



# **THIRD JUNIOR WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ANTWERP 1955**

**HENRI SERRUYS**

General Assembly of the Chess History and Literature Society

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# How it all began ...

William Ritson MORRY (Ritson-Morry) (1910-1994)

## Birmingham Junior International Tournament

(April 1950)

- 20 boys (U20)
- England (8), Wales (1) and 7 overseas countries
  - Belgium (4)
  - Netherlands (2)
  - France, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Sweden (1)
- Won by B. Häggqvist (Sweden)



# 1st World Junior Ch. Birmingham 11-23 June 1951

- 17 Countries, 3 from outside Europe:  
Argentina – Australia – Canada
- England: second player “to avoid a bye”
- 11 rounds Swiss System
- won by **Boris IVKOV** (Yugoslavia)

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Coventry and Birmingham, June, 1951

	Ivkov.	Barker	Cruz	Harris	Larsen	Nyreen	Bhend	Burst.	Rosen	Selzer	Berri.	Olafs.	Joyner	Eikrem	Walsh	Jacks.	Asker	Coose.	
1. B. Ivkov (Yugoslavia) ... ..	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2. M. N. Barker (England) ... ..	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3. R. C. Cruz (Argentine) ... ..	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
4-6 P. Harris (England) ... ..	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
4-6. B. Larsen (Denmark) ... ..	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
4-6. E. Nyreen (Finland) ... ..	0	0	0	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
7-10. E. Bhend (Switzerland) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
7-10. S. Burstein (France) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
7-10. W. Rosen (W. Germany) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
7-10. E. Selzer (Austria) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
11-12. G. Berriman (Australia) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
11-12. F. Olafsson (Iceland)... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
13. L. Joyner (Canada) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	5
14-15. A. Eikrem (Norway) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	3
14-15. J. J. Walsh (Ireland) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	3
16. J. A. Jackson (Scotland) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	3
17-18. S. Asker (Sweden) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	2
17-18. B. Coosemans (Belgium) ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

The order within ties has been settled alphabetically, not on any placings connected with merit.

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## First International Junior 1950

# First World Junior Championship Birmingham 1951


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# 2d World Junior Ch. Copenhagen 3–21 July 1953

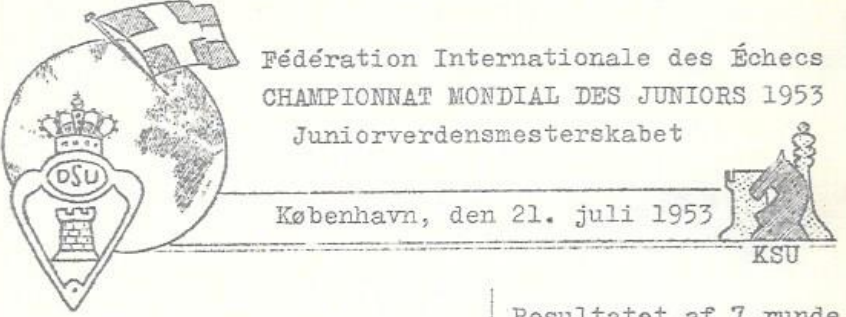
- 20 Countries: U.S.A. Present for the first time
- 2 Preliminary groups of 10 players
- Final best 8: Round Robin
- Classification for places 9 - 20 7 rounds Swiss System
- Won by **Oscar PANNO** (Argentina)



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Juniorverdensmesterskabet  
København, den 3. juli 1953  
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**KVALIFIKATIONSTURNERINGEN**

Deltagerne i lodtrækningsorden:		Resultatet af 1. runde	
Gruppe A		Gruppe A	
1 J. Boey	Belgien	Nr. 1 J. Boey	1
2 F. Olafsson	Island	Nr. 1 B. Mellberg	1
3 Y. Barda	Norge	Nr. 2 F. Olafsson	1
4 R. Siemms	Canada	Nr. 2 O. Panno	1
5 E. Reichel	Østrig	Nr. 3 Y. Barda	0
6 R. Persitz	Israel	Nr. 3 B. Ivkov	1
7 D. Keller	Schweiz	Nr. 4 R. Siemms	0
8 B. Ivkov	Jugoslavien	Nr. 4 D. Keller	1
9 O. Panno	Argentina	Nr. 5 E. Reichel	1
10 B. Mellberg	Sverige	Nr. 5 R. Persitz	0
Gruppe B		Gruppe B	
1 F. Scafarelli	Italien	Nr. 6 F. Scafarelli	1
2 K. Darga	V. Tyskland	Nr. 6 B. Larsen	0
3 F. Roessel	Holland	Nr. 7 K. Darga	1
4 J. Penrose	England	Nr. 7 J. Herbin	0
5 B. Petri	Saar	Nr. 8 F. Roessel	0
6 M. Farré	Spanien	Nr. 8 J. Sherwin	1
7 H. Heikkilä	Finland	Nr. 9 J. Penrose	1
8 J. Sherwin	U.S.A.	Nr. 9 H. Heikkilä	0
9 J. Herbin	Frankrig	Nr. 10 B. Petri	0
10 B. Larsen	Danmark	Nr. 10 M. Farré	1



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København, den 21. juli 1953  
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Det endelige resultat:

**FINALETURNERINGEN**

1	O. Panno	Argentina	5
2	K. Darga	V. Tyskland	5
3	B. Ivkov	Jugoslavien	3½
4	F. Olafsson	Island	3½
5	J. Penrose	England	2½
6	D. Keller	Schweiz	2½
7	J. Sherwin	U.S.A.	2½
8	B. Larsen	Danmark	2½

Ved ligestilling i points er rækkefølgen afgjort efter Sonnenborn-Berger systemet.

**PLACERINGSTURNERINGEN**

9	F. Scafarelli	Italien	5
10	M. Farré	Spanien	4½
11	F. Roessel	Holland	4
12	B. Persitz	Israel	4
13	H. Heikkilä	Finland	4
14	E. Reichel	Østrig	3½
15	R. Siemms	Canada	3½
16	B. Mellberg	Sverige	3½
17	J. Boey	Belgien	3
18	J. Herbin	Frankrig	2½
19	Y. Barda	Norge	2½
20	B. Petri	Saar	2

**Resultatet af 7. runde**

**FINALETURNERINGEN**

Nr. 151	B. Larsen	0
	F. Olafsson	1
Nr. 152	J. Penrose	1½
	K. Darga	1½
Nr. 153	J. Sherwin	1
	B. Ivkov	0
Nr. 154	D. Keller	1½
	O. Panno	1½

**PLACERINGSTURNERINGEN**

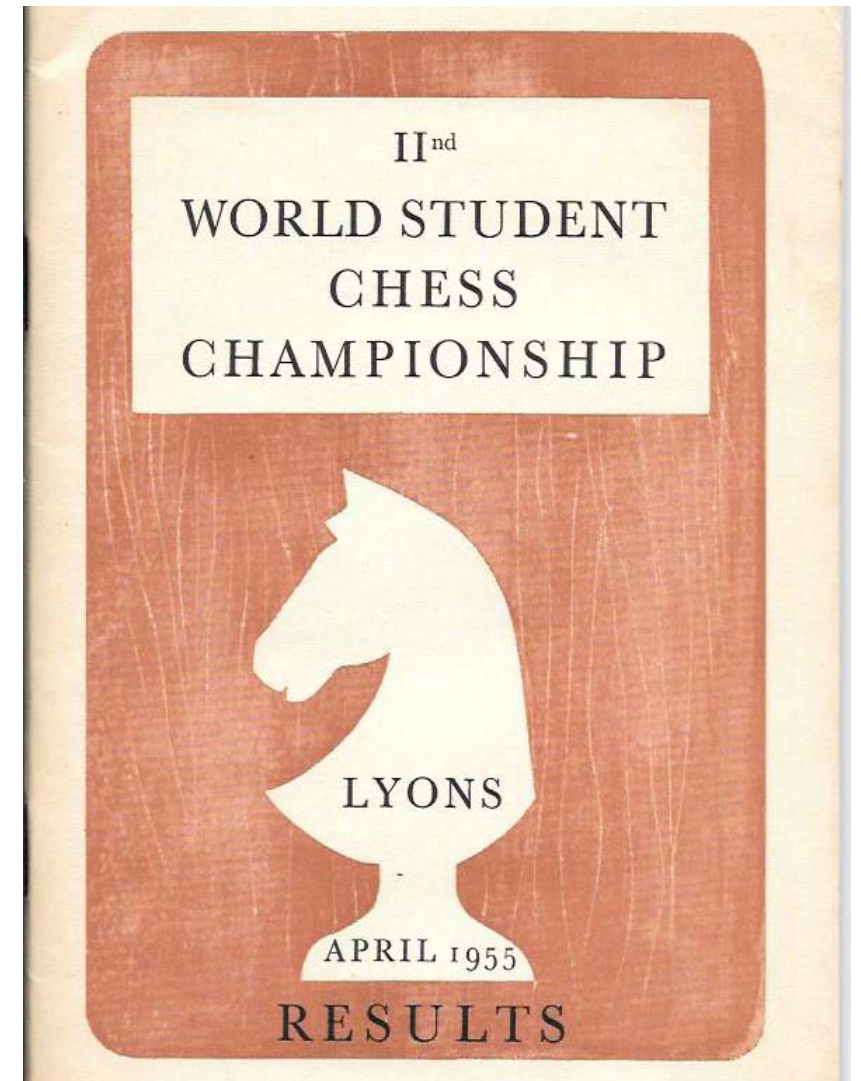
Nr. 155	H. Heikkilä	1½
	F. Scafarelli	1½
Nr. 156	B. Petri	0
	Y. Barda	1
Nr. 157	J. Boey	1½
	E. Reichel	1½
Nr. 158	B. Mellberg	1
	F. Roessel	0
Nr. 159	B. Persitz	1½
	M. Farré	1½
Nr. 160	J. Herbin	1½
	R. Siemms	1½

# 1955 France or Belgium?

F.I.D.E. Congress 1954:

## (8k) Tournament for the World's Junior Championship in 1955

Of the invitations presented in 1953 for the organization of this tournament, that of the Argentine Federation was withdrawn. After discussing the two remaining invitations as well as a new one presented in 1954 by the Canadian Federation the Congress decided that the tournament in 1955 would be organized by the French Federation if that Federation were able to confirm its invitation definitely before 15th November, 1954; if not, the tournament would be organized by the Belgian Federation. The Canadian Federation will have an absolute priority for the organization of the tournament in 1957; it will, however, be free to defer until the Congress of 1955 its definite announcement as to whether or not it will make use of this priority.



