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CAPT. DEVERICKS TO JAPAN

Those who have been anxiously awaiting the return from military service of Capt. B.W. (Bill) Devericks, originally of Clarksburg, W.Va., and late of Ft. Knox, Ky., will be distressed to learn that he has been assigned to duty in Japan.

Bill gave us a hint of it a few weeks ago in a letter; next thing we knew we were getting a "change of address" card from a West Coast port. So now we don't know how long it will be before he resumes his weekly play with the Clarksburg Chess Club and takes part in another state tournament.

If you see Japanese names and addresses start popping up in the West Virginia Chess Association membership list, don't be surprised. Bill's a great missionary!

HUNTINGTON VERSUS CHARLESTON?

We hope we're not revealing confidential information but we have a letter from Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, our state champion, of Huntington, dated Feb. 8, in which he says: "We are trying to arrange a team match, Huntington against Charleston, or a round-robin tournament with Charleston and Huntington players over a week-end. Will let you know if anything comes of it."

Sounds like a swell idea and one, we know, which will appeal to the Charleston players. They're a live bunch. Why doesn't Clarksburg and Morgantown get into this, too? Couldn't we work up some sort of a state league for team play? Hummm?

WHY CLEVELAND HAS THE NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPION--A SERMON

It is cooperation such as is apparent from the following article in the CLEVELAND CHESS BULLETIN which will bring chess to the youth of America and produce world champions in these United States:

"The Physical Education Department of the Cleveland School Board, through Supervisor Floyd Rowe, is making ready to promote chess in the schools of the Cleveland area. Notices have been sent to 86 schools in Cuyhoga County to send representatives to a meeting at which plans will be laid for a comprehensive chess educational program."

You might be interested to know that the Pawns Club, composed of Cleveland's junior players, is leading in this year's team play, with three wins and no defeats. We note elsewhere in the same issue that John Hoy, Cleveland expert, gave a simultaneous exclusively for juniors, playing 20 games and getting only 11 wins and three draws. And that youngsters who wish to play in other simultaneous exhibitions against masters get their tickets at a 40 percent reduction. Need we say more?

WANT A FRENCH CHESS PAPER?

Dr. Jean Mennerat of Paris sends us a copy of "LE MONDE DES ECHecs" (or Chess World). We find we actually can play over the games, with a little backtracking and concentration but we think it'd be more fun for someone who reads French. If you want it, just drop us a card and the 48-page paper will come by return mail. First come, first, etc.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE MATCH

Chuck Hardinge of THE PAWNSHOP takes us to task because we have not yet mentioned the 1000-board correspondence match being organized between England and the U.S. If you want in, just write to R.J. Smith, 32 Brodrick Grove, SE 2, London, England, tell him your playing strength, and he'll pair you with an English player... Chuck also furnishes a list of Norse and Dutch players who want postal games; if you're interested, we'll send the names along. You can write them in English and they'll replay the same

THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION: Send all communications dealing with the Association to H. Reid Holt, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. Membership, \$1 a year, including subscription to the Bulletin.

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NEW ADDRESSES FOR WVCA MEMBERS

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Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, 2008 North Englewood Road, Huntington, W. Va.

NEW REVISED EDITION OF LASKER'S "MANUAL OF CHESS"

Latest chess book to come to our attention is a revised edition of Emanuel Lasker's "Manual of Chess," with hundreds of diagrams, examples and illustrative games. This, considered by many the greatest work of the man who held the world chess championship for 28 years, losing it to the equally great, perhaps greater Capablanca in 1921, has been brought thoroughly up-to-date by Fred Reinfeld, whose ability as a chess writer needs no commentary. Included in the text is a 12-page appreciation of Lasker's chess mastery. We will quote a few phrases from Reinfeld's interesting study:

"Manual Lasker was one of the few who became living legends... He did not live for chess alone... a man of philosophical temperament--a man who had lived in many lands, read much, reflected a great deal, observed carefully but not coldly--a man who knew suffering, pain, illness, disillusion, the loss of his worldly goods, and the anguish of exile... No other chessmaster has insisted so strongly on the resemblance between chess and life... Lasker was a cheerful pessimist, or if you will, a moderate optimist. It was a lifelong outlook and it went into his chess. Because mathematics and philosophy played a large part in his life, they inevitably played a large part in his chess."

