

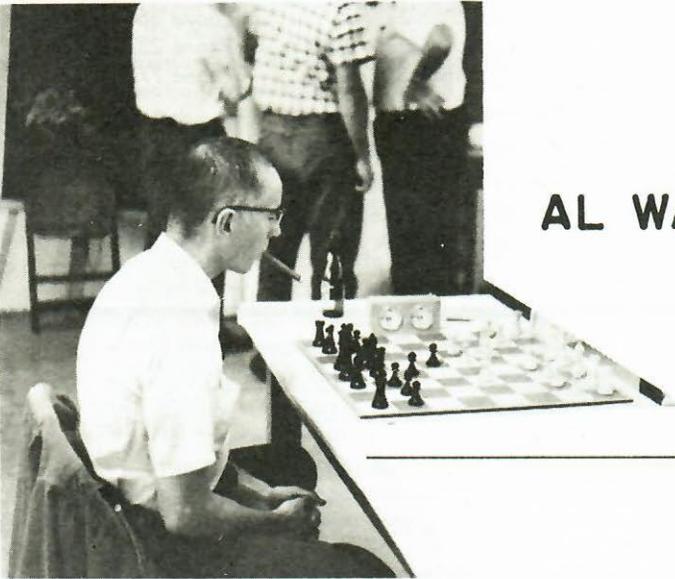
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## AL WALLACE MEMORIAL

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ALFRED A WALLACE

1917-1965

Co-organizer and Charter Member of Colorado State Chess Association; Co-organizer and Charter Member of the Denver Chess League; United States Chess Federation Director for Colorado; Founder of Central Bank Chess Club; First man to hold the office of President of Denver Chess League; Treasurer of Denver Chess League (1960-61-62-63-64-65); Treasurer of Colorado State Chess Association (1963-64-65); Denver Chess Champion 1960; Permanent Playing Member of Denver Chess League Traveling Team

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As time approaches for the Ninth Annual Al Wallace Memorial, perhaps a word about the gentlemen would be in order, for the benefit of those who came on the Colorado Chess scene after Al had gone: Al Wallace was a man in love with chess...as simple as that.

As John Harris and I discussed Al this morning, poring over the notebooks that John has maintained for years as our historian, we discovered that no matter how impressive the record of the individual, the newspaper clippings and pictures can't possibly convey the warmth of the man; the driving energy and welcome personality; the lop-sided grin and ever present cigar...these also should be part of the record.

If someone didn't show for the weekly club meeting, Al would call them the next day; if any member was ill, Al was there for the next visiting hours. He kept a personal card index system listing every chess player in the Denver area, and could call each one by name, but the more usual greeting ran: "hiya, Tiger! Come on in, I'll set up the board!".

Al Wallace was a man in love with chess. We miss him.

Pat Mahoney