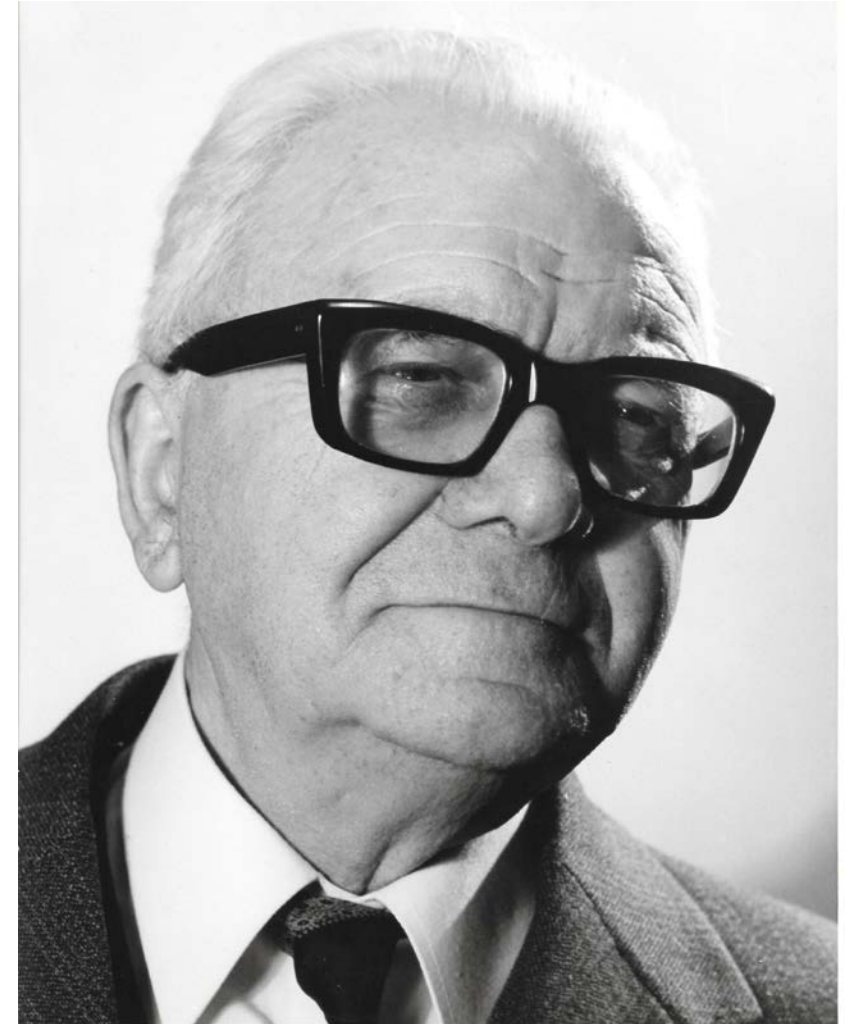
# Hendrik Baelen

Hendrik Baelen (°30-11-1899, †9-2-1977)

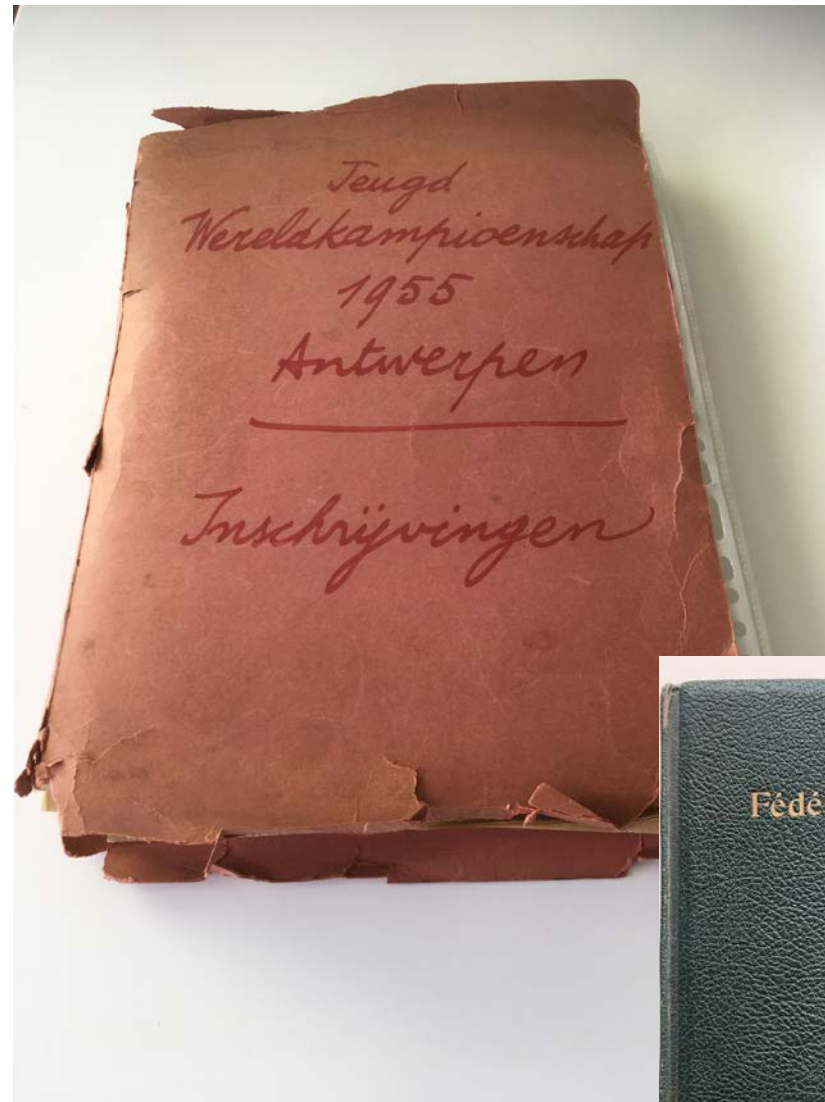
Primary school Principal – Retired

Youth Leader of the Belgian Chess Federation  
since 1948

His initiatives to promote youth chess would be an  
exemplary 'how to' book.



## My main source



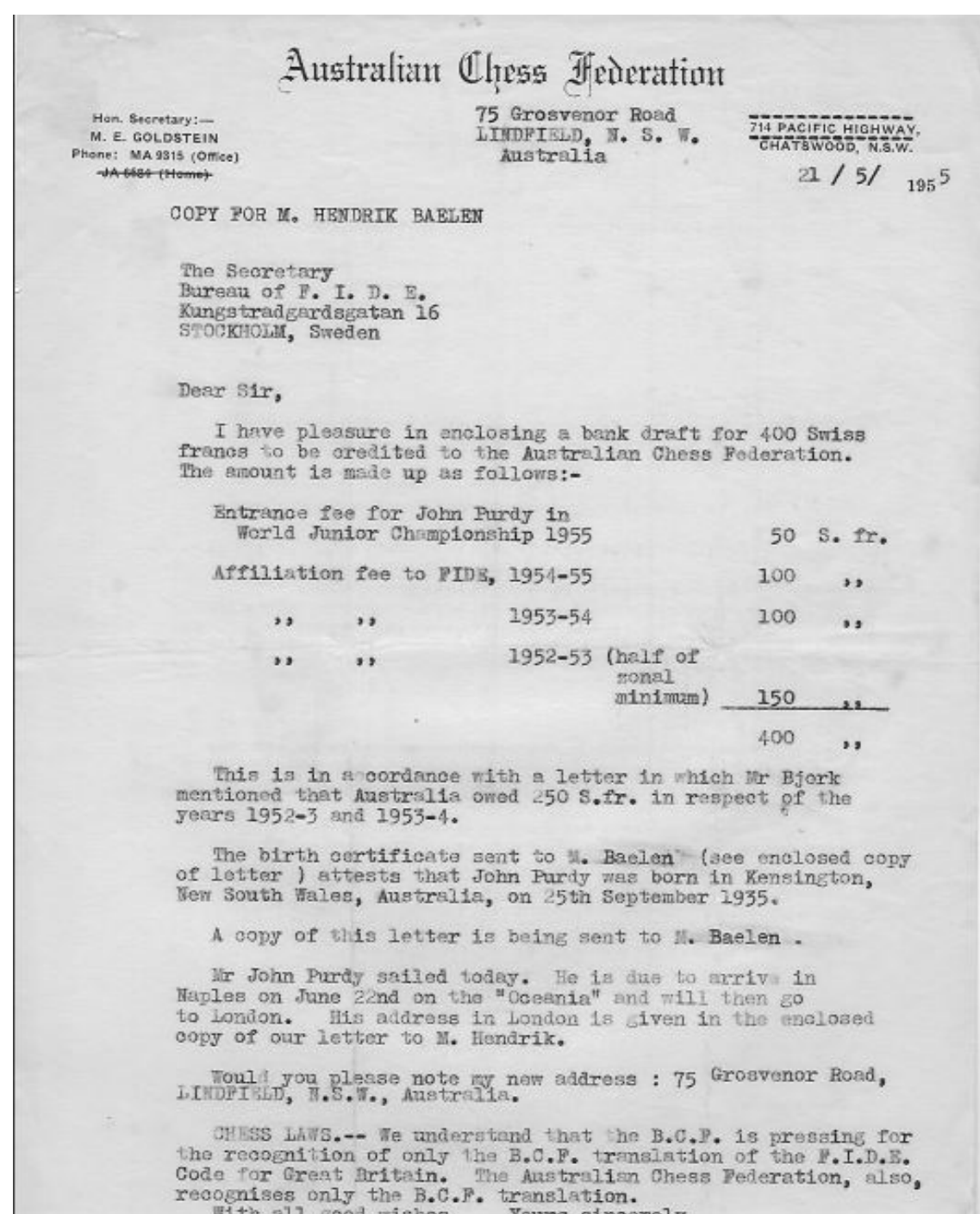
# The Invitations

F.I.D.E.: March, 15<sup>th</sup>: circular to all national federations

Inscription had to be done before June, 15<sup>th</sup>

Entrance fee : 50 CHF (~570 BEF)

*(To settle the mind: 1 BEF 1955 ~ 1 EURO 2022)*





# Not 20 but 23 Countries

June, 15<sup>th</sup> : 20 countries have signed up.

