 4.N-QB3 | P-QN4 |
| | 5.B-N5 | B-N2 |
| 6.P-Q6, PxP; 7.P-K4, Q-N3; 8.BxN, PxB; 9. BxP, QxNP; 10.KN-K2, BxKP; 11.O-O, BxNP; 12.KxB, R-N1ch; 13. K-R1, Q-N5; 14.Q-Q3, N-B3; 15.QR-N1, Q-R6; 16.R-N3, Q-R4; 17.R/1-QN1, N-N5; 18.Q-B3, R-B1; 19.N-N5, R-N3; 20.Q-N7, R-B3; 21.N-B7ch, RxN; 22.PxR, Res. | | |

The Final Scores

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. L.Steiner (NSW) | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2.B.Berger (NSW) | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3.A.Bachtiar (Indo.) | 11 |
| 4.O.Sarapu (NZ) | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5.M.Wotulo (Indo,) | 10 |
| 6=.E.Basta (Vic) | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6=K.Ozols (Vic) | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6=R.Pikler (NSW) | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9= H.Klass (NSW) | 9 |
| 9= J.Purdy (NSW) | 9 |
| 11=J.R.Phillips (NZ) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=J.N.Hanks (Vic) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=O.Weber (Tas) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=G.Koshnitsky (NSW) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=C.J.S.Purdy (NSW) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=F.Campomanes (Phil) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11=P.J.Viner (NSW) | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18=J.V.Kellner (NSW) | 8 |
| 18=J.Szewczyk (NSW) | 8 |
| 18=B.Kondra (Vic) | 8 |
| 18=L.Awdiew (Vic) | 8 |
| 22=D.B.Pike (NSW) | 7 |
| 22=W.Bleicher (NSW) | 7 |
| 22=A.Teters (Vic) | 7 |
| 22=F.A.Crowl (Vic) | 7 |
| 22=V.Lapin (Queen) | 7 |
| 27.W.Poder (NSW) | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28.Dr P.Kalinovsky (SA) | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 29.W.Leonhardt (WA) | 5 |
| 30=P.Foster (WA) | 4 |
| 30=A.Rudzitis (Vic) | 4 |
| 32.P.Timoshenko (Vic) | 3 |

STEINER TAKES AUSTRALIAN TITLE AT SYDNEY

===== Report from Rodney Phillips

Lajos Steiner won his fourth Australian title from a field of 32 in the tournament held in Sydney from late December well into January.

The field was the strongest ever to have contested an Australian championship, and even last-placed Timoshenko beat C.J.S.Purdy. Steiner's play was solid and he used his vast experience to the full. Berger made a great burst at the finish, scoring 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of his last seven games.

Bachtiar and Wotulo both surprised the field, but their result was not a flash in the pan. Wotulo has drawn with Averbach and Bachtiar refused a draw with the Russian grandmaster, in a won position, but lost on time.

Sarapu played well at the start, but faded in the second half. Later in this half he had to contend with many adjourned games, but his decline had already begun with a loss and two draws in the middle stages. Both New Zealanders suffered a lot from the heat. My weight dropped approx. 7lbs during the tournament.

The standard of play in Australia is much higher at the top than that in New Zealand. I was quickly shown this. My play improved tremendously during the tournament. I scored the fantastic result of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8 with White and 1 out of 8 with Black.

Sarapu led after six rounds and still shared the lead with Steiner and Wotulo at the half-way mark, but lost to Bachtiar in round 9. I was most highly-placed (5th equal) after 14 rounds, when I reached 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.

