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CITY's SECOND WORLD CHESS CHALLENGE

Here's City's second World Chess Challenge preparatory contest!

PRIZES:

10 Portland chess and checker sets from Chesterfield, England! (The pocket size analysis and playing sets, the favorite of correspondence chess players throughout the world and the most beautifully designed miniature set available.)

CHALLENGES:

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THE KING HUNT

Black to move and checkmate in three moves. Prove it. (From a game between two leading grandmasters.)

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NEVER RESIGN

Black to move and win. (From the most famous incident in chess history, the game Popiel versus Marco at Monte Carlo 1902 where the renowned master RESIGNED as black in a position that he could have saved despite the fact that his bishop at d4 is thrice attacked and pinned as well. How would you have proven that black should not surrender the game?)

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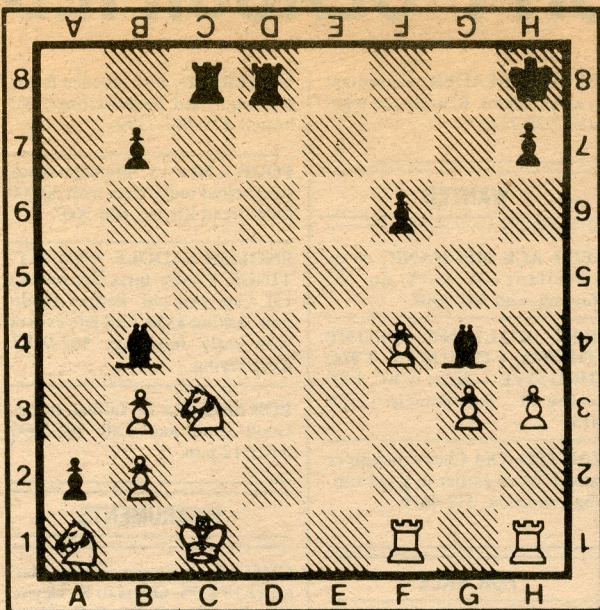
THE OBSTINATE DEFENSE

White to move and checkmate in two moves. Prove it.

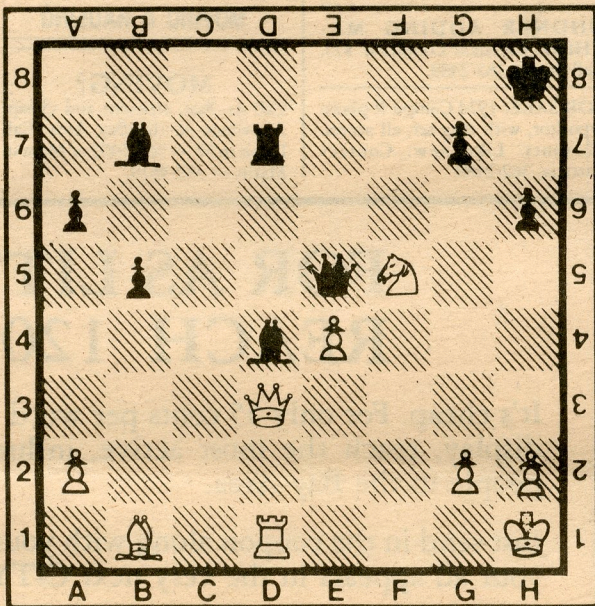
Contest Rules

Even absolute beginners have a chance to win a prize... To win one of the ten available Portland miniature chess and checker sets:

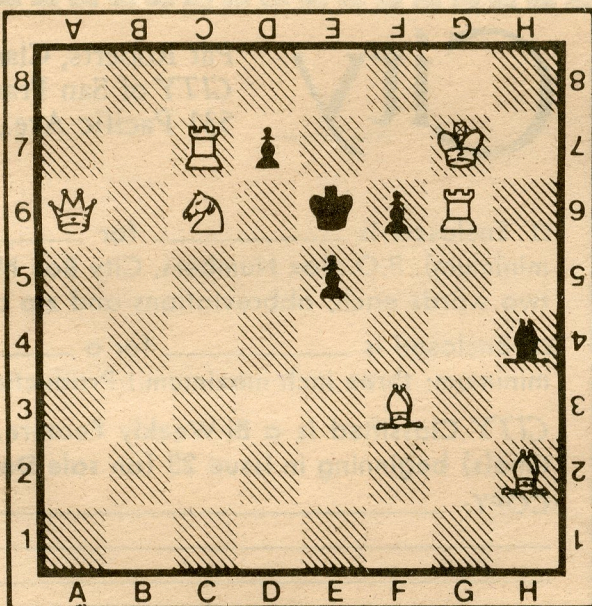
1. Write legibly, any error whatsoever disqualifies your entry.
2. If you are unable to solve all challenge positions don't worry! Write "I resign" aside the number that is unsolved and forward at least one correct solution for a consolation Portland drawing.
3. The first ten correct solutions win miniature sets. It pays to do your own work and tell no living soul what analysis you have done.
4. Explain your solution as you see fit, much as you would show the problem to a friend. The important thing is that you demonstrate what is happening.
5. All prizewinners will receive sets by mail immediately. Contest awards by Chess Editor whose decisions are absolutely final. Winners announced in column.
6. As in all CITY chess challenge contests it pays to watch the stands for the current issue of CITY (or subscribe) as the contests are 10



