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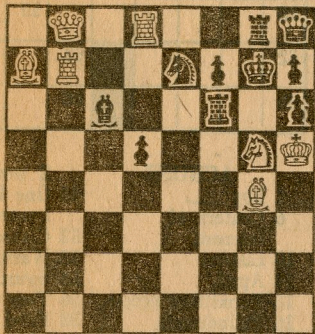### By George Koltanowski

PROBLEM
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White to play and mate in three moves.

BOBBY FISCHER'S WORLD RAPID RECORD SPECIAL REPORT

After the match in Belgrade, USSR-World, eleven grandmasters and an international master played in a rapid transit tournament in Herceg Novi a beautiful place at the Adriatic coast, not far from Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia. This event was quite the strongest in its field and could easily be counted as a world title event. Games had to be finished in five minutes, or the player who's flag fell first was lost, no matter how well his position. The final score: Robert Fischer, USA, 19 (1 loss and 4 draws) Mikhael Tal, USSR 14½; Viktor Korchnoi, USSR, 14; Tigran Petrosian, USSR 13½; David Bronstein, USSR, 13; Vlastimil Hort, Czechoslovakia 12; Milan Matulovic, Yugoslav, 10½; Vassily Smyslov, USSR 9½; Sammy Reshevsky, USA, 8½; Wolfgang Uhlmann, East Germany, 8; Boris Ivkov Yugoslavia 7½ and Boris Ostojic Yugoslav, 2 points.

Fischer's victory was in real Alekhine style, he lost one game to Korchnoi, drew one game each with Reshevsky, Uhlmann, Hort and Bronstein. In the first round he had a lost position against Tal, but he beat him 2-0. First prize was $600. By the way all games were finished in 6 hours of play. After this victory, Fischer told me that he had not played rapid transit chess for quite a long time. But he could recall all games. As a booklet with all 60

games this tournament will be published later. Here is the game that Fischer thinks is his best:

White: Korchnoi; Black: Fischer.
1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KN3;
3. N-QB3, B-N2; 4. P-K4, P-Q3;
5. B-K2, O-O; 6. N-B3, P-K4; 7. O-O, N-B3;
8. P-Q5, N-K2; 9. N-Q2, P-B4;
10. P-QR3, N-K1; 11. P-QN4, P-N3;
12. R-N1, P-B4; 13. P-B3, P-B5;
14. P-QR4, P-KN4; 15. P-R5, R-B3;
16. N P x P, N P x B P; 17. N-N3, R-N3;
18. B-Q2, N-KB3; 19. K-R1, P-N5;
20. P x P-N x N P; 21. R-B3, R-R3;
22. P-R3, N-N3; 23. K-N1, N-B3;
24. B-K1, N-R1;
25. R-Q3, N-B2; 26. B-B3, N-N4;
27. Q-K2, R-N3; 28. K-B1, N x R P;
29. P x N-B x P ch; 30. K-B2, N-N5ch
31. B x N, B x B; White resigns.

White: Tal; Black: Korchnoi.
1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4
3. N-Q2, P-QB4; 4. KN-B3, P-QR3;
5. KP x P-KP x P; 6. B-K2, PB5;
7. O-O, B-Q3; 8. R-K1, N-K2;
9. P-QN3, P-QN4; 10. P-QR4, P-B6;
11. N-B1, P-N5; 12. N-K5, O-O;
13. B-KB4, P-B3; 14. N-Q3, B x B;
15. N x B, Q-Q3; 16. B-B3, N1-B3;
17. N-K3, Q x N; 18. N x P, N x N;
19. B x Nch, K-R1;
20. B x N, R-R2; 21. Q-K2, Q x QP;
22. Q-R-Q1, Q-B4; 23. Q-K8, R-KB2;
24. R-Q5, Q-N3; 25. Q x RB7, Black Resigns.

Solution to Problem: 1. Q-K5, RxR; 2. QxRch, KxQ; 3. B-Q4 mate; or 1. R-B1; 2. QxRch, K-N1; 3. QxBP mate, etc.