PHILLIPS v. SICILIAN

We give the scores of three of Rodney Phillips' wins at Sydney, all against the Sicilian.

| WHITE | BLACK |
|---------------|-----------|
| J.R. Phillips | M. Wotulo |
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. NxP | P-Q3 |
| 5. P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 6. N-QB3 | B-N2 |
| 7. B-K3 | N-KB3 |
| 8. B-K2 | N-Q2 |
| 9. O-O | O-O |
| 10. Q-Q2 | N/2-K4 |
| 11. P-KR3 | R-K1 |
| 12. QR-Q1 | P-QR3 |
| 13. P-KB4 | N-Q2 |
| 14. NxN | PxN |
| 15. P-QB5 | PxP |
| 16. B-N4 | P-K3 |
| 17. N-R4 | Q-K2 |
| 18. P-K5 | R-QN1 |
| 19. B-B3 | R-N2 |
| 20. Q-R5 | N-N1 |
| 21. NxBP | RxNP |
| 22. P-QR4 | P-KN4 |
| 23. PxP | R-QB7 |
| 24. B-R5 | R-B1 |
| 25. N-K4 | P-QB4 |

How the two New Zealanders fared, round by round...

| <u>O. SARAPU</u> | | | <u>J. R. PHILLIPS</u> | | |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Rd. | Opponent | Res. Score | Rd. | Opponent | Res. Score |
| 1. | Awdiew | Win 1 | 1. | Basta | Loss 0 |
| 2. | Bleicher | Draw 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2. | Szewczyk | Draw 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. | Viner | Draw 2 | 3. | Leonhardt | Win 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. | Campomanes | Win 3 | 4. | Steiner | Loss 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | Kellner | Win 4 | 5. | Klass | Loss 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. | Wotulo | Win 5 | 6. | Crowl | Win 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. | Steiner | Draw 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7. | J. Purdy | Draw 3 |
| 8. | Klass | Win 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8. | Bleicher | Win 4 |
| 9. | Bachtiar | Loss 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9. | Awdiew | Draw 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. | Pikler | Draw 7 | 10. | Kondra | Win 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | Hanks | Loss 7 | 11. | C. J. S. Purdy | Win 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12. | Ozols | Win 8 | 12. | Pikler | Loss 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. | Weber | Draw 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13. | Hanks | Win 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. | Berger | Loss 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 14. | Wotulo | Win 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. | Koshnitsky | Win 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15. | Bachtiar | Loss 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. | Phillips | Win 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 16. | Sarapu | Loss 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| ===== | | | | | |
| | 26. BxQBP | RxB | | 39. N-B4 | B-N1 |
| | 27. QxR | QxQ | | 40. R-QN2 | B-B2 |
| | 28. NxQ | BxKP | | 41. R-N7 | K-N3 |
| | 29. BxPch | RxB | | 42. P-R4 | B-Q1 |
| | 30. R-Q8ch | K-N2 | | 43. R-Q7 | Resigns. |
| | 31. RxRch | KxR | | | |
| | 32. RxB | P-QR4 | | WHITE | BLACK |
| | 33. N-N3 | N-Q2 | | J. R. Phillips | W. Bleicher |
| | 34. NxP | N-N3 | | 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| | 35. R-B2 | NxP | | 2. N-KB3 | P-K3 |
| | 36. K-B2 | N-N3 | | 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| | 37. K-B3 | N-Q4 | | 4. NxP | P-QR3 |
| | 38. P-N3 | B-Q3 | | 5. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |

BOBBY FISCHER RETAINS UNITED STATES TITLE

Fifteen-year-old grandmaster Bobby Fischer held his American title in the championship tournament which was held in New York through the Christmas-New Year period. He scored 8½-2½, finishing a point ahead of S. Reshevsky, and was unbeaten. He won from Reshevsky, and in startling fashion, winning Reshevsky's Queen for two minor pieces on move 11. The game follows:-

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| WHITE | BLACK |
| R. Fischer | S. Reshevsky |
| 1.P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2.N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3.P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4.NxP | P-KN3 |
| 5.N-QB3 | B-N2 |
| 6.B-K3 | N-B3 |

| | |
|----------|---------------|
| 7.B-QB4 | O-O |
| 8.B-N3 | N-QR4? |
| 9.P-K5 | N-K1 |
| 10.BxPch | KxB |
| 11.N-K6 | PxN |
| 12.QxQ | and Reshevsky |

Correct was P-Q3.
If KxN; 12.Q-Q5ch leads to mate.
resigned 30 moves later.