On the frequently heard statement that Lasker could not have been great since he founded no school, Reinfeld comments that chess writers overlook Lasker's "highest flights of chess genius" because they are found "in a book for complete beginners." That book, says Reinfeld, is "Manual of Chess."

(Manual of Chess, David McKay Co., 604 South Washington Square, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania, 349 pp., \$3.)

ARE YOU READING--?

"Chess Review," monthly, \$3.75 a year, 250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

"American Chess Bulletin," 10 issues a year, \$2; 150 Nassau St., New York 7, N.Y.

"Chess Correspondent," 8 issues yearly, \$2; 723 South Main St., Newark, New York.

"Chess News From Russia," bi-weekly, \$2 a year, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.

WHERE THEY MEET:

At Charleston: The Charleston C.C. meets each Wednesday night about 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus clubroom, 1117 Quarrier St.; the Carbide C.C. meets each Monday in the Recreation Center in South Charleston.

PINKUS, KOLTANOWSKI IN WASHINGTON

Al Pinkus of New York will play 25 to 30 boards in the Washington Chess Divan the evening of Feb. 22. "He will have a stern test," writes N.P. Wigginton of the Divan, "and I have no doubt he can take it. Al certainly is one of our foremost masters and, incidentally, one of the most engaging, personally." George Koltanowski ran into a tough 8-board session at the Divan on Jan. 24, Wig reports, yielding wins to R.S. Cantwell and D.H. Magridgo and draws to Hans Berliner, G.S. Thomas and LeRoy Thompson.

BYLAND MAKES TOP AGAIN: Bill Byland again won the Pittsburgh Metropolitan tournament, which ended late in December, getting a score of 7½-1½, including three draws in the final 10-man round, according to a report in the current issue of En Passant, on which the new editor, William P. (Bob) Holbrook, is doing a fine job, by the way.

THE "LITTLE CHESS PAPERS"—PART III

About Feb. 1, we sent a questionnaire to all editors of "little chess papers," at least to all that we know about--there seem to be 20 or more of them publishing now--asking data for a bibliography to be published in an early issue. Returns are beginning to come in. Any editor who has not returned his questionnaire yet is asked to fill it out and send it along at once, and any editor who failed to get a copy may have it by dropping us a postcard. And many thanks for the fine cooperation already received.

Our first copy of CAISSA'S CLARION just arrived in the mail. It's the official organ of the Brooklyn Chess Club and is edited by Albert R. Sheftell, 505 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn 16, N.Y. A very fine paper it is, too. The editor writes: "This venture is an amateurish experiment. As I turn out successive issues, I shall vary the format and structure until a satisfactory composition results." Al already is doing a swell job. The five February pages have games, end-game problems, news of the club and the metropolitan area, and editorials looking to the improvement of the club. The first issue came out in January. For other news of the CLARION, see page 4.

Our chess paper detective, Montgomery Major, editor of CHESS LIFE, comes through again with word of two more new club papers: (1) THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYER, issued by Council Center Chess & Checker Club of Detroit, I. Stone, Secretary, 8687 Twelfth St., Detroit, and (2) THE SCORE SHEET of the Los Feliz Chess Club, c/o Griffith Playground, 3401 Riverside drive, Los Angeles, 27, Calif. We have written for copies.