F.I.D.E.: Telegram June, 16<sup>th</sup>: Add Finland – France – (Iceland)

Printed posters and entrance tickets: 22 countries ...

July, 8<sup>th</sup>: Telegram: New for Baelen: the name of participant from Iceland

> Belgium: a second participant

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHES  
(AFFILIÉE A LA F. I. D. E.)  
(Fédération Internationale des Échecs)

## 3<sup>me</sup> Championnat des Echecs pour 1955

23 pays inscrits : Alle  
Argentinie, Australie,  
Danemark, Espagne, Finla  
Irlande, Luxemburg, N  
U. S. A., Yougoslavie et  
national Boris Spassky, I

Sur tous les jours de 14 à 19 hres  
les parties suspendues à 9 hres

Nadruk verboden : Wet 15-10-1950.

ELT } Brieftelegr.  
LT }  
RP : Antwoord betaald.

R.P. 4,48  
Gondrik Bouleir  
Goldebloemlaan 13  
Schilde Oms

Datumstempel van het kantoor van aankomst.  
ECHILDE  
A - 6-7-55-5  
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Uur van aankomst :

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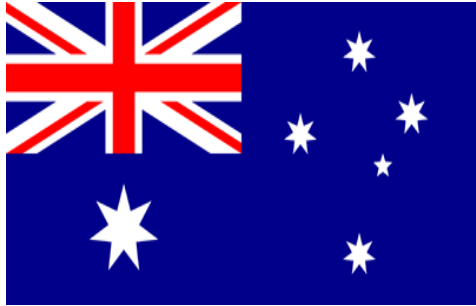
Kantoor van afzending	Nummer.	Woordental.	Datum(eventueel)	Uur van afgifte.	VIA
Reykjavik	5/8	24	7/7	22.13	

invitation junior Championship  
miscarried stop wire possibilities participation  
of ingi Johannsson 18 yrs  
Shaksamband islands teladress  
Revision

4/10/35  
Pan Boorne  
Rommeste 25  
Oostende

Schilde, 26 Juni 1955.  
Beste Vriend Michel,  
Ik heb het genoegen U mede te delen dat in de vergadering te Antwerpen van 25 dezer besloten werd U aan te duiden als  
Beste jeugdleider,  
daar ik gelaagd ben stel ik mij ter uwer beschikking voor het jeugdwereldkampioenschap. Als ik goed versta zo ik mij de 20<sup>de</sup> dagen te Antwerpen bevinden. zo ik mijzelf willen mededelen voor ik mij (de) precies moet bevinden?  
Beste groeten van  
Ruil T

# The Players



AUSTRALIA

**John Spencer PURDY** °5-9-1935, †27-8-2011

Son of ...

Australian Champion

Idea: we have a strong candidate



## Australian Championship, Perth 1954-55

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
1. John Purdy, NSW ..	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1
2. S. Lazare, Vic. ....	0	-	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3. K. Ozols, Vic. ....	0	1	-	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1
4. L. Steiner, NSW ...	0	0	½	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1
5. V. Stannard, WA ...	0	0	1	0	-	0	½	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
6. O. Weber, Tas. ....	0	0	0	1	1	-	0	0	1	1	½	0	1	1
7. J. V. Kellner, NSW ..	0	0	0	0	½	1	-	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
8. P. M. Foster, WA ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	½	1	0	½	1	1
9. P. Berzins, WA ...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	½	-	1	1	1	1	0
10. P. Timoshenko, WA ..	½	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	0	1	½
11. S. Nikolenko, WA ...	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	0	0	-	0	1	1
12. K. Sheard, WA ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	1	1	-	0	0
13. Z. Grinfelds, WA ...	0	0	0	½	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1
14. W. Leonhardt, WA ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	-	0

[Tied players are in Sonneborn order.]

# A long trip ...

A fundraising campaign brought in £ 500 (70.000 BEF)

Boarded the Italian liner Oceania (£437) on May 21 in Sydney.

Disembarked in Naples on June 22.

By train to London.

Training Tournament in Birmingham (June 28 – July 9).

Wade in *B.C.M.*:

about Purdy: 'poor showing – won only one game and was nearly always struggling in the others.'

about Lloyd: 'opening play far from correct – excelled in finding resources in the middle game'



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1 G. F. Harris	. X	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	7
2 H. Golombek	. 0	X	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	5½
3 D. G. Horseman	. 0	1	X	½	½	1	0	1	1	½	5½
4 P. C. Gibbs	. ½	½	½	X	0	1	1	½	0	1	5
5 K. W. Lloyd	. ½	0	½	1	X	0	½	½	1	1	5
6 R. G. Wade	. 0	½	0	0	1	X	1	½	1	1	5
7 B. J. Moore	. ½	½	1	0	½	0	X	0	½	1	4
8 J. Purdy	. ½	0	0	½	½	½	1	X	0	½	3½
9 D. F. Griffiths	. 0	0	0	1	0	0	½	1	X	0	2½
10 K. L. Gardner	. 0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	X	2

# The Players



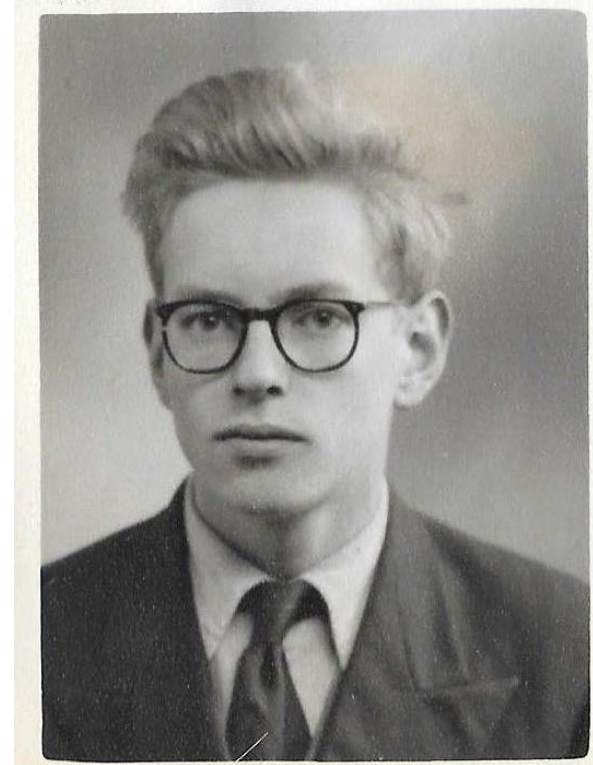
GREAT-BRITAIN

**Kenneth William LLOYD** °23-2-1936, ?

Not the British Junior Champion

Won Tournament in Birmingham to designate the British representative.

National Ranking List August 1954:  
player of category 4<sup>b</sup> ≈ 2100 ELO



# The Players



BELGIUM

**Gustave SOMERS**

°23-2-1937, ?

Belgian Junior Champion 1955.



## The Players



SWITZERLAND

**Dieter René KELLER** °19-7-1936, [ ]

Participated already in Copenhagen  
1953.

Awarded IM-title in 1961

Zürich 1959: win against Bobby Fischer



# The Players



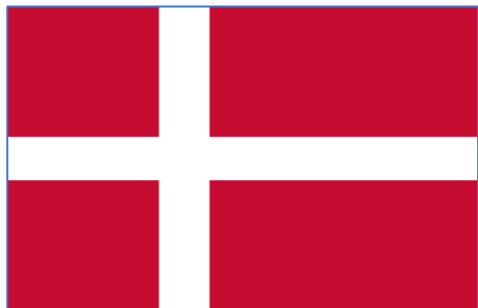
AUSTRIA

**Ernst KREPPENHOFER** °19-8-1936, ?

Austrian Junior Champion 1953 and  
1954



## The Players



DENMARK

**Vagn Rauhe JØRGENSEN** °2-8-1937, [ ]

In 1953, participated in a  
International Junior Tournament in  
Trondheim: result 3/7.





# The Players



YUGOSLAVIA

**Dragoljub ĆIRIĆ** °11-12-1935, †17-8-2014

1953: Candidate Master

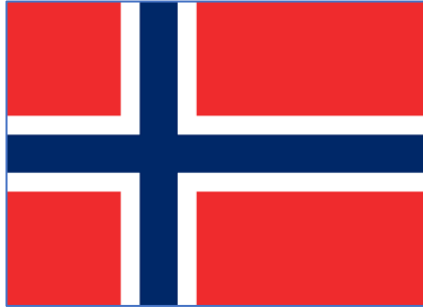
1954: Yugoslavian Junior Champion

1961: IM

1965: GM



# The Players



NORWAY

**Svein JOHANNESSEN** °17-10-1937, †27-11-2007

1954: Norwegian Junior Champion

1955: got the right to play in the Norwegian  
Masterclass

1961: IM

Book: Øystein Brekke. *Sjakkmesteren Svein  
Johannessen*, 2009.



# The Players



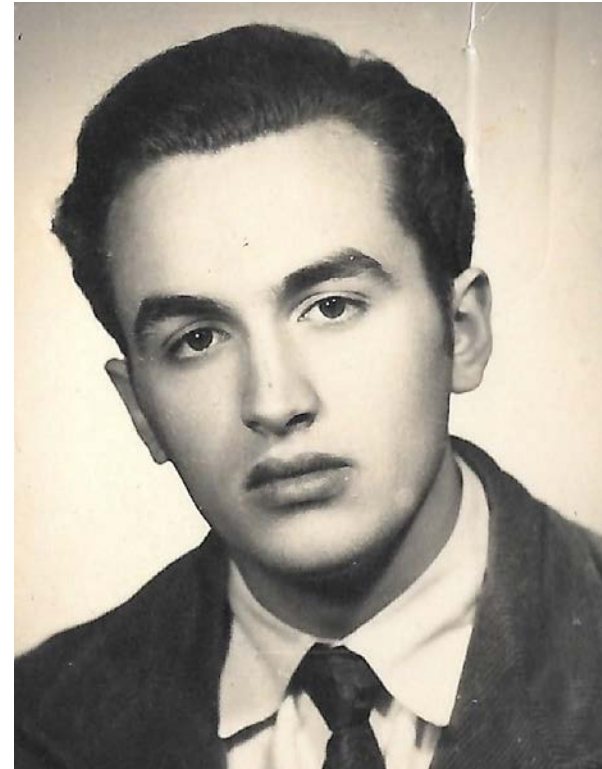
SPAIN

**Miguel (Miquel) FARRÉ MALLOFRÉ** °23-2-1936, [ ]

Participated already in Copenhagen 1953.