AROUND THE CHESS WORLD. . . . The premier event at the annual year's-end Hastings, England, congress was won by East German champion, 23, from Portisch (Hungary) 7, Gereben (stateless) 6, Darga (West Germany) 5½, Duckstein (Austria) 5, Clarke (Britain) and Wade (Britain) 4, Fuster (Canada) 3, Radoicic (Yugoslavia) 1½, Barden (Britain) 1. . . The USSR and USA championships affected the Hastings entry. We learn that Fischer and Tal would have gone but for their national events. As we go to press Tal is defending his Russian title in the annual tournament, being held at Tiflis. Result next month.

| | |
|---------|----------|
| 6.N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 7.B-Q3 | N-B3 |
| 8.B-B2 | P-Q4 |
| 9.NxN | PxN |
| 10.P-K5 | N-Q2 |
| 11.Q-N4 | B-B1 |
| 12.PxP | BPxP |
| 13.B-R4 | Q-B2 |
| 14.O-O | P-KN3 |
| 15.NxQP | PxN |
| 16.P-K6 | P-KB4 |
| 17.Q-Q4 | R-KN1 |
| 18.QxQP | Resigns. |

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| WHITE | BLACK |
| J.R. Phillips | W. Leonhardt |
| 1.P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2.N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3.P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4.NxP | N-KB3 |
| 5.N-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 6.P-B4 | B-N2 |
| 7.P-K5 | PxP |
| 8.PxP | N-Q4? |
| 9.B-N5ch | K-B1 |
| 10.N-B3 | P-K3 |
| 11.B-N5 | Q-N3 |
| 12.NxN | PxN |
| 13.QxP | B-K3 |
| 14.Q-Q3 | N-B3 |
| 15.BxN | PxB |
| 16.O-O-O | B-Q4 |
| 17.KR-K1 | P-KR3 |
| 18.B-B6 | K-N1 |
| 19.P-KR4 | K-R2 |
| 20.P-R5 | BxB |
| 21.PxB | KR-K1 |
| 22.PxPch | PxP |
| 23.N-N5ch | K-R1 |
| 24.QxNP | Res. |

WAIKATO GAME

O N E N D G A M E S

Brian Douglas has found an ingenious draw in the Marsick-Whitehouse game discussed last month.

The position in which a draw was agreed was:

BLACK: L.Whitehouse

p - - - - k - p
P - - - - - - -
- - - - K - - P
- - - - - - -
- - - - - - -
- - - - - - -

WHITE: B.Marsick.

He gave a win for White after 1.K-Q5, K-N3; 2. K-B6, K-R4. Douglas gives the following analysis:

- 1.K-Q5 P-R4!
- 2.K-B6 K-K3!!
- 3.K-N6 K-Q3!
- 4.KxP K-B3

White cannot win on the queenside, so he must sacrifice his QRP and try to queen his KRP.

- 5.K-R7 K-B2!
- 6.P-R6

If K-R6, K-B3, etc. If K-R8, K-B1, etc.

- 6. ... K-B1
 - 7.K-N6! K-N1
 - 8.K-B6!
- This gains a tempo. If
- 8.K-N5, K-R2; 9.K-R5, K-R1 etc.
 - 8. ... K-R2
 - 9.K-Q6 KxP
 - 10.K-K6 K-N3
 - 11.K-B6 K-B3
 - 12.K-N6 K-Q3
 - 13.KxP K-K2!
 - 14.K-N6 K-B1!
 - 15.K-R7

If P-R5, K-N1, followed through by K-R1.

- 15. ... K-B2
- 16.P-R5 K-B1
- 17.P-R6 K-B2
- 18.K-R8 K-B1 etc.

