

# J U D E A C E R S O N C H E S S

## The Chess Workshop

**Black**  
Korchnoi  
(USSR)

**White**  
Bohm  
(Holland)

### The Opportunity of a Lifetime

*From their game at the Third Alekbine Memorial Tourney, Moscow 1975*

The Soviet grandmaster, rated among the world's top five players, has just blundered in truly memorable fashion with 12...Nc6-e5?? losing an entire knight immediately. The Dutch international master failed to penalize Black's evil transgressions and replied immediately with 13.Qd1-b3?? refusing the gift of a lifetime. Readers are invited to analyze the position and find the forced win for the white pieces. Spectators, grandmasters and chess journalists worldwide could not believe their eyes.

We found it necessary to await confirmation from the official tourney bulletins before presenting the position, possibly the strangest case of double "chess blindness" in professional tourney history as it involved no time control worries whatever. White simply wins a knight with 13.Be3xb6 Pa6xb6 14.Pf3-f4! The Dutch player's feelings are not recorded. Many players would seriously consider ending the game and everything else after missing such a gift long before the holiday season.

### The Winners of CITY's Second World Chess Challenge Preparatory Contest

There were 81 entries from throughout the nation. The winner of the Chess Challenge main event is:

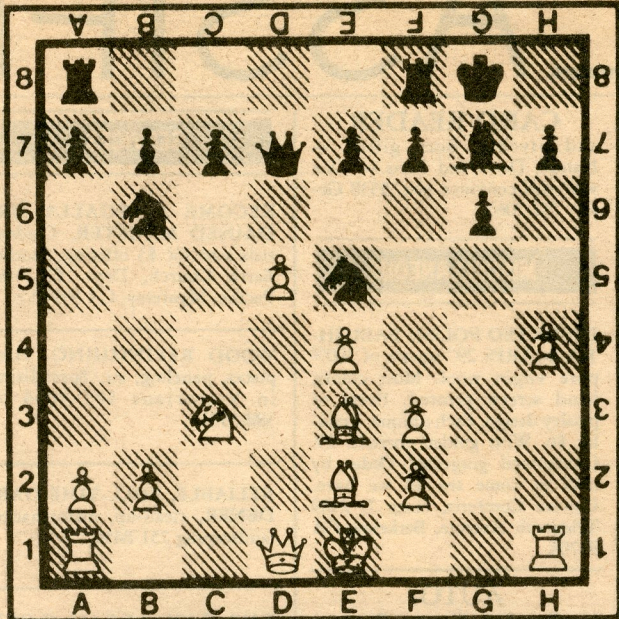
**Mr. Paul Erickson**  
San Francisco

Prize: a "double Portland" miniature chess and checker set from Chesterfield, England ... Mr. Erickson's letter perfect entry was the very last received. Nine additional chess set prizes were not awarded as all other entries contained errors. There were no foreign entries in our second contest but this state of affairs will certainly change shortly with the listing of prizes guaranteed in CITY's world chess challenge contests.

World Chess Challenge Contest consolation prize winner is:

**Mr. Julian L. Peabody Jr.**  
Carmel

Price: A "double Portland" chess and checker set. Mr. Peabody took no chances and became the first person to concentrate all efforts on one chess challenge position in his last minute entry, the 79th



received. His entirely correct solution was accompanied with the words "I resign" in two additional challenge problems. He became an automatic winner when no other consolation entry was posted and no drawing was necessary ... entries came from Miami and New York despite the ten day limit for the contest, many readers penning their most enthusiastic comments to boot ... All prizes have been mailed.

### Announcement of Prizes for CITY's World Chess Challenge Preparatory and Final Contests

1. *The Chess of Bobby Fischer* by Robert E. Burger (Chilton, \$2.95).
2. Dinner for the winner! ... at Enrico's\*
3. Several hundred dollars in cash prizes!
4. Many Portland chess and checker sets.
5. A haircut and styling for you by Tony Prince!
6. *The California Chess Reporter* ... a one year's subscription to the nation's oldest chess magazine which is edited by a team of top chess writers and master players — Commons, Burger, Benson, McClain, Fritinger, Grefe, Tarjan, etc. (Available \$4 per year, 244 Kearny Street, 4th Floor, SF CA 94108).
7. A pound of fresh roast coffee or a coffee cup and saucer from the Cafe Trieste Annex!