Comes a startled communication from Fritz Rathmann, 4124 South Austin St., Milwaukee, 7, Wis., to tell us his WISCONSIN CHESS LETTER is "distinctly not extinct," as we had hinted recently. We wrote Fritz telling him we hadn't seen a copy of his paper since August, 1945. He says he's been publishing each quarter as usual and said he'd send us the back numbers. We're awaiting them.

O. K. Malcolm, 517 Third St., Lancaster, Pa., sends along some back numbers of RED ROSE CLATTER, also, to prove his paper still in the land of the living. Also received are some back issues of the FEDERAL CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER, published in Washington, D.C., showing another survivor. Dunno how we get off so many mailing lists!

Looks now as if the only papers we listed as possibly defunct in our December issue which are still playing doggo are the DIVAN NEWS of Washington, D.C., CHESSFULLY of South Bend, Ind., READINGER CHESS-NUT of Reading, Pa., and AUSTIN CHESS & CHECKER CLUB NEWS of Chicago. Any able to resurrect these, please?

While we're on the topic of chess papers, we want to say a word about what a whale of a fine job John D. French, 213 South Front St., Harrisburg, Pa., is doing with the PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION BULLETIN since he took it over a few months ago. The current issue has five pages--it formerly had only two--and there is a fine new press-printed nameplate over page 1--veddy, veddy attractive. French, a newspaperman, knows his news and how to get it. He's doing a real service to Pennsylvania chessers and we know it will become even a greater service as the months roll along.

NEWS FROM THE LITTLE PAPERS

The Wisconsin State championship, a six-round Swiss System, will be held Feb. 22-23 in Minneapolis.--The Pawnshop.

George Koltanowski won 22 and drew four in a simultaneous at the Germantown YMCA club in Philadelphia, won 22 and drew two at Lancaster, and got a clean sweep at Harrisburg, defeating 22 at simultaneous play and two at blindfold. George seems to be concentrating on the number 22!--Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin.

At the Kolty exhibition: "I have Koltanowski at a disadvantage." "How's that?" "He's got more pieces to worry about than I have."--Red Rose Clatter.

To meet needs of players who can't attend week-day meets, the Pittsburgh Downtown Y club has engaged a room for 12 hours each Sunday at the Hotel Keystone (nextdoor to the Y). The assessment--and it's a bargain--is 50 cents per session.--En Passant.

POETICA REGUM

Edited by F.J.C. DeBlasio,
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No.154 Original
J.Nield
Blackpool England

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		R			
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Mate in 2 6 / 4

No.155 Original
A.Karlstrom
Rindal Norway

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			Q		
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Mate in 2 6 / 10

No.156 Original
B.J.de C.Andrade
Woodford Green England

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Mate in 3 8 / 7

FLASH! On Feb.1 our good friend, Eric M. Hassberg, a world renowned problemist and able editor of the Problem Department of The Chess Correspondent, gave an introductory lecture on the chess problem at the Brooklyn Chess Club. The talk was received with enthusiastic applause by the 40-odd members present. His theme was the close relationship between problems and the game of chess itself, even though one is an art, the other a sport. He declared that a player, particularly a rapid transit or speed chess player, can derive much benefit from a study of problems. If lectures of this sort were given at all chess clubs in the country, problem consciousness would soon sweep the land.

Your editor had the privilege of attending the Hassberg lecture and was honored with an invitation to inaugurate a problem department in the club's paper, Caissa's Clarion (see elsewhere in this issue for more about the Clarion). The department will be known, probably, as "Regal Poetry," and is scheduled to start in the March issue. Original 2 and 3 move problems will be appreciated.

SOLVERS! LADDER (INCLUDING OCT.SOLUTIONS): Gene Collett 132, Bertrand Mulligan 110, Victor Shortino 26.

SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER PROBLEMS: No. 142: Qf6. No.143: Retract (White) Ge6xGe3, (Black) Gh3xGe3. Then 1...Gd7, 2 Ge7 mate. No.144: Qa3. No.145: 1 SxPf3 (a) 1...Pe6, 2 Sd4 Pe5 (if Pf3, 3 Pb4), 3 Pf3 PxS (if Pe4, 4 Pb4 or Bcl), 4 Bel; (b) 1...Pe5, 2 Sg1 Pf3 (if Pe4, 3 Pf3 any, 4 Bel), 5 Bg3 Pe4, 4 Be5. No. 146: 1 Rg6 Kbl, 2 Rf6ch Kal, 3 Rf5 Kbl, 4 Re5ch Kal, 5 Re4 Kbl, 6 Rd4ch Kal, 7 Rd3 Kbl, 8 Rc3ch Kal, 9 Rcl mate. No.147: 1 Bb6 (a) 1...Sb3, 2 PxS; (b) 1...SxP, 2 RxS. No.148: 1 Rf1 any, 2 RxSch. No.149: (a) Retract (White) Pf7xBg8(R). Then 1 Pf8(S)mate. (b) Retract (White) Pf7xSg8(R). Then 1 Pf8(S)mate. No.150: (a) Retract (Black) Kg8xQ. Then 1...Kh7, 2 Qg7mate. (b) Retract (Black) Kg7xQ. Then 1...Kh8, 2 Sf6mate.

WE STILL WANT LETTERS from our solvers and other readers, telling us whether they want the Problem Department continued during 1947 and, if so, just what they want to see there. Do you want the Problem Contest for Solvers continued another year? If so, do you want lots of problems, or only a few? Do you want all orthodox problems, or do you want fairy chess problems (such as appeared in our January issue) included from time to time? Do you plan to enter the contest (if so your January solutions must be in by March 10)? Response of our readers will decide whether the contest will be continue, and will determine, also, the features and fate of this department.

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY PROBLEMS must be in the hands of the Problem Editor not later than April 10. Problems from West Virginia members are appreciated.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

WHITE: I. A. HOROWITZ

BLACK: DR. SIEG-

FRIED WERTHAMMER

Simultaneous exhibition, Jan. 10, 1947, Charleston, West Virginia.

(Annotated by Dr. Werthammer)

WHITE BLACK
1 P-K4

Mr. Horowitz opens with P-K4 on every board and tries to get an open game, with possibilities for combinations--as most simultaneous players have to do. Therefore, Black will try to complicate things.

1 ... N-KB3
My favorite--Alekhine's Defense.

2 P-K5 N-Q4
3 N-QB3

It's a complicating continuation. Now 3 N-N QP-N will ultimately result in an even game, but the position is open, with attacking and tactical possibilities for White.

3 ... N-N3

This move permits White to obtain a strong center bind.

4 P-Q4 P-Q4
5 P-B4 B-B4?!

5.. P-K3 would give Black a French Defense formation in which the KN appears displaced on QN3. White would get a strong at-

tack by playing Q to N4. 5... N-B3 really would have been more noncommittal. The text moves loses a P but provokes a weakening of the White K-wing and a complicated position in which White can easily make a slip (especially when playing forty-odd opponents).

6 P-KN4! B-K5
7 Nx3 PxN
8 B-N2

Black's P on K5 is lost, as 8... Q-Q4 would tie up all of Black's game.

8 ... N-B3
9 P-B3?

Much better would have been BxP at once, before Black can play P-K3, opening an outlet for his Q to White's K-wing. After 9 BxP NxP, 10 BxNP, White is a healthy Pawn ahead. White obviously thinks that Black's Pawn on K5 won't run away and tries first to secure his center.

9 ... P-K3
10 N-N3

If now 10 BxP Q-R5 ch, 11 K-B O-O-O, and Black has attacking chances, the White K being kept in the middle.

10 ... Q-R5ch
11 N-B2 O-O-O
12 BxP P-B3!

Black tries to open lines on the King's Wing.

13 Q-B3
It looks now like a win is coming up for White.

13 ... PxP!!
This counter-action in the center complicates the game very much for the simultaneous player and gives Black counter-chances; it also offers a P sacrifice.