BISHOP v. PAWNS

K.M.Steele has sent analysis on the Eriksen-Marsick endgame (last issue), agreeing that there is a win for Black after he sacrifices his B, but finds a fault in analysis by B.Douglas.

The position in which a draw was agreed was:

BLACK: B.Marsick

----- B - - k -
- - p - - p - p
- - - - - - -
p - - - p - - -
b p - - - - -
- P - - - - -
- - P - - - P P
- - - - - K -

WHITE: J.Eriksen.

After 1...BxP, 28.PxB, P-R5; 29.B-B6, Douglas suggested P-R6; 30.BxP, P-QB4 and the Pawns march

Steele claims that 29. ...P-R6 loses, giving the following as his main line: 30.BxP, P-QB4; 31. B-Q6, P-R7; 32.B-K5, P-B4 (the best chance); 33. K-B2, K-B2; 34.K-K3, K-K3; 35.B-N2, K-Q4; 36.K-Q3, P-KB5; 37.P-R3 and wins.

However, instead of 29. ...P-R6, Steele considers PxP wins, his main line being: 30.BxP, P-KB4; 31. K-B2, K-B2; 32.K-K3, K-K3; 33.B-N7 (the best defence) (Cont.ft. col.2,P.17)

New Zealand games were invited for this month's novelty section, but the palm must go to Bobby Fischer for his win over Reshevsky, who could have resigned after 12 moves.

We also give another overseas game, but with a New Zealand flavour, won by the winner of the recent international tournament at Hastings, England.

Queen's Gambit Accepted

| <u>WHITE</u> | <u>BLACK</u> |
|--------------|--------------|
| W.Uhlmann | R.G.Wade |
| 1.P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2.P-QB4 | PxP |
| 3.N-KB3 | P-QB4 |
| 4.P-Q5 | N-KB3 |
| 5.N-B3 | P-K3 |
| 6.P-K4 | PxP |
| 7.P-K5 | P-Q5 |
| 8.BxP | N-B3 |
| 9.PxN | PxN |
| 10.Q-K2ch | K-Q2 |
| 11.B-B4 | Q-R4 |
| 12.R-Q1ch | N-Q5 |
| 13.B-N5ch | QxB |
| 14.QxQch | K-K3 |
| 15.NxNch | PxN |
| 16.RxP | Resigns. |

B R E V I T I E S

Now for two short games from the Hamilton Congress, both from the Reserves.

Ruy Lopez

| <u>WHITE</u> | <u>BLACK</u> |
|--------------|--------------|
| I.D.Hayes | M.Ponimoni |
| 1.P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2.N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3.B-N5 | N-Q5 |
| 4.NxN | PxN |
| 5.P-Q3 | Q-K2 |
| 6.N-Q2 | N-B3 |
| 7.N-B3 | Q-N5ch |
| 8.Resigns. | |

A piece is lost, it is early in the tourney, and White decides it is not worth while fighting a lost cause.

Falkbeer Counter Gambit

| <u>WHITE</u> | <u>BLACK</u> |
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| W.L.McIver | E.Frost |
| 1.P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2.P-KB4 | P-Q4 |
| 3.BPxP? | |
| KPxP is the move. | |
| 3. . . . | Q-R5ch |
| 4.K-K2 | QxPch |
| 5.K-B2 | B-B4ch |
| 6.K-N3 | |

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P-Q4 would prolong the resistance.

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| 6. . . . | P-KR4 |
| 7.P-KR3 | QxKPch |
| 8.K-B3 | Q-K5ch |
| 9.K-N3 | P-R5ch |
| 10.K-R2 | B-Q3ch |
| 11.P-N3 | PxPmate. |

And here is a slightly longer game from the Auckland Congress four years ago. Sicilian Def.