SOLUTION to second world chess challenge contest (Issue 20).

A) Challenge: Prove the black pieces checkmate by force in three moves. 1...Rc8xc3ch gives only two defenses for white — 2. Nal-c2 Pa2-al / Q or R checkmate. 2. Pb2xc3 Bb4-a3ch 3. Kc1-c2 Bg4-f5 checkmate. The position is Beliavsky-Geller, Moscow, 1975.  
B) Challenge: Prove that the famous annotator and chess master Marco should never have resigned as Black (*Poppel versus Marco, Monte Carlo, 1902*). Black wins in three possible ways with a crushing move. 1...Bd4-g1!! when white has three choices to die: being checkmated in one move by the threat 2...Qe5xh2 checkmate; stopping checkmate and losing a rook outright with 2.Qd3-g3 or 2.Qd3-b3. Example: 2.Qd3-g3 Qe5xg3 3. Ph2xg3 Rd7xd1 wins a rook; preventing checkmate and losing queen and pawn for only rook and bishop after 2.Kb1xg1 Rd7xd3 3.Bb1xd3 (or

8. A free pass to the mad, wonderful world of disco, for two months, at Dance Your Ass Off, Inc.\*

9. Four other chess and merchandise prizes as well as many surprise bonus awards. CITY reserves the right to award *without notice* all additional prizes.

\* As required by law, no alcoholic beverages offered or implied as part of prizes.

Final tips: One entry per reader, any chess player in the world is eligible to win a prize. Contests are designed to permit even absolute beginners a fair opportunity to win a prize through the consolation feature. Use column notation, the simple "ABC" system only. Any error whatsoever in following instructions disqualifies your entry.

Readers are strongly advised to do their own work and tell no living soul what analysis is found. If a team of analysts submits a solution please do so on one card or letter, identify each member of the team (credit will be given) and if possible give the team a name i.e. "The Challenge Killers," "The City of San Francisco Chess Team," "The Grandmasters," etc. All prizes are geared for individual winners only but several team entries have already been received. All contests are devised especially for CITY by the chess editor and personally corrected by a chess master with two decades of playing experience. No Error Will Be Missed. Readers are submit-

Rd1xd3) Bb7xe4. Many readers also gave the variation 2.Rd1xg1 2...Rd7xd3 3.Bb1xd3 Bb7xe4 and White has no resource e.g. 4.Rg1-d1 Be4xg2ch winning more material.

C) Challenge: White checkmates in two moves: Prove it. It was truly amazing how many of our readers chose incorrect key moves like 1.Qb5? or 1.Qc4ch? or even 1.Qd3? These moves simply do not checkmate in two moves as required. The elegant solution is: 1.Qa6-e2!! with the terrific threat of 2.Qe2xe5 checkmate. Black has four defenses to stop this checkmate at e5. They are: — 1...Ke6-f5 2.Bf3-g4 checkmate; ...Pe5-e4 2.Qe2xe4 checkmate; ...Bh4-g3 2.Rg6xf6 checkmate; ...Pd7-d6!2.Nc6-d4! checkmate (the variation dozens of readers overlooked). Many readers made typographical errors in their solutions as well. Any error disqualifies an entry for prize awards.

ting hurried entries and almost all winning entries were late arrivals and carefully organized. Challenge positions are definitely solvable and geared to both instruct and entertain ... It pays to subscribe or grab CITY hot off the stands as all contests end three days after cover date of contest issue and all readers have ten days for postmarked entry at best. Please, no phone call or letter queries concerning CITY's Chess Contest. Required contest information is presented to all readers in this column.