14 BxN7
This was what Black counted on. Much better for White would have been 14 BxP, followed by Q-N3.

14 ... PxB
15 QPxP

15 QxP PxQP, 16 QxKfch K-N would give Black a winning attack. But White should have played instead 15 BxP with Q-N3 to follow.

15 ... B-B4!

The table is turned! Black attacks and has the advantage despite the P minus. White is undeveloped and his K is threatened.

16 O-O
It is hard to find a satisfactory move for White: 16 B-K3 R-Q6, or 16 P-N4 BxNch, 17 QxB R-Q8 ch!! winning the Q. Relatively the best would have been 16 Q-N3 Q-K2, 17 P-N4 BxNch, 18 KxB N-B5 with strong pressure for Black.

16 ... P-KR4
17 P-N5 N-Q4
18 Q-N3 QxQ
19 PxQ

Material is reduced and White is still a P ahead, but the advantage Black has is enough to win. White plays with one R less (the QR), the QB has no scope, his Ps being on Black squares, his White squares are very weak, and the White N is pinned.

19 ... P-R5

The deciding line opening.

20 K-N2 PxB
21 KxB N-KB1
22 P-N4 N-Bch

Those weak White squares!

23 K-B3 BxN
24 KxB R-R7ch
25 K-N QR-R
26 R-B2 R-R8ch
27 K-N2 QR-R6!
28 R-K2?

28 R-N2 would have prolonged the game somewhat.

28 ... QR(6)-r7
29 K-B3 R-KB8ch
30 Resigns

White is forced to lose the R on K2.

TWO GAMES PLAYED BY DR. WERTHAMMER WERE PUBLISHED IN RECENT ISSUES OF CHESS LIFE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE U.S.C.F. ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE AND THE ADDRESS.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: WALT CREDE
BLACK: EDWARD M. FOY
Charleston C. C.
Summer Tournament
September 8, 1946

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-QB4
2 P-Q4	PxP
3 QxP	N-QB3
4 Q-Q	N-B3
5 N-QB3	P-Q3
6 B-QB4	P-KN3
7 N-B3	B-N2
8 O-O	O-O
9 N-KN5	P-QR3
10 P-B4	Q-B2
11 B-Q3	P-QN4
12 P-B5	N-K4
13 N-B3	NxB
14 QxN	N-N5
15 N-Q5	Q-B4ch
16 B-K3	NxB
17 NxN	BxP
18 QR-Q	B-KN2
19 K-R	B-N2
20 N-Q5	BxN
21 PxB	QR-B
22 B-Q2	R-B2
23 N-K	KR-QB
24 PXP	HPxP
25 R(Q2)-B2	Q-Q5
26 Q-B3	R-B
27 Q-K2	RxR
28 QxR	QxQ
29 PxQ	R-B4
30 R-K2	B-B3
31 K-N	RxP
32 K-B2	B-R5ch
33 P-N3	R-B4ch
34 K-N2	B-B3
35 N-Q3	P-QR3
36 R-K4	R-Q4
37 K-B3	R-Q5
38 RxR	BxR
39 K-K4	B-N8
40 P-R3	P-K3
41 N-B4	K-B2
42 N-K2	B-N3
43 N-B3	P-N4
44 N-R4	P-Q4ch
45 K-K5	B-B2ch
46 K-Q4	BxP
47 Resigns	

RUY LOPEZ
WHITE: REID HOLT
BLACK: J.D. FALES
Second Charleston-
South Charleston
Team Meet, 4th bd.
May 6, 1946

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-N5	N-B3
4 O-O	NxP
5 R-K	P-Q4
6 P-Q4	Q-B3?
7 Pxp1	Q-K3
8 P-B4!	P-Q5?
9 RxN	B-B4
10 NxP	Q-N3
11 NxN!	QxR?
12 Q-Q8mate	

"This lively spat proves that the old Ruy can be livened up," writes Holt. "And that it isn't safe to attempt an early counter-attack!"

