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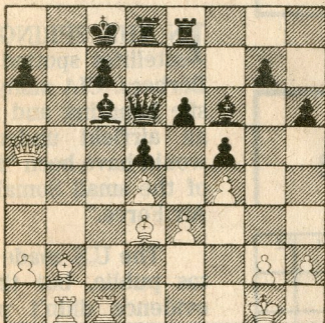
Chess

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DECIDING POSITIONS (4)

Blindfold Exhibition, April 7, 1979

BOARD FIVE



White: G. Koltanowski.

1. B-R6ch, K-Q2; 2.RxB. Resigns. (2... QxR; 3.B-N5.)

THE FALLEN IDOL

On the night of September 14, 1972, Boris Spassky arrived home in Moscow from Reykjavik. Few seemed to care or know about his arrival. He received just one concession — he did not have to pass the inspection of the customs people.

Spassky flew "Aeroflot" with a second class ticket via Copenhagen. His passport was inspected on arrival and he signed a document declaring that he did not bring in any weapons. Family members and a couple of close friends, seven people in all, met him. TV, radio and newspaper people stayed away. He did not seem too welcome. On other occasions, a band had awaited him, and the higher echelon of the USSR Chess Federation, with thousands of chess fans, would meet and greet him with flowers.

Now he had only one desire — to sleep.

This is the sad history of the homecoming of a fallen hero and idol. Spassky had lost the world title to American Robert James Fischer.

U.S. JUNIOR INVITATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship will be held in West Hollywood, June 17 through June 26. Participating are to be Yasser Seirawan (2495), Seattle; Sergey Kudrin (2395), New York; Vincent McCambridge (2395), La Habra; Paul Whitehead (2394), San Francisco; Ken Regan (2393), New Jersey; Jay Whitehead (2391), San Francisco; Perry Youngworth (2359), Riverside; Joel Benjamin (2353), New York. Jay Whitehead won the 1979 Northern California title.