1959: IM

Well known Spanish pianist and music professor in Barcelona.



# The Players



THE NETHERLANDS

**Johannes Jacobus VAN OOSTEROM** °12-12-1937, †22-10-2016

1954: Junior Champion of Hilversum and Utrecht

1955: Plays one of the highest boards of his club H.S.G. in the first class of the K.N.S.B.-competition.

Well known Dutch billionaire as Industrial (One of the founders of the ICT-Company VOLMAC) and Chess Sponsor.



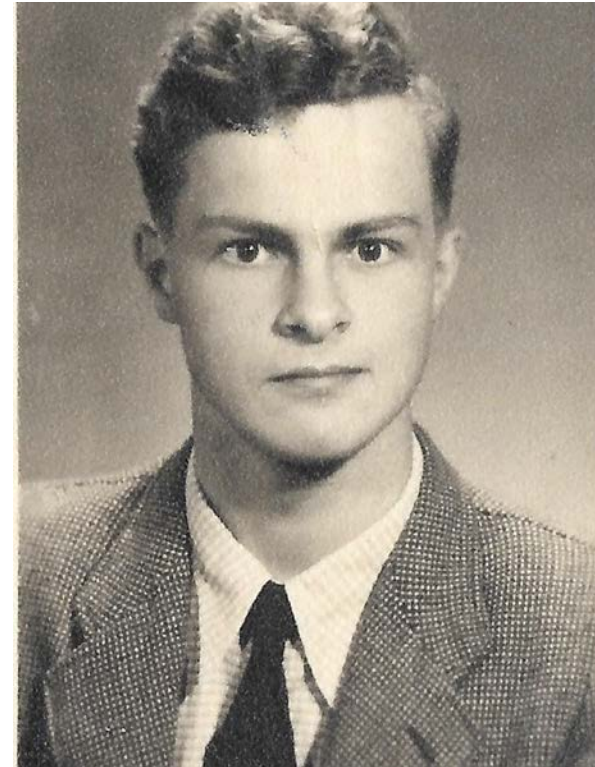
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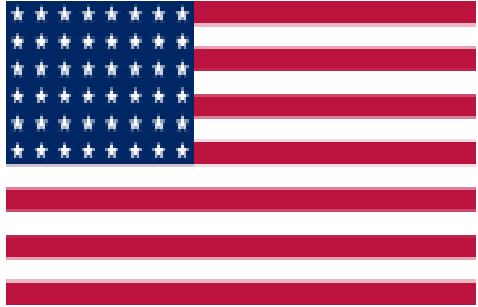
WEST-GERMANY

**Hans-Jürgen Heinrich KLAGES** °7-6-1937 ?

1954: ended ex-aequo first in the Junior Championship of West-Germany, but lost the title-match against Gert Rinder (°3-7-1935).



# The Players



U.S.A.

**Edmar John MEDNIS**

°22-3-1937, †13-2-2002

1954: 2d in the New York State Championship

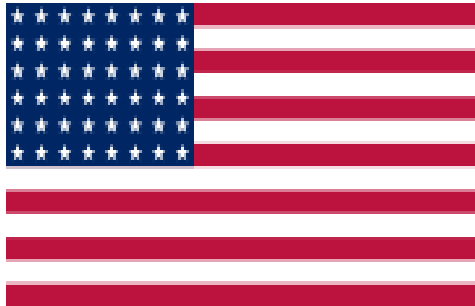
1955: Already of Master strength.

Educated as a chemical engineer

1980: GM.



## A second American ?



U.S.A.

**William LOMBARDY ??**

# The United States Chess Federation

Publishers of CHESS LIFE  
America's Chess Newspaper

25 Lefferts Avenue  
Brooklyn 25, New York, U.S.A.  
June 9, 1955.

M. Hendrik Baelen  
8, Halleveelden,  
Halle-Zandhouven, Belgique

Dear Sir:

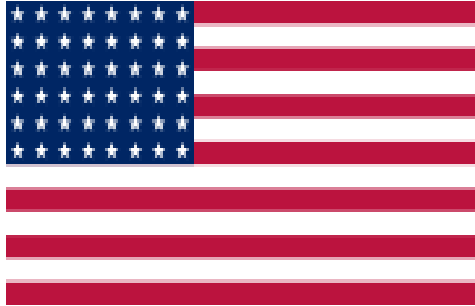
The United States Chess Federation should like to send two representatives to play in the World Junior Chess Championship Tournament which is to be held in Belgium starting July 21, 1955.

Mr. Edmar Mednis is the highest rated player in the United States who is eligible to play in this tournament. He has a "Master" rating. According to the present rules of the United States Chess Federation, he is our first choice to represent the United States in World Junior Chess Championship Tournament - 1955.

Therefore, Mr. Edmar Mednis will definitely arrive in Antwerp, Belgium on July 20, 1955 to represent the United States Chess Federation in the World Junior Chess Championship Tournament.

We also wish to send Mr. William Lombardy as our second representative to play in the World Junior Chess Championship Tournament. He also has a "Master" rating. His rating is almost as high as that of Mr. Edmar Mednis. In addition, recently he won the New York State Chess Championship and he also became the

# A second American ?



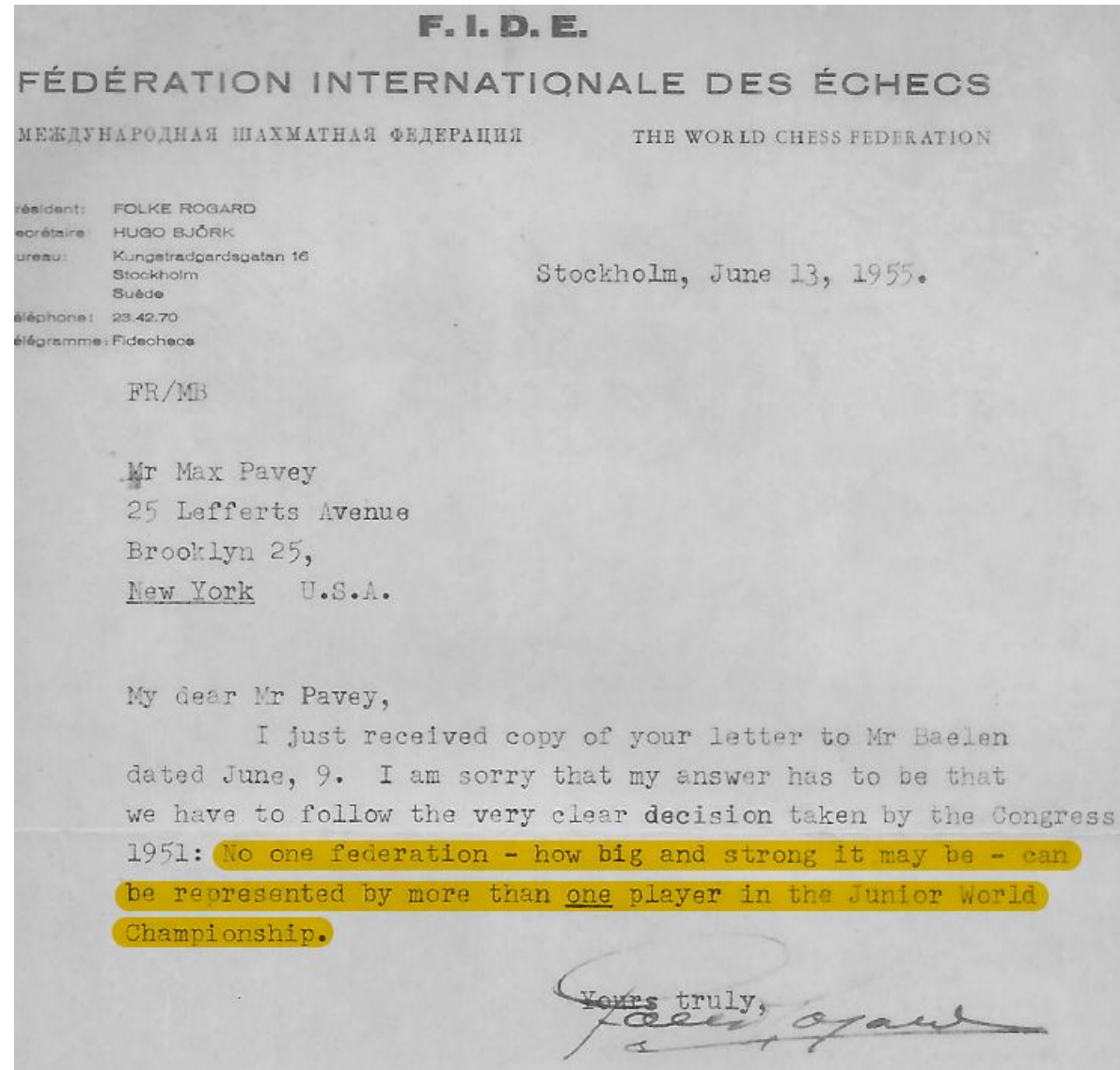
U.S.A.

**NO**

William LOMBARDY will win the next Junior WCC in Toronto (CAN) 1957.

Interesting: see also book

W. Lombardy. *Understanding Chess*, 2011, p.47.





# The Players



U.S.S.R.

**Boris Vasilovitsj SPASSKY** °30-6-1937, [ ]

First entrance of U.S.S.R. in this competition.

1954: International Master



# The Players



IRELAND

**Dómnall (Dónal) F. DEISEACH** 24-6-1938 ?

1954-55: Second in the Irish  
Championship for Schoolboys.