| <u>WHITE</u> | <u>BLACK</u> |
|--------------|--------------|
| J.H.Patchett | J.J.Hurley |
| 1.P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2.N-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3.P-Q3 | N-KB3 |
| 4.P-B4 | P-K4 |
| 5.N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 6.B-K2 | P-QN3 |
| 7.O-O | B-N2 |
| 8.B-K3 | Q-B2 |
| 9.N-QN5 | Q-N1 |
| 10.P-B3 | P-QR3 |
| 11.N-R3 | P-Q4 |
| 12.PxKP | QNxP |
| 13.NxN | QxN |
| 14.B-B4 | Q-K3 |
| 15.P-K5! | N-Q2 |
| 16.B-N4 | Q-QB3 |
| 17.P-K6 | N-B3 |
| 18.PxPch | KxP |

- 19. B-B3 B-K2
- 20. N-B4 N-Q2
- 21. B-Q6 KR-K1?

With so many threats to consider Black overlooks the most dangerous one.

22. BxP dble ch Resigns. It would not be necessary to take the Q. After K-N3; 23. B-B7ch, K moves; 24. Q-R5mate.

Here is a gamelet played recently in Germany. Alekhine Def.

- 1. P-K4 N-KB3
- 2. P-K5 N-Q4
- 3. P-QB4 N-N3
- 4. P-B5 N-Q4
- 5. N-QB3 P-K3
- 6. KB-B4 NxN
- 7. NPxN Q-R5
- 8. Q-K2 BxP
- 9. P-Q4 B-K2?
- 10. P-KN3 Resigns.

The Q is lost. Surely the following is the quickest a Q has been lost in a game: 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, Q-B3; 3. P-K5, Q-B4?; 4. B-Q3 and that's all. Next month's novelties: Smothered mates.

GAME OF THE MONTH

No game of the month award this month, with no fresh entries. We make a new start with the New Year. A 5/-book token awaits the best game from a current club tourney, also the best game by a school-boy in any current club tourney.

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Any SCHOOLBOY player who would like a friendly correspondence game or two is invited to write to the editor.

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ERIKSEN-MARSICK Cont.

K-Q4; 34. K-Q2 (if 34. K-Q3, P-B4; 35. B-B8, P-B5ch; 36. K-Q2, P-B6ch; 37. K-B1, K-B5), P-B4; 35. B-B8, K-B3; 36. K-B1, K-N4; 37. K-N2, P-B5; 38. B-Q6, K-R5; 39. P-R3, P-B6ch; 40. K-N1, K-R6; 41. P-N4, PxP; 42. Pxp, P-N7; 43. P-N5 or B moves (if K-B2, K-R7), K-N6 and mate next move. Other studies next month.

INTER-SCHOOL GAMES BY CORRESPONDENCE

We have been asked to arrange correspondence games between school groups playing in consultation. We are happy to oblige.

Teams can comprise any number of players, with or without a master taking part. Each team to appoint a captain who will write to "CN" and conduct the correspondence. Moves to be made after discussion by each team.

A couple of Auckland schools are keen, and we believe schools in Dunedin and Wellington will take part.

No school will be asked to play more than 5 or 6 opponents, so the cost should not exceed 1/- per team per week. No entry fee. All pairings will be made and games started by the end of February, so interested schools should write to "CN" NOW.

Obituary.....Mr JOHN ROFFEY.
(From Dr N.E.H.Fulton)

With much regret I notify you of the death of John Roffey, one of our small chess community in Ashburton, at the age of 71. Though not a strong player, he loved the ancient game and went to Invercargill last year to play in the lower grade of the South Island tournament, being one of the prizewinners.

Though he had not been well for the past two years, Mr Roffey kept up his interest in chess and was a keen correspondence player and problem solver.

Last year Mr Roffey assisted in teaching chess to pupils at the Ashburton Technical School. His cheery smile and happy personality will be much missed among chess players who have met him over the board. We will all miss him. Our sympathy goes to Mrs Roffey.

===== CHESS WORLD! CHESS WORLD!
Full report on the Sydney Tournament, with games and notes by C.J.S.Purdy, is appearing in "Chess World."

