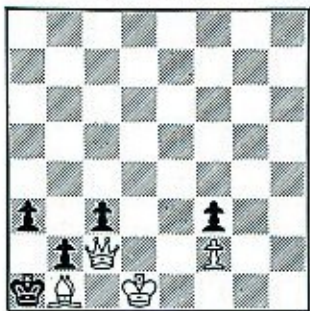


THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 37—By John Thursby



WHITE MATES IN THREE MOVES
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 35: R-Q2.

Answer to Task No. 37 should be postmarked not later than October 30. White's first and second moves should be given.

AS PREVIOUSLY reported in this column, the team representing the United States finished in fifth place in the International Team Tournament in Helsinki, being led by the Soviet Union, Argentina, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. The disappointing showing of the United States, however, was to some extent compensated for by the really brilliant record of young Robert Byrne of New York, whose score in the finals was five wins, three draws, and no losses! As a consequence of Byrne's fine play, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) voted him International Master rating, even though Byrne's previous international record hardly justified such a rank.

Byrne's outstanding accomplishment was his defeat of David Bronstein of the Soviet Union. Only last year, Bronstein had played a drawn match against World Champion M. Botvinnik, and was looked upon as a worthy successor to the title. The game is of great interest because of the novel treatment of the opening by Bronstein. Our New York correspondent, Mr. A. Turner of the Manhattan Chess Club, states that the opening will be a subject of debate for a long time to come. It appears that Bronstein probably went wrong at his tenth move.

Here is the game. The comments to the tenth move are by Mr. Turner.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

White—D. Bronstein Black—R. Byrne

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	16. RxR	BxR
2. P-QB4	PxP	17. Q-K2	Kt-R3
3. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	18. B-B4	P-Kt3
4. Kt-B3	P-QR3	19. Kt-Q2	P-R4
5. P-K4	P-QKt4	20. P-R4	B-QKt2
6. P-K5	Kt-Q4	21. K-R2	K-Kt2
7. P-QR4	KtxKt	22. R-QR1	K-R2
8. PxKt	B-Kt2	23. B-R3	Q-Q1
9. P-K6	P-KB3	24. Kt-K4	B-R3
10. P-Kt3	—	25. BxB	KxB
10. B-K2, followed eventually by R-K1, Kt-Q2 and B-B3, or B-R3, is, in the opinion of both Horowitz and Rossolimo, very strong for White. They believe that Black in the future will have to avoid the line.		26. Kt-B5	KtxKt
		27. PxKt	Q-R2
		28. Q-Q2ch	K-Kt2
		29. R-Q1	B-B1
		30. B-Kt2	B-K3
		31. Q-K3	B-B2
		32. R-QR1	R-Q1
		33. R-R6	B-Q4
		34. BxB	RxB
		35. Q-K6	R-K4
		36. Q-R3	RxP
		37. R-R8	R-B4
11. B-KKt2	Q-Q4	38. Q-B1	Q-Kt2
12. B-K3	QxPch	39. R-Q8	R-Q4
13. O-O	P-B3	40. R-K8	Q-Q2
14. R-K1	Q-B1	41. R-QR8	R-Q6
15. PxP	K-B2	42. Q-K1	R-Q4
	RPxP		

Here the game was adjourned, and Bronstein resigned without further play.

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The Pacific Coast seems to be attracting a number of former Latvian chess players. Recently, in Seattle, there was a Latvian rapid transit tournament, which was a part of the Latvian Pacific Coast Sports Competition. One of the participants in this tournament, Vladimir Zemitis, formerly of Portland, is now in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are informed that he is studying at the University of California.

On October 4 Mr. Zemitis gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute. Against 15 players, he scored 8 wins, 4 draws, and 3 losses. Mr. Zemitis is said to be an excellent blindfold player.

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At last word, Alexander Kotov of the U. S. S. R. was leading the Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden. Twenty-one players, representing thirteen countries, are participating. The United States is represented by Herman Steiner of Los Angeles. The tournament will qualify five players for the Candidates' Tournament next summer.

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