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days duration, always dead-lined three days past cover date for postmarked entry. Contests appear without notice with valuable chess and merchandise prizes

planned for readers. The faster you get the contest issues the more time to pore over your challenge entry. Good luck, one entry per reader please, open to any

reader in the world! You will have a lot of fun and learn a great deal about chess while about it.

Send all entries postmarked before midnight November 28th to:

The Second CITY of San Francisco World Chess Challenge Preparatory Contest
531 Pacific Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94133

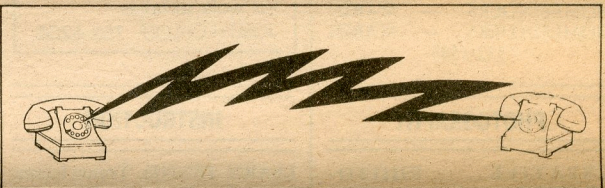
THE CHESS SCENE FISCHER AGAINST MECKING IN 1976

A Reuters news report states "definitely" that there is an agreement by Fischer to play a training match in Manila during June, 1976. (Another thrill from Manila.) His opponent will be Brazilian bad boy and frantic twitcher Enrique Mecking, winner of the 1973 zonal tournament in Petropolis, Brazil.

Mecking, the most nervous of all international players is a ferocious and studious competitor. He is well-financed by the Brazilian government despite a sensational series of forfeited games in world team play when Mecking at the last moment took a walk with the clock running on board one... Final word that the match is definitely on comes from a second dispatch from Tjen-tiste, Yugoslavia during the world junior championships last month. Larry Christiansen, the three-time U.S. junior champion, stated flatly that, "Fischer has begun prepara-

tions for the Mecking match and at the present time is working on chess ten hours a day." Manila president Marcos offered several million dollars, reportedly for both players, if an agreement could be reached between Mecking and Fischer verbally. Fischer flew to Caracas, Venezuela for the negotiations and reportedly agreed to the match but would not sign anything... that gives him one-half a year to change his mind. Mecking is an erratic player and lost a difficult match to Victor Korchnoi in Augusta, Georgia. His Elo-rating is 2610, Fischer's was 2780 when last published. Fischer hides out in Pasadena....

We are very pleased to announce that James Tarjan, the Berkeley international chess master, has tied for second through fourth prizes (with Garcia of Cuba and Miles of Britain) at the Novi Sad (Yugoslavia) 16-player international chess tourney. Mr. Tarjan's 9½-5½ score placed him ahead of Soviet grandmaster Balashov (9) and the Yugoslavian grandmasters Matulovic and Ivkov (8) as well as their countryman Vukich. The USSR has a new grandmaster, Oleg Romanishin, who won the just completed event with an impressive 12-3 score, winning nine games outright and drawing all the remainder to finish a crushing 2½ points ahead of the field.



The National Team Chess League Chess War by Telephone!

Bulletin: The United States Chess Federation has announced an 8-city team league which will feature "blood chess" competition by the nation's top 50 chessmasters! All matches can be conducted by telephone at 40 moves in one hour time control and immediate USCF financing of all expenses has just been authorized by the newly elected policy board of the federation. Six players from each city area will wage all-out team matches designed to give spectators the treat of their lives and attract media attention.

Slated to begin immediately, the San Francisco chess team will almost certainly enter competition in the latter part of January, 1976, and will have sensational rivals in New York, Boston, Cleveland and Los Angeles — all very strong master teams. Weaker teams, still possessing veteran master players that are rarely seen by the public, are Houston, Chi-

cago, St. Louis and Seattle. The obvious merit of the plan is that chess now becomes a social entertainment as it will be possible for San Francisco chess fans to dine out and witness a full 6-board team match via telephone at the Mechanics Institute Chess rooms (57 Post) in less than two hours on a weekday evening! The USCF will pay internationally titled players a top fee of \$75 per game and many details are being rushed to all organizers nationwide by the brilliant inventor of the chess league, a 2,300 Elo-scale master player named William Goichberg of Mount Vernon, N.Y. Every city will have a team captain and much volunteer and paid referee help is needed in the mammoth team league organization. All chessmasters, organizers and interested fans should rush a letter of inquiry to Mr. Goichberg, 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10553. This means war. Naturally large wall chessboards will demonstrate the telephone action play-by-play for scathing kibitzers and wagering proclivities.