

APPEAL TO THE CHESS-WORLD!

"GRAND-MASTER" RUBINSTEIN IN DIRE NEED.

The following appeal has come to hand from the *Wiener Schachzeitung*, and we are pleased to publish it in the *B.C.M.* We hope our contemporary will be well supported in its praiseworthy efforts to help such a deserving chess master as Rubinstein. He has attended several congresses in England, and has always been popular by his modesty and anxiety to conform to the rules and regulations. The patriotic way he has given of his best in the International Team Tournament for his country, Poland, has often won praise. We have sent £3 from the *British Chess Magazine*, and hope those of our readers who are able and feel so disposed, will forward something to the *Wiener Schachzeitung*, Postsparkassen Konto Nr 192697, Vienna iv, Austria.

Just on the day when the chess-world has celebrated the fiftieth birthday of its Master, Rubinstein, revered wherever chess is played, comes the sad news that this hero of the chess-world is living in Brussels in direst need and he and his family threatened with starvation. Rubinstein has not the heart to bestir himself and make his circumstances known. The chess-world must help to prevent another tragedy like that of Takács. A genius like Rubinstein whose deep insight into the game has benefitted on countless occasions hundreds of thousands of men in all parts of the world, cannot be abandoned in his hour of need.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* has taken a definite step to help Rubinstein. Its project is to publish a collection of Rubinstein games supplemented by his own notes. Advance subscriptions for the book are required, and also a corresponding number of freewill offerings, from interested persons in all chess-playing countries. The *Wiener Schachzeitung* declares itself ready to administer the receipts and disbursements of the Rubinstein Fund.

Help immediately and help liberally.

Reprint of this appeal is requested in all chess magazines and chess columns.

The price of subscription is 10 (oestr.) shillings. Subscribers who pay at least double this amount will receive a copy of the book with Rubinstein's handwritten dedication.

All payments to be addressed to *The Wiener Schachzeitung*, Postsparkassen Konti Nr 192697, Vienna iv, Austria.

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Sirs:

I am writing you in behalf of chess-master Akiba Rubinstein. He and his family survived the Nazi occupation in Belgium in the most heroic way. Rubinstein was hidden in a sanatorium for more than four years. Those "generous" people are now asking, as payment for his maintenance at that time, 49,500 Belgium francs.

The Rubinsteins are not only impoverished but also in poor health. Mrs. Rubinstein, the main provider for the family for the last fifteen years, is very ill. Master Rubinstein's poor health is very well known to you, I am sure.

I received a very depressing letter from Mrs. Rubinstein the other day, a real SOS cry to the Chess World. She is asking me to contact American chess friends to assist Master Rubinstein, the last of the old Masters left in Europe, in distress and helpless. He lost his valuable library; so he is deprived of everything.

The Rubinsteins are living at 46 rue Chateau d'Eau, Uccle-Brussel, Belgium.

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