

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

BRIDGE A PAWN ON LUNATIC'S BOARD

By Patricia Weathers

The mentally unstable criminal mastermind known as Chessmaster threatened, and nearly accomplished, the destruction of the Gateway Bridge, one of the wonders of the modern world, as part of a crazed and self-centered scheme to prove himself among the greatest of the world's masters of the game of chess. His fiendish plans were foiled at the last minute by Sunset City's stalwart protector, the superhero Vigilance, who, acting in concert with a brave band of other masked heroes, tracked the arch criminal to his lair and fought and defeated his gang of loyal henchmen after civic and military authorities had acted to neutralize the threat of the bombs placed upon the bridge by Chessmaster's minions.

Readers will remember that Chessmaster was first discovered and opposed by the brave and beautiful heroine known as Nightdancer, who alone proved no match for the madman's entire gang. Nightdancer got her chance for revenge, however, as she was among the group of heroes that Vigilance chose to assist him in his race to save the city's beloved bridge, and to rescue the chess grand master Vladimir Victorov, who was kidnapped by Chessmaster during a demonstration match against a group of schoolchildren, a kidnapping which placed the children in dire peril and revealed the depths of Chessmaster's indifference to human suffering. Also

among Vigilance's assistants were Miss Dixie Hill, rapidly becoming Sunset City's most popular female crimefighter, and Nightdancer's associate The Wall, who is believed to be the physically strongest hero in Sunset City since Direwolf's mysterious disappearance.

After the kidnapping of Victorov, Chessmaster used advanced communications equipment to take control of radio and television sets in Sunset City, explaining his nefarious scheme and threatening to destroy the Gateway Bridge if anyone attempted to interfere with his plans. He then began to broadcast his chess match against Grand Master Victorov, a match upon which the fate of the bridge hung. According to sources, it was this broadcast which enabled Vigilance to locate the villain. The criminal's own vanity thus proved to be his undoing.

Upon locating him Vigilance communicated with the authorities, who hit upon a plan that would prevent the detonation of the explosives placed upon the bridge. The safety of the bridge assured, Vigilance then led the attack against the criminal's stronghold, and the rescue of Grand Master Victorov. Chessmaster was unfortunately able to escape capture during the ensuing brawl, and his whereabouts remain unknown.

What is known, however, is that such a dangerous and brilliant criminal will not take such a defeat calmly, and further outrages against an innocent public are expected.

Farfield Reported to be Considering Presidential Bid

By Butler Wiseman

Well-informed political insiders report that Senator Ferris K Farfield is seriously considering tossing his hat into the ring in the upcoming presidential race. A Sunset City native, Senator Farfield is noted for his support of space exploration and scientific research, his devotion to social causes, and his belief in the importance of constructive international relations.

Sunset University in Research Contract with LexCorp West

By Chase Chesterton

LexCorp West and Sunset University have jointly announced the launch of an ambitious project to build a new type of advanced computational machine. Professor Malthus, who will head the research project, says that the new machine, to be called the M-6 Computational Device, will be a major and significant improvement over the untested M-5 device, which was stolen from the university shortly after its completion. LexCorp West has announced that it will be providing increased security for the M-6 project.