# The Players



ARGENTINA

**Samuel SCHWEBER**

°16-7-1936, †1-1-2017



1961: IM

## The Players



LUXEMBOURG

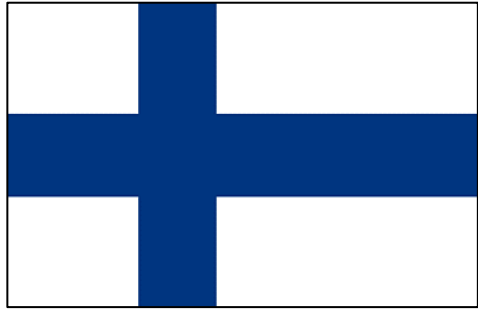
**Georges PHILIPPE**

°7-12-1935, †5-9-2010

Played in the first team of Differdange.



# The Players



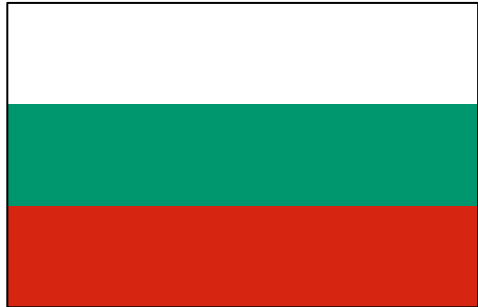
FINLAND

**Leo Aleksander HÄLLSTRÖM** °16-6-1936, †10-4-2014

1955: Finnish Youth Champion.



# The Players



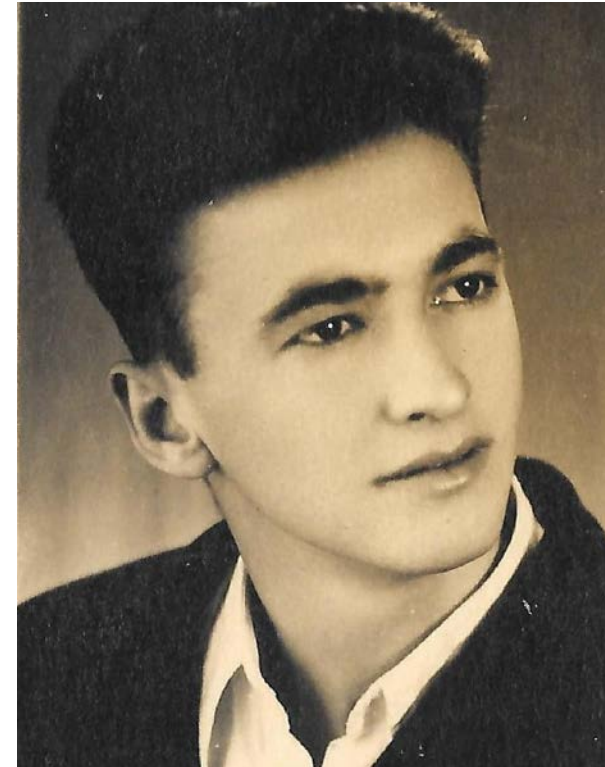
BULGARIA

**Guéorgui (Georgi) Peev (Petrov) TRINGOV** °7-3-1937, †2-7-2000

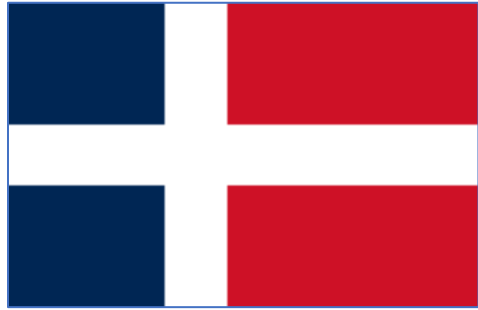
His first international tournament.

1962: IM

1963: GM



# The Players



SAARLAND

**Günter DONIA**

°31-12-1936, ?



# The Players



HUNGARY

Lajos PORTISCH

°4-4-1937, [REDACTED]

1991: GM



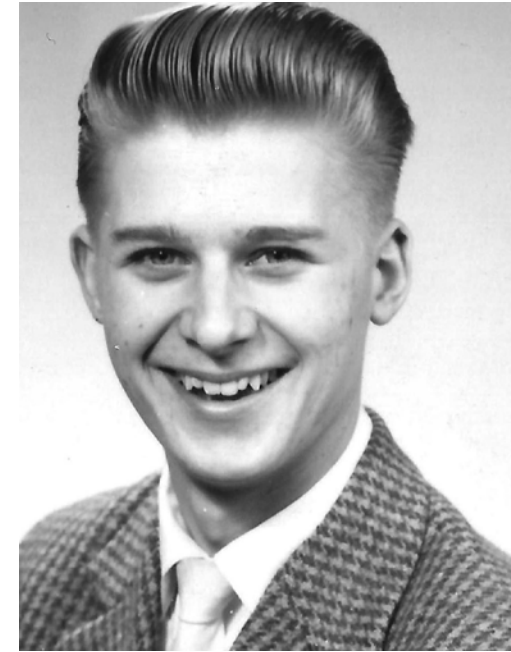


# The Players



SWEDEN

**Hans Albert Carl Jan Hildingsson BRODEN 10-1-1937 [ ]**



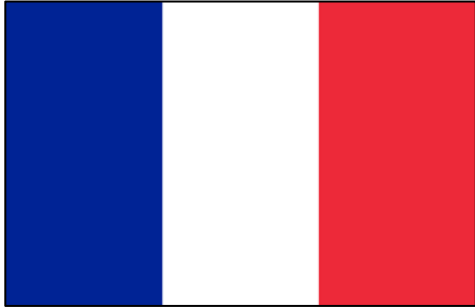
1954: Swedish Junior Champion

Came from Grasse (France) where his father had sent him to learn French.

Hans Broden in 2019, at the reception of Hotel Eggers in Gothenburg. >



# The Players



FRANCE

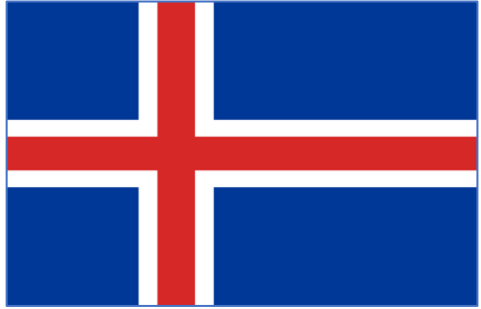
**Armand Joseph MULLER** °30-5-1937, ?

from Mulhouse

1955: Won a selection tournament



## The Players



ICELAND

**Ingi Randver JÓHANSSON** °5-12-1936, †31-10-2010



# The Players



BELGIUM

**Michel VANHOORNE**

°10-4-1935, [REDACTED]

1955: Second in the Belgium Junior  
Championship



## Baelen's greatest concern

The players' accommodation for 3 weeks was at the expense of the organizing country

The idea was to house the players in host families, just like in Copenhagen '53

Baelen took some initiatives, but with limited success

For about half of the players a hotel room had to be paid ...

**SIMULTAANYOORSTELLING**  
ten voordele van het **Logeerfonds**  
van het **Derde Wereldkampioenschap**  
**Jeugdschaken**  
Staf Somers op 9 borden in de  
Students Chess Club te Brussel :  
7+ en 2= (4 Juni).  
Alfons Franck op 23 borden in de  
Maccabi te Antwerpen : 12+ 3= 8—.  
Behaalden een winstpunt tegen  
Franck : Brunig, Silberman, Polako-  
wina, Van Reel, Perberger en Flac-  
ler.  
Speelden remise : Namenwirth,  
Dony, Oorta, Lelbowitz en Steen (4  
Juni).  
Meester Dunkelblum speelt simu-  
taan op Zaterdag 18 Juni te 4 uur  
in de Kon. Antw. S.K. Frankrijklet, 4.  
De vroegere Jeugdkampioenen  
Boey, Coosemans en Van den Broeck  
op Zondag 3 Juli eveneens in de Kon  
Antw. S. K. te 2 uur.

# Arrival of the players

Players arrived on July, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>,

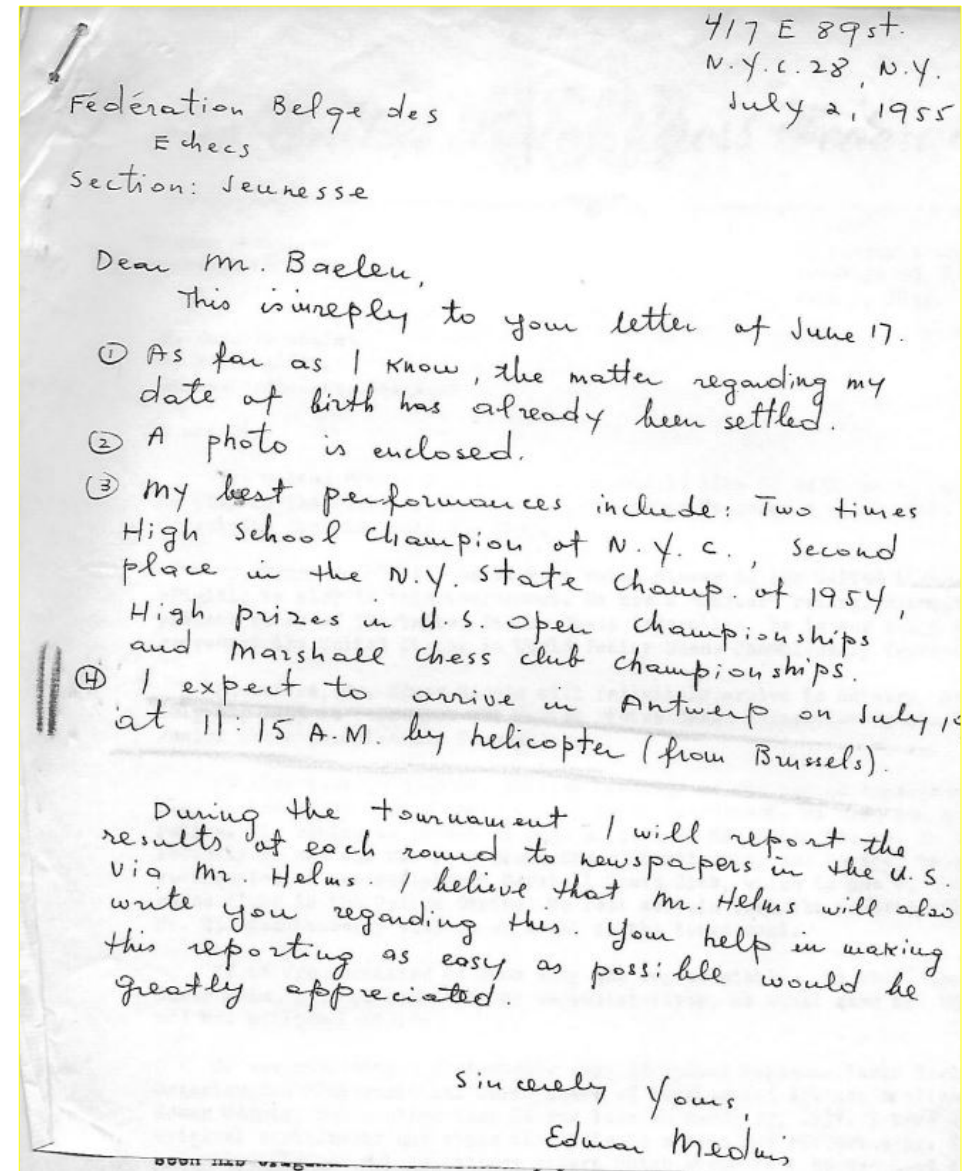
most by train, some by car

one by boat:

Leo Hällström (Finland) came with s/s *Arturus* from Helsingfors  
(July, 15<sup>th</sup>) to Antwerp (July, 19<sup>th</sup>)

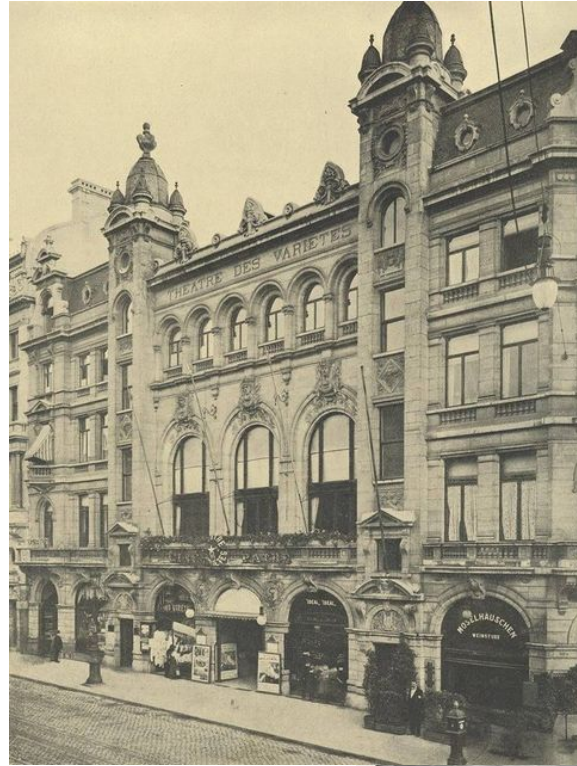
and one by helicopter !!!???

Every player received 200 BEF pocket money!



# Playing Venue and Hall

ROXY – Meir 68/70 - Antwerp



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# Acquaintance and Drawing of Lots

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 p.m.

Spassky insisted on being personally introduced to all the other participants

9 p.m.: Welcome by G. Heynen, tournament director and drawing of lots.

3 Preliminary Groups - Series Heads: U.S.S.R., Argentine, Yugoslavia.

An out-of-the-hat draw.



- I. ZIFTINGSREEKSEN - GROUPES ELIMINATOIRES
- 
- A.
1. DEISEACH Irlande.
  2. JORGENSEN Danemark.
  3. PURDY Australie.
  4. SOMERS Belgique I.
  5. HALLSTROM Finlande.
  6. KLAGES Allemagne Occ.
  7. VAN OOSTEROM Pays-Bas.
  8. **SPASSKY U.R.S.S.**
- B.
1. JOHANESSEN Norvège.
  2. MULLER France.
  3. **SCHWEBER Argentine.**
  4. PORTISCH Hongrie.
  5. DONIA Sarre.
  6. JOHANSSON Islande.
  7. TRINGOV Bulgarie.
  8. LLOYD Angleterre.
- C.
1. PHILIPPE Luxembourg.
  2. VAN HOORNE Belgique II.
  3. KELLER Suisse.
  4. MEDNIS U.S.A.
  5. FARRE Espagne.
  6. **CIRIC Yougoslavie.**
  7. KREPPENHOFER Autriche.
  8. BRODEN Suède.

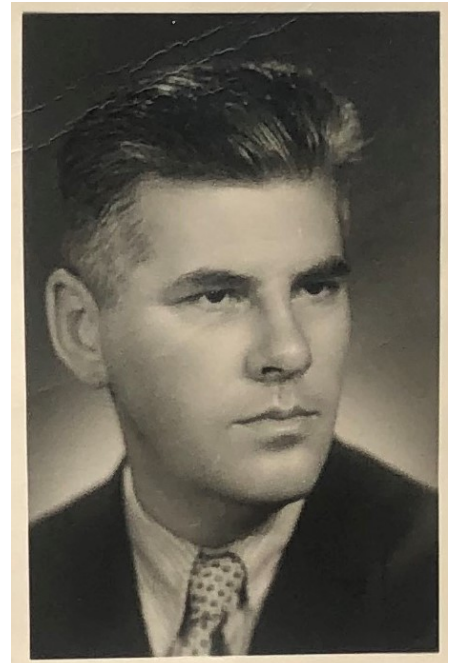
# Seconds

Some players were assisted by a second:

U.S.S.R.	Spassky	GM Yuri Averbach
U.S.A.	Mednis	IM Arthur Bisguier , champion of the U.S.A.
Bulgaria	Tringov	Oleg Neikirch
Yugoslavia	Ćirić	IM Nikolai Karkalajic, champion of Yugoslavia
Hungary	Portisch	IM Koeberl
Spain	Farré	Pedro Cherta
Saarland	Donia	Igel Horst



Averbach >



>

Neikirch



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Karkalajic (right)  
(Dunkelblum, O'Kelly)

# Tournament management

Edmond Lancel: International Arbiter

Gerard Heynen: tournament director



Edmond Lancel

Heynen

Averbach

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# First round July, 21

Belgian National Day

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Adjournments: next day 9 a.m.



# Preliminaries

Sensation: **Spassky** lost a game !

In 4<sup>th</sup> round against **Hans-Jürgen Klages** (West-GER)



After 22...Qd5



24.Nf6+? Kh8! 25.Qe4??



Spassky - Klages 0-1!

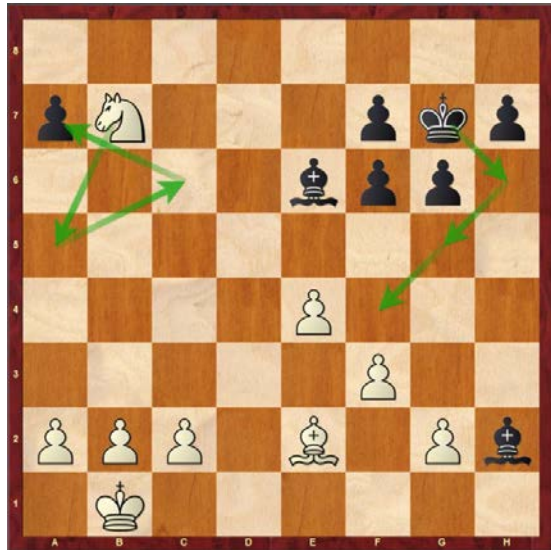
Spassky considering his 15th move (15.f4) and his attack on the kingside

# Preliminaries

Surprise: (the later IGM) **Dragoljub Ćirić** not in the final

Mainly due to his lost with White in the 5<sup>th</sup> round

**Ernst KREPPENHOFER** (AUT) 's King as the hero.



after 21...Kg7 +-



after 26...Kf2 -+



# Preliminaries

## RESULTS PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENTS

### GROUP A

- |                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. SPASSKY (U.S.S.R.)             | 6 p.   |
| 2. HÄLLSTRÖM (FINLAND)            | 5 ½ p. |
| 3. VAN OOSTEROM (THE NETHERLANDS) | 5 p.   |
| 4. KLAGES (WEST-GERMANY)          | 4 p.   |
| 5. JØRGENSEN (DENMARK)            | 3 p.   |
| 6. SOMERS (BELGIUM 1)             | 1 ½ p. |
| 7. DEISEACH (IRELAND)             | 0 p.   |

### GROUP B

- |                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. TRINGOV (BULGARIA)   | 5 p.   |
| 2. JOHANNESSEN (NORWAY) | 5 p.   |
| 3. SCHWEBER (ARGENTINE) | 4 ½ p. |
| 4. PORTISCH (HUNGARY)   | 4 ½ p. |
| 5. JOHANSSON (ICELAND)  | 4 p.   |
| 6. LLOYD (ENGLAND)      | 4 p.   |
| 7. MULLER (FRANCE)      | 1 p.   |
| 8. DONIA (SAAR)         | 0 p.   |

### GROUP C

- |                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. FARRÉ (SPAIN)          | 5 ½ p. |
| 2. KELLER (SWITZERLAND)   | 5 p.   |
| 3. MEDNIS (U.S.A.)        | 5 p.   |
| 4. BRODEN (SWEDEN)        | 3 ½ p. |
| 5. ĆIRIĆ (YUGOSLAVIA)     | 3 ½ p. |
| 6. KREPPENHOFER (AUSTRIA) | 3 ½ p. |
| 7. VANHOORNE (BELGIUM 2)  | 1 ½ p. |
| 8. PHILIPPE (LUXEMBOURG)  | ½ p.   |



# First Rest Day: Thursday July, 29th

## But a busy schedule

- 11 a.m.: Antwerp City Hall
- 12 a.m.: lunch all together
- 1 p.m.: departure to Brussels by bus
- 2 p.m.: Brussels City Hall
- 3 p.m.: N.I.R. (Baelen gave a short speech on the radio)
- 5 p.m.: reception Ministry of Education (with waffles)

## Two days before: Tuesday July, 27th Simul by Arthur Bisguier in the Maccabi Chess Club

- 32 Players
- Result: +28 =1 -3
- 3 Juniors took part but with no succes: Philippe (LUX), Muller(FRA), Donia (SAAR).





# The Final

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July: start of the first round of the final

Again Spassky's name came as last out of the lottery drum.

R1: Schweber (ARG) – Spassky (U.S.S.R.)

Again his opponent of the first round will finish as last.