Readers are thanked for their many notes of encouragement, too numerous to answer individually. All contests occur without notice to readers. Chess editor's decision in all matters regarding contest judging, prize awards is absolutely final.

### Grandmaster Tarjan We Presume...

James Tarjan, 23-year-old international chessmaster from Berkeley has scored a sensational international first prize victory. He topped grandmasters Planinc (Yugoslavia), Bilek (Hungary) and Benko (U.S.) in a "grandmaster norm" performance, with a score of 8-3 in the just completed Subotica, Yugoslavia international. Mr. Tarjan (called "Gentleman Jim") needs two more "norm" results to obtain the international grandmaster title.

An "overnight sensation" who has payed heavy chess dues with near starvation and an endless sea of trashy skid row hotel rooms during innumerable chess events, Mr. James Tarjan is considered certain to become the first official grandmaster titleholder developed in the western United States. When that happy event occurs, unprecedented celebration, endless spirits and goodies of all kinds are in store for the chess community of the Bay Area.

Well liked by all chess observers and players, unbelievably cooperative in this modern age of chess egomaniacal temper tantrum hydras — James Tarjan is presently touring Europe and scoring such a stream of good results that it is not even possible to obtain the complete games of one tourney before another smoking performance by the professional chess player is on the teletype machine.

Readers may surely expect careful examination of Mr. Tarjan's wonderful success in coming columns. Already we have six excellent games by Tarjan with more certain to arrive any day now ... if he would only slow down for a week or two.

**Final Standings:**  
Subotica, Yugoslavia  
12 Player  
International Tournament  
1. Tarjan (U.S.) 8-3 (Won six,

- drew four, lost to Honfi)  
2. Honfi (Hungary) and Minic (Yugo.) 7½-3½.  
4. Hulak (Yugo.) and Planinc (Yugo.) 6½-4½.  
6. Bilek (Hungary) 6-5.  
7. Masic (Yugo.) 5½-2-5½.  
8. Benko (U.S.) 5-6.  
9. Raicevic (Yugo.) 4½-2-6½.  
10. Karodzic (Yugo.) 4-7.  
11. Mamuzic (Yugo.) 3½-2-7½.  
12. Sinesh (Yugo.) 1½-2-9½.

### REVIEWS Recommended for the Holiday Shopper!

*International Championship Chess* by B.M. Kazic with contributions by Botvinnik and Euwe. (Pitman, \$13.95, 360 pp). The book completely covers chess history with numerous tabulated chapters almost devoid of human interest. Horribly overpriced. A must for public libraries everywhere but the reader will find it a reference work only, not a straight through literary adventure.

The strangest item in the project — an international effort headed by the Yugoslavian chess federation president — is the totally out of character writing by three-time world champion Botvinnik. In powerful sketches he traces four world champions in a colorful style that partially compensates almost unannotated games and the lifeless address listings of the grandmaster players, federations, etc.

On Lasker: "Lasker's Critical Spirit ... After the rounds, young players from the tournament would often come to the restaurant of the National Hotel and show their games to Lasker and Capablanca. And that is when I penetrated into the soul of this old and great chess player. Once, when I permitted myself confidently to reject a move, Lasker, to my astonishment, disagreed. He defended a position which, in my opinion, was doomed to fail. I did not succeed in convincing him that his position really was lost ... That is what Lasker was like. I was under the influence of some other opinions, but he paid no attention to them. He believed in himself, in his common sense. He did not let outside preferences sway him. He studied the position (no matter what it was!), reached a conclusion and made his move. In a difficult position, he would calmly and patiently wait — as if from an ambush — for his opponent to make a mistake."

*Complete Chess Strategy*, first principles of the middle game by Ludek Pachman (Doubleday, \$8.95, 167 pp.). Much text for beginner players. Overpriced, which makes it an outrageous gift naturally. Divisions of material are routine but well handled: Development of Modern Chess, Fundamentals of Chess, The Minor Pieces, Rooks, etc. Obviously this is the grandmaster's year.