We have arranged with Mr Purdy to accept subscriptions for "Chess World," £1NZ per annum, also to take orders for books, equipment, etc. Send your order through "Chess News."

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SNIPPETS. . .Congress players had a cheery thought for Ortvin Sarapu and Rodney Phillips in Sydney, cabling wishes for a repeat of Melbourne performance to Sarapu and "Fischer's Luck" to Phillips. . .A name which featured in the University Entrance Scholarship list was J.R. Phillips, who pleased his family with a Pass with Credit and will be back after a scholarship this year. . .Another candidate for a scholarship this year will be national schoolboy chess champion L.J. Walpole, who was a holiday-time visitor to Wellington for the national junior tennis championships. He did not fare as well as when he visited Wellington for chess. . .Rodney Phillips' name has appeared in "Chess in U.S.S.R." in a round-up of national champions the world over. . .A lively chess club is operating at Mangakino, keen members including the Halpin brothers, who visited Hamilton for Congress. . .An honorary member of Mangakino C.C., and club champion, is F.P. Hutchings, who is using the holidays to further his practical experience of engineering. . . We wondered why Bobby Fischer did not play in the international teams tourney at Munich after his success

at Portoroz, found he had flown back to the United States and was back at school. . .The recent Congress was the first to be staged by Waikato, but judging from players' reactions most are looking forward to another visit to Hamilton. . .Israel's first international tourney was held shortly before Christmas in conjunction with the celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the country's independence. S. Reshevsky, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$, won from L. Szabo, 10-3. R.G. Wade, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, was 4th equal. . .Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen won a recent tourney at Mar del Plata, with 12-3 (loss to Panno), ahead of W. Lombardy (no losses, 11-4), Eliskases 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Panno 9, Sanguinetti 9, Pilnik 9. . .STOP PRESS...M. Tal lost his first game in the Russian championship, to Juchtman, of Moscow. Tal played the Sicilian. Before Christmas Tal was third in the Latvian championship, with 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$, behind Gipslis (who beat Tal) and Silber, both on 17-2.

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PROBLEM PAGE . . . CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS. PROBLEM LADDER

Well, with this issue the first "CN" problem champion- chip, to run through 1959, gets under way. This is the ideal time for solvers to join our ranks. 21 and 22 are the competition problems and solutions will automatic- ally count towards the championship and the perpetual ladder. . .Apologies for our first problem page error. Solution to No.13 should have been P-Q8/B. . .DGB sent in November solutions, both correct, and they reached us just as December issue was going into the mail. We have accepted them, but docked a couple of points. . .Your PE has a lot to learn about problems, but increased his knowledge this month through No.15. Nos 15 and 16 came from a book of problems by A.Robbins published back in the 80's, and after publishing No.11, which was cooked, we set out to avoid cooks if possible. And when FAH's solution arrived and we opened it we nearly fell over. The composer's solution was R-QN7 and FAH submitted R-KB7! We checked and

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| C.Smyth | ... - 4 |
| M.R.Wislang | ... - 2 |
| R.Chapman | ... - 2 |

double-checked, could not fault FAH (although we thought we might have caught him when we found he had not taken into account all R moves for Black). Then we waited in trepidation for someone to send in both solutions and collect an extra eight points; but no-one did, although DGB found the same key.

COMPETITION PROBLEMS.....ONE FOR BEGINNERS...And a CLASSIC 4er

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| <u>21.A.Ellerman'46</u> | <u>22.C.Mansfield'46</u> | <u>23.O.Stocchi,</u> | <u>24.W.Pauly. '06.</u> |
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| b n - - - - - - | b - R - - - - - | K - N - - - - - | - - - - - - - - |
| <u>10v10 Mate in 2</u> | <u>9v7 Mate in 2</u> | <u>4v3 Mate in 2</u> | <u>8v1. Mate in 4</u> |

PROBLEM COMPETITION RULES: Points:

- a) 2-mover, correct solution, 2 points.
- b) 3-mover, correct solution, 3 points, plus 1 point for each variation given correctly in full (main line). Deduction of 1 point for each notation error.
- c) No solution, correct claim, 2pts for 2-ers, 3pts for 3-ers. Wrong claim, minus 1 point.
- d) Cooks, 2pts for each key for 2-ers, 3 pts for each key for 3-ers, plus 1 point for each variation given correctly in full, minus 1 point for each notation error.
- e) Problem Editor to award bonus pts under special circumstances, ie, naming error in diagram. ALL DECISIONS OF PE FINAL.