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Final B: the remaining fourteen played a “classification tourney”.



# The Final

After 3 rounds, a clear separation was already visible.

Mednis and Spassky draw their game in round 3.

1 Spassky, Boris	URSS
2 Mednis, Edmar	USA
3 Farré, Miquel	SPA
4 Portisch, Lajos	HUN
5 Tringov, Guergui	YGS
6 Keller, René	SUI
7 Van Oosterom, Joannes	NED
8 Hallstrom, Alexander	FIN
9 Johannessen, Svein	NOR
10 Schweber, Samuel	ARG

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9
1	1	2	2,5	3,5	4,5	5,5	6,5	7,5	8
2	1	2	2,5	3	4	5	5,5	6,5	7
3	1	1,5	2,5	3,5	4,5	4,5	5	6	6,5
4	0	0	1	1,5	2,5	3,5	4	5	5,5
5	1	2	2	2,5	3	3	4	4,5	5
6	0	0,5	1,5	2	2	3	3,5	3,5	4
7	1	1,5	1,5	1,5	2	3	3	3	3,5
8	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2,5
9	0	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	1,5
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,5	1,5

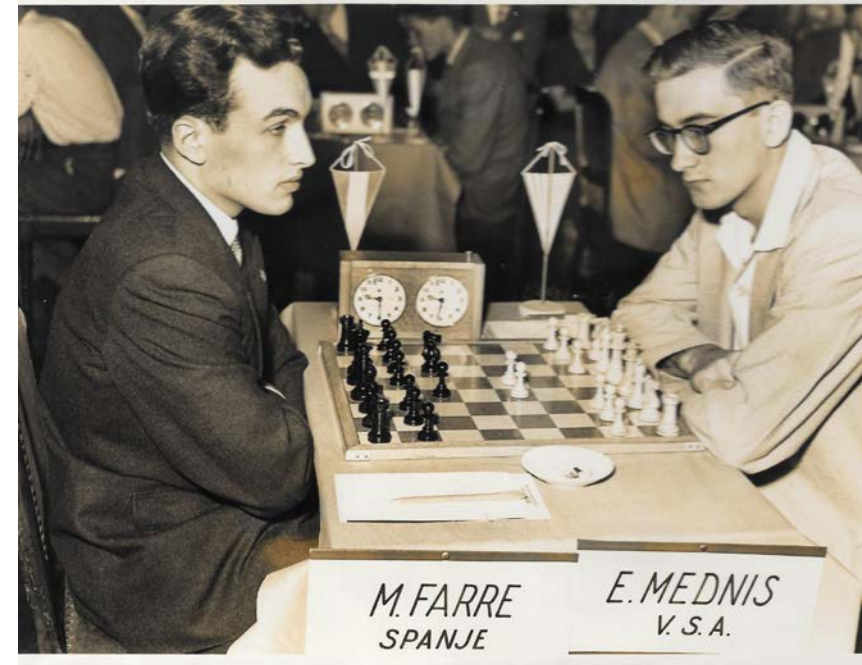


# The final

The crucial 6<sup>th</sup> round.

Mednis beat Farré

Spassky won, but could have lost to Tringov ...



			Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9
1	Spassky, Boris	URSS	1	2	2,5	3,5	4,5	5,5	6,5	7,5	8
2	Mednis, Edmar	USA	1	2	2,5	3	4	5	5,5	6,5	7
3	Farré, Miquel	SPA	1	1,5	2,5	3,5	4,5	4,5	5	6	6,5
4	Portisch, Lajos	HUN	0	0	1	1,5	2,5	3,5	4	5	5,5
5	Tringov, Guergui	YGS	1	2	2	2,5	3	3	4	4,5	5
6	Keller, René	SUI	0	0,5	1,5	2	2	3	3,5	3,5	4
7	Van Oosterom, Joannes	NED	1	1,5	1,5	1,5	2	3	3	3	3,5
8	Hallstrom, Alexander	FIN	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2,5
9	Johannessen, Svein	NOR	0	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	1,5
10	Schweber, Samuel	ARG	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,5	1,5



Spassky-Tringov  
Spassky plays 38.f4??



Spassky-Tringov  
Tringov misses 39... Rd1!!

## Second Rest Day: Thursday August, 4th

A real day off: 11 a.m.: Visiting Zoo of Antwerp

Evening: Simul by Yuri Averbach in the Maccabi Chess Club

42 Players (15 First Class players) (20u30 – 2u30!)

Result: **+32 =10** (Philippe (LUX), Muller (FRA)) **-0** (Donia (SAAR) !)

Other Juniors kibitzing: Van Oosterom, Hällström, Tringov, Johannessen,  
Spassky (“stopped by around 10 O’Clock”)



# The Final

## Round 7

Spassky takes a bigger lead and his overall victory was no longer in danger

Schweber and Johannessen (both later IM's!) collapsed completely.



		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9	
1	Spassky, Boris	URSS	1	2	2,5	3,5	4,5	5,5	6,5	7,5	8
2	Mednis, Edmar	USA	1	2	2,5	3	4	5	5,5	6,5	7
3	Farré, Miquel	SPA	1	1,5	2,5	3,5	4,5	4,5	5	6	6,5
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8	Hallstrom, Alexander	FIN	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2,5
9	Schweber, Samuel	ARG	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,5	1,5
10	Johannessen, Svein	NOR	0	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	1,5



Rd7: Van Oosterom-Schweber  
Black plays 16...Bxb5 winning a piece



Rd6: Johannessen-Van Oosterom  
Johannessen plays 21.Qf4??

# The Proclamation

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.



1. SPASSKY (U.S.S.R.) 8 p.
2. MEDNIS (U.S.A.) 7 p.
3. FARRÉ (SPAIN) 6 ½ p.
4. PORTISCH (HUNGARY) 5 ½ p.
5. TRINGOV (BULGARIA) 5 p.
6. KELLER (SWITZERLAND) 4 p.
7. VAN OOSTEROM (THE NETHERLANDS) 3 ½ p.
8. HÄLLSTRÖM (FINLAND) 2 ½ p.
9. SCHWEBER (ARGENTINE) 1 ½ p.
10. JOHANNESSEN (NORWAY) 1 ½ p.

## FINAL B

11. ĆIRIĆ (YUGOSLAVIA) 7 ½ p.
12. JOHANSSON (ICELAND) 6 ½ p.
13. BRODEN (SWEDEN) 6 ½ p.
14. LLOYD (ENGLAND) 6 ½ p.
15. JØRGENSEN (DENMARK) 5 ½ p.
16. KLAGES (WEST-GERMANY) 4 ½ p.
17. VANHOORNE (BELGIUM 2) 4 p.
18. KREPPENHOFER (AUSTRIA) 4 p.
19. SOMERS (BELGIUM 1) 4 p.
20. PURDY (AUSTRALIA) 3 ½ p.
21. MULLER (FRANCE) 3 p.
22. PHILIPPE (LUXEMBOURG) 3 p.
23. DONIA (SAAR) 2 ½ p.
24. DEISEACH (IRELAND) 2 p.

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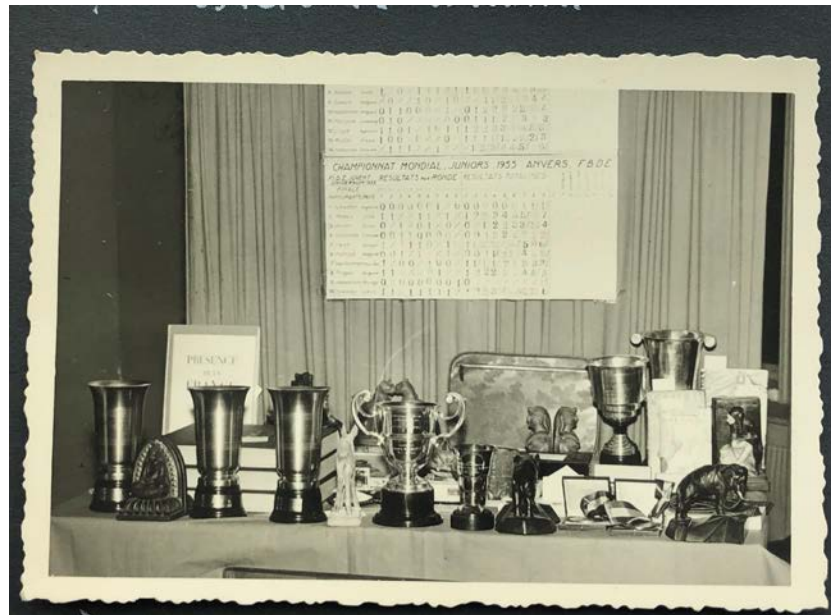
Spassky en Averbach with Russian Embassy personnel in Belgium



# The Prizes

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.

Cup of the Belgian Chess Federation





# The Prizes

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.

Prizes in kind

For each participant :

- Book Duchamp & Halberstadt.  
Cases Conjuguées et Opposition  
(donation Lancel)
- Book ? (donation Heynen)
- A fountain pen



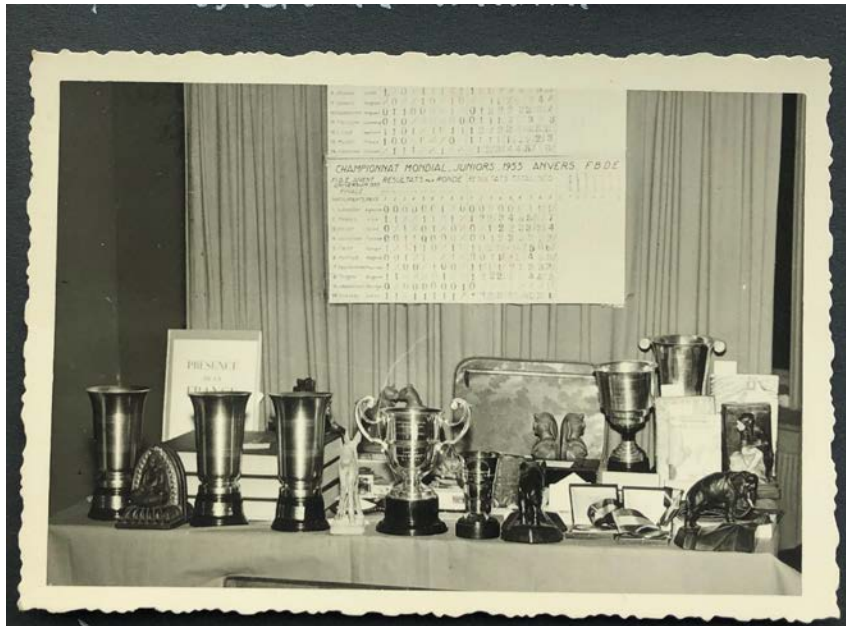
# The Prizes

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.

