



Expert plays 15 games at once

It was like seeing a decathlon champion enter a track meet and win every event when Danny Elman of Saint John played 15 games of chess simultaneously. He lost three and a fourth was a draw, but this was nothing taken away from the overall impression made on the audience.

Sitins Communist inspired

CALIFORNIA (CUP-CPS)—The national commander of the American Legion has said that the recent student demonstrations on the University of California's Berkeley campus indicate a need for a ban on Communists speaking at educational institutions.

Donald Johnson, told 250 Legionnaires in Lodi, California that the Berkeley demonstrations were "an example of defiance of our laws and abusive actions against our peace officers."

The student demonstrations are closely tied to a drive by the American Communist Party to speak before high school, college, and university groups, he said.

Mr. Johnson said he was confident that the vast majority of American youth was not gullible enough to swallow Communist ideology. "Yet we know there are some who are susceptible, and this was proved at Berkeley."

"Those involved in the demonstrations showed absolutely no respect for the law, but at the same time demanded full sanction of their actions," Mr. Johnson said.

Elman, president of the Saint John Chess Club and the governor of the Maritime Provinces for the Canadian Federation of Chess (CFC), said afterwards that he "wasn't too tired." He said fatigue came "not from the games so much, it's the walking." He pointed out that he got dizzy looking down all the time. He added that he was very thirsty in the middle of the exhibition.

He said out that the most he has ever faced in a competition like the one last Sunday afternoon was twenty-two opponents. When he was a student at UNB, he added, he played four men simultaneously, while blindfolded and playing the piano. "Sometimes blindfolded is easier, because you can see." A chess player rather than the ideas, when you can see. "A chess player is concerned with 'space and time'; an advantage in one may permit a player to sacrifice in the other. Most good players don't look far ahead in the game, Elman said, because it is too fatiguing. A good player has insight which lets him take advantage of the fundamentals of chess which he knows so well.

A student asked him if he could remember all fifteen games as he went around the tables. "Oh, yes . . . yes", replied Elman, in a modest, almost indifferent tone. "But

that isn't very amazing . . ." (The student thought it was).

Mr. Elman said that in the city of Saint John young people are beginning to become enthusiastic about chess. It has the largest school program in Canada, and one of the largest on the continent. The schools have tournaments to select teams and they play in inter-scholastic meets as in sporting events. Notable young players there are Paul Selick, Ronald Cullen and David Alexander. "These youngsters will be in the Master class by the time they are eighteen. Some day, Selick should be Canadian champion. Probably before he is twenty-one. Selick is a genius."

When asked what was meant by a 'Master', Mr. Elman explained that there is a rating system. Players are classified under A, B, C, or D until they are recognized as an expert. After they reach this stage they are rated by the National organization. They are then classified as "masters".

Competitors in the international tourney may be rated as "International Master". Above this is the "International Grand Master". Abe Yenofsky, from Winnipeg, is the first Grand Master from the British Commonwealth.

Elman said he believes the Chess Club should invite Selick for a blindfolded multiple exhibition.

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"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I . . ."

— Robert Frost

I know two men.

One of these men is a settled, contented man who looks forward to a secure future in familiar surroundings. He will have his profession, in which he feels he will be competent. The work which he will do, during the business hours of the five-day week, will provide him with an income adequate for his needs . . . and with enough extra to engage in luxuries such as golf and boating and the occasional vacation in Bermuda.

His social life will be centred about the community in which he will live . . . service clubs, fraternal orders, curling, his church and regular bridge sessions with his peers.

However, the entire *raison d'être* of this man's life will be his home, a woman to make it a real home, and his children. In his mind, he has even planned the details of his house . . . from his study and his basement workshop to an enormous master bedroom. He has the desire, and soon will have the time, to become a good husband to his wife and a good father to the children he wants. In time, he will become one of the central figures in his community . . . and although he may sometimes ponder what might have been, he will very likely be a happy and satisfied man.

The other man I know is different.

His education has equipped him for several types of occupations. And yet, none of them particularly appeals to him. He knows only the feeling of success that he desires in life . . . the details he must leave to opportunism. He is intensely . . . even frighteningly ambitious, and his goals almost always exceed his expectations. Hence, he is almost always vaguely dissatisfied with both himself and his accomplishments.

This man too is not unaware of the advantages and satisfactions of a settled life . . . but he contemplates foregoing them for the chance to do something . . . as yet unknown . . . which he will consider really important. He is realistic enough to know that that chance may never come or that, if it does, he may fail. Although he comprehends that he is probably destined himself to a future of unattained goals and the consequent dissatisfaction and unhappiness . . . with every day that goes by, he takes a further unretractable step of commitment toward just that type of life.

I know two men . . . well.

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