Perpetual Ladder.-New solvers may join the ladder at any time. After April, July, Oct issues, 1959, the leader will be awarded trophy of 6mths sub to "CN" and will start again at the bottom. If a tie, both win.

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DECEMBER SOLUTIONS: 15/1, R-QN7.

a/ 1...., KxR; 2.R-B7ch, NXR or K-R1; 3.N-N6. b/ 1...., R/2xR; 2.RxPch, R or N/4-R2; 3.N-B7. If 2...., N/2-R2; 3.N-N6. c/ 1...., R/1xR; 2.RxNch, R-N1; 3.N-N6 or N-B7. d/ 1...., N/1 any; 2.N-N6ch, KxR; 3.R-B7. e/ 1...., N/4 any; 2.N-B7ch, KxR; 3.R-N6. Max. points, 8. No extra points for 1...., N-N3 or 1...., N-B2, as variations are identical with d or e. KMS, NEHF, JHP and CE all scored full marks.

15/2, R-KB7. a/ 1...., RxR, R-K2, R-Q2 or R-B2; 2.N-B7ch, any; 3.RxP. b/ 1...., R/2-N2; 2.RxPch, any; 3.N-N7 or N-B7. c/ 1...., R/1-N2 or N3; 2.RxNch, R-N1; 3.N-N6. d/ 1...., N/4 moves; 2.N-N6ch, RxN; 3.RxP. e/ 1...., N/1 moves; 2.N-N6ch, RxN; 3.R-B3. DGB full marks, FAH missed b/.

16. B-QN6. a/ 1...., KxP; 2.R-B4 or Q-Q1, K-Q4; 3.Q-Q4. b/ 1...., K-B5; 2.R-B3, PxP; 3.Q-B5. Any other Black second move, 3.Q-Q4. c/ 1...., PxP; 2.R-B3, K-K5; 3.B-B6. Any other Black second move, 3.Q-B5. d/ 1...., K-K5; 2.R-B3, KxR or P-Q4; 3.Q-K3. If 2...., KxP or K-Q3; 3.Q-Q4. Or 2...., PxP; 3.B-QB6. Stumped DGB, CE missed a/, others full score.

17.B-N1. 18.K-K5. 19.N-B6. 20.R-N5. No difficulties - all full scores.

TOURS FUND: £100 TOPPED, BIGGEST EFFORT TO COME

Donations received since the last issue carry the total received in cash and promises for the Tours Fund to get Rodney Phillips to the World Junior Championships in Basle in August to over £100. It has taken six months to get only one-fifth of the way -- but practically all the receipts to date have been individual voluntary donations, and that for New Zealand is a pretty good effort.

Now the biggest job is to come. We hear from Auckland that there will be a substantial prize list for the art union to be conducted to raise funds. Tickets will be sold next month, and plenty are being printed. The whole success of this venture will depend on the success of this raffle, so it is up to every one who would like to see Rodney Phillips make this trip to sell as many tickets as they can.

The "CN" penny fund has not produced as good results as we expected, at least in receipts to date. But other activities are keeping things moving. David Lynch gave a simul in Napier and the proceeds head the list on this page -- Dominion Road CC have been constantly busy raising funds and next they are considering holding a concert. SEND GIFTS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES URGENTLY TO MR F.VINCENT; 26 CODRINGTON CRES., MISSION BAY. Also send him requests for books of tickets.

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