Prizes in kind

Winners of the preliminary groups: Cup  
Volksgazet

Various special prizes ...



# The Prizes

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.

## Money Prizes ?

not mentioned in the daily's  
nor in the chess magazines

1. 2000 X  
2. 1500 X  
3. 1000  
4. 500  
5. 250  
6. 200 X  
7. 150 X  
8. 100 X  
9. 100 X  
10. 100 X

5900

Propositions Prix en  
Espèces !!!

- |     |   |      |  |
|-----|---|------|--|
| 1 F | Medaille Anvers<br>Pontiac Everepoel<br>Schaal Dierman<br>2000 F<br>Furniture (Vulpen + Porte Monie)<br>Boek Lancel<br>" Heynen | 6 F  | Innovation Service Ver<br>200 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen |
| 2 F | Medaille Anvers<br>Cuiller Dierman<br>1500 F<br>Cadeau URSS<br>Boek Lancel<br>" Heynen<br>Vulpen                                | 7 F  | Cravate Sportlux<br>150 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen       |
| 3 F | Serviette Teeters<br>1000 F<br>Cuiller D<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen   | 8 F  | Porte Monnaie Baellen<br>100 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen  |
| 4 F | Porte Famille Slaveloovde<br>500 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen   | 9 F  | Allumeur Pennehe<br>100 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen       |
| 5 F | Asbak V. Kenney<br>250 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen   | 10 F | Biche Can. org.<br>100 F<br>Boek L<br>" H<br>Vulpen        |

# The Brilliancy Prizes

Prizes of 1.000 BEF totally donated by the daily *Volksgazet* :

JOHANNESSEN for his game against SCHWEBER in Round 3 of the preliminaries. (500 BEF)

AND

250 BEF to KLAGES as the only one who was able to beat Spassky

250 BEF to MEDNIS for not loosing a single game.

A prize of 500 BEF, donated by *Alfons Franck*, was awarded to SPASSKY for his win against VAN OOSTEROM (NED).



# Banquet and Ball

Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.: banquet

113 present

Farré on the piano:

- Preludium Chopin (nr. 15 in D flat major)
- Dance Granados (nr.5 in E minor)

Broden on the piano: Fantasy Jazz

Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 p.m.: ball

Broden gives a demonstration of Jive (!)



# Financial Balance

## Het financiële plaatje

Op de vergadering dd. 16 oktober 1955 van de B.S.B. presenteerde Baelen het volgende bilan:

Ontvangsten:	84.706 BEF
Schenking van de heer <u>Dierman</u> , erevoorzitter van de B.S.B.	10.000 BEF
Schenking van de heer Van de <u>Wouwer</u> , ere ondervoorzitter B.S.B.	10.000 BEF
Tussenkost B.S.B.	7.500 BEF
Fondsenwerving bij Belgische schaakkringen	21.835 BEF
Ontvangsten van buitenlanders (voor logement, ...)	10.450 BEF
Verkoop van programma's, entreekaarten, partijbulletins, foto's, ...	24.921 BEF
<b>Uitgaven:</b>	<b>86.783 BEF</b>
Logies spelers	32.840 BEF
Maaltijden spelers buiten hotel of gastgezin	2.155 BEF
Zakgeld spelers	4.800 BEF
Consumptietickets speler en officials in speelzaal	6.874 BEF
Excursies	1.951 BEF
Prijsuitreiking	2.486 BEF
Afscheidsbanket	12.550 BEF
Bal	1.625 BEF
Drukwerk	12.600 BEF
Verzekering en contributies	3.022 BEF
Diverse kosten	5.880 BEF

Het tekort van 2.077 BEF werd bijgesteld door de B.S.B.

B.S.B. 3e Wereldkampioenschap Schaken-Jeugd. Antwerpen 1955.  
F.B.E. 3e Championnat Mondial Echecs-Jeunesse. Anvers 1955.

Recettes. Ontvangsten.	
Mr Dierman	10000
Mr Van de Wouwer	10000
B.S.B. - F.B.E.	5000
Cotisations Jeunesse. Jeugdcootisations.	2500
Recueil de Mr Evenepoel	1550
Anvers : Ligue, cercles, dons personnels	10300
Autres provinces : cercles, dons personnels	1985
Etrangers	10450
Entrées, ventes programmes, parties, photos, fleurs	24921
<b>Total</b>	<b>84706</b>
Dépenses. Uitgaven.	
Roxy : tickets consommations Joueurs	4724
" " Organisateur	2150
pension Farré	3195
" Rottisch	3225
" Tringov	3225
" Ciric	2565
occupers Jorgensen, Ionia, Johannessen	1620
repas Van Hoorne, Keller, Broden	555
Lunch 28 juillet	1138
banquet 7 août	6430
Zeemanshuis : Jorgensen, Donia, Johannessen	5500
Pension Hallaert - Johannesson, Hallstrom	5200
Osba : Muller, Philippe, Deastach	3200
Somers	300
Kähler	790
Divers frais à l'arrivée, repas, taxis etc	763
Excursions	4900
Argent de poche	2486
Distribution des prix	1625
Bal	3022
Assurance et Contributions	12600
Imprimés	5090
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H. Baelen.  
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# Baelen and Spassky

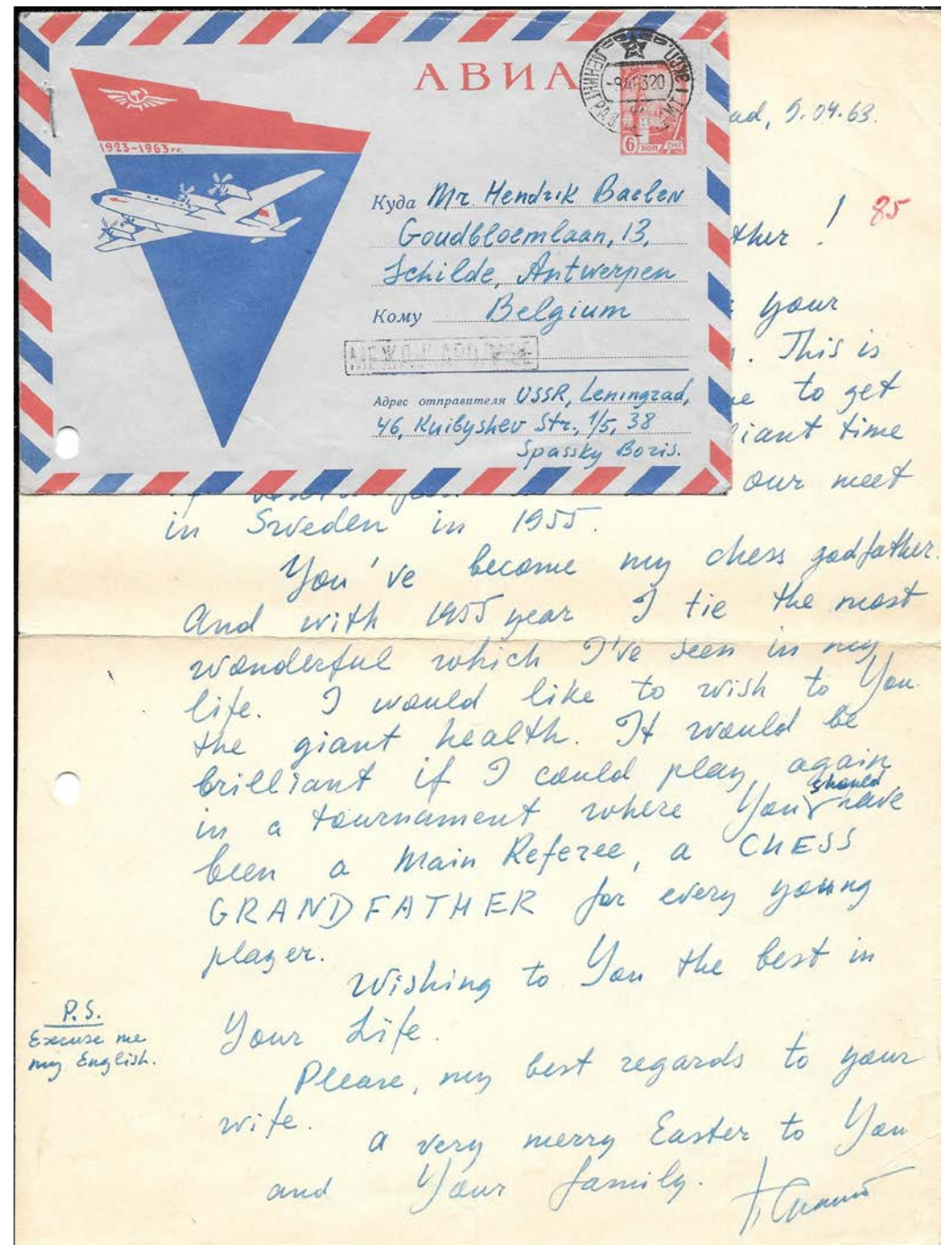
Congress of F.I.D.E. Gothenburg 1955 August 13<sup>th</sup>..:

A proposal from the Belgian Chess Federation to appoint Baelen as FIDE Youth Leader was not adopted.

Spassky kept in touch with his Chess Grandfather.

Baelen was a co-founder of a chess circle in his town Schilde: the Boris Spassky Chess Club.

Participated in the organization of the first of the club's famous 14 international youth tournaments (1965-1982), with winners as LJUBOJEVIC, ROMANICHIN, STEAN, CHRISTIANSEN, SPEELMAN, AZMAIPARASHVILI, EHLVEST, WELLS.



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My dear Chess Grandfather,  
Thank you very much for  
your congratulations and for  
your courage to call  
chess club with my name.

Now I see you are right.

Sending to you some  
photos about our chess  
battle.

My best regards to  
your wife, your family u  
of course to your chess  
players.

P.S. Yours *Stevan*  
Pardon me my English please.