DANISH GAMBIT
WHITE: JOHN HURT
BLACK: REID HOLT
Charleston C. C.
Summer Tourney, 1946

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 P-Q4	PxP
3 P-QB3	PxP
4 NxP	P-Q3
5 B-QB4	N-QB3
6 Q-N3	N-K4
7 B-K2	N-KB3
8 P-B4	N-B3
9 B-B4	Q-K2
10 N-B3	NxP
11 NxN	QxNch
12 K-B2	N-Q5
13 BxPch	K-Q
14 NxN	QxNch
15 B-K3	Q-B3
16 QR-Q	B-K2
17 KR-B	R-B

18 B-Q5	P-B3
19 B-B3	K-B2
20 K-N	B-K3
21 Q-B2	KR-Q
22 P-QN4	B-B4
23 Q-KB2	P-QN3
24 P-N5	P-Q4
25 B-Q4	Q-B2
26 PxP	B-B3
27 KR-K	BxB
28 QxB	B-K3
29 Q-K5ch	R-Q3
30 R-QB	Q-B3
31 Q-K2	P-QR4
32 K-R	RxP
33 RxRch	KxR
34 QxBch	QxQ
35 RxQch	K-B4
36 R-K7	R-Q
37 PXP	P-Q5
38 RxP	P-Q6
39 P-N4	P-Q7
40 R-B7ch	K-N5
41 R-B2	P-Q8(Q)ch
42 BxQ	RxBch
43 K-N2	R-Q5
44 K-B3	P-N4
45 P-N5	P-R5
46 P-R4	K-R6
47 P-R5	P-N5
48 P-R6	P-N6
49 PxP	PxP
50 R-B3	R-Q8
51 P-N6	R-KR8
RxPch	KxR
53 P-R7	K-B3
54 P-N7	RxP
55 P-N8(Q) Resigns	

SICILIAN DEFENSE
WHITE: FRANK BRANNER
BLACK: EDWARD M. FOY
Charleston C. C.
Summer Tournament
July 2, 1946

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-QB4
2 N-KB3	P-Q3
3 P-Q4	PxP
4 NxP	N-KB3
5 N-QB3	P-KN3
6 B-K2	B-N2
7 B-K3	O-O

8 O-O	N-B3
9 N-N3	P-QR3
10 P-B4	Q-B2
11 K-R	P-QN4
12 P-QR3	B-N2
13 Q-Q3	QR-B
14 N-Q4	N-QR4
15 P-B5	N-B5
16 B-B	N-K4
17 Q-K3	KN-N5
18 BxN	NxB
19 Q-Q3	Q-B4
20 N-K2	N-B7ch
21 RxN	QxR
22 B-K3	Q-R5
23 PxP	RPxP
24 P-KN3	Q-N5
25 R-KB	BxN
26 NxB	RxN
27 Q-Q4	QxKch
28 K-N	Q-N7mate

SICILIAN DEFENSE
WHITE: JOHN HURT
BLACK: WM. HARTLING
Charleston C.C.
Summer Tourney, 1946

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-QB4
2 N-KB3	P-Q5
3 P-Q4	PxP
4 NxP	N-KB3
5 N-QB3	P-KN3
6 B-K2	B-N2
7 O-O	N-B3
8 B-K3	P-QR3
9 P-B4	O-O
10 B-B3	Q-B2
11 Q-K2	B-Q2
12 QR-Q	N-QR4
13 K-R	N-B5
14 B-B	QR-B
15 P-K5!	PxP
16 PxP	N-K
17 N-Q5	Q-Q
18 P-K6	PxP
19 NxP(K6)	Q-R4
20 NxR	BxN
21 NxPch	Resigns

THIS IS NATIONAL CHESS MONTH. ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE?