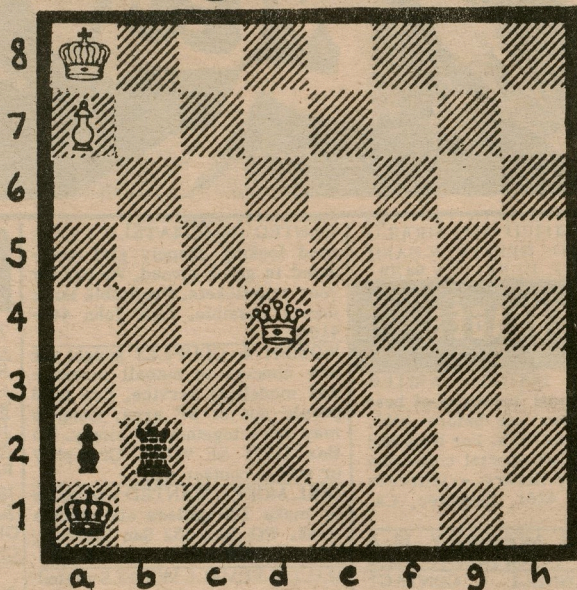


DIAGRAM 5.



Chess Barbs

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AN ACERS CHESS CHALLENGE: Work out every move without moving the pieces in this classic mate in four for White. Only a strong master found the solution in less than 15 minutes and more than 30 players failed to analyze the solution at all! Mail your solution to the BARB and it will be returned to you IF CORRECT with a check mark; 150 checkmarks earn you a BARB gold star (Honest!)

Here is a recent game from a Russian training tournament. Unfortunately, US players do not train formally for world or national events in closed tournaments, but I believe this will change soon. White: Zeitlin, Black: Krutianski, Russia 1971, Caro-Kann Defense (Notes by Acers) 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 dc(A) 7 Bc4(B) a6 8 Nf3 b5(C) 9 d5! Na5 10 Be2 Bb7 11 Nb5! Nd5(D) 12 Nbd4 f6 13 Qa4ch! Qd7(E) 14 Qa5 e5(F) 15 Bd2 ed 16 0-0 Bd6 17 Bc4 Ne7 18 Rfel! Bf3 19 gf Qh3(G) 20 Re7ch! Ke7(H) 21 Relch Kf8(I) 22 Bf4! g6 23 Qd5! Black resigns(J)

(A) Black attempts to weaken and win the "d" pawn. Theory considers 6. . . e6 safest. (B) Usual is 7 d5, but White's test is also very strong. If now (1.) 7. . . Qd4 8 Qd4 Nd4 9 0-0-0; (2.) 7. . . Nd4 8 Nf3 Nf3ch 9 Qf3 with compensation for the pawn sac. . . Pachman. Black may now transpose into a Queen's Gambit Accepted with 7. . . e6. (C) Very interesting indeed! 8. . . Bg4?! 9 Qb3?! e6 10 Qb7 Na5 11 Bf6 gf 12 Qe4 is very wild for both sides. Again, 8. . . e6 holds a cramped but playable game. (D) 11. . . ab 12 Bb5ch Nd7 13 Ne5 Bc8 13 Rcl Ra7 14 Qc2 and Black will never get out of it alive. (E) Forced. 13. . . Kf7 14 Bd2 spears a piece. (F) Suicide is 14. . . fg 15 Ne5 Qc8 16 Qa4ch Kd8 17 Nf7ch Kc7 18 Rclch. Black is trying to pick off White's Queen by Bb4ch. This is called

a "Fritzinger cheapo!" (G) The only chance, but allowing a nice combination. (H) 20. . . Be7 21 Qd5 Rd8 22 Qf7ch Kd7 23 Rel Rhe8 24 Be6ch kills. (I) It's a Tal job after 21. . . Be5 22 Re5ch! (J) 23. . . Ra7 24 Qd6ch Kg7 25 Re7ch and mate in one.

NEWS: Yugoslav grandmaster Svetozar Gligorich won \$2,000 1st prize money for a 6-1 result at Lone Pine, Calif., in the strongest Swiss type tournament ever held in the US. A 4-way tie for second (worth \$700 each) was shared by Anthony Saily, James Tarjan, Andrew Karklins and Paul Brandts with scores of 5-2. The sensation of the tournament was that grandmasters Walter Browne, Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier all failed to post over a 50% final result!

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS: Berkeley YMCE, Fre., 7:30 pm; Hardcastle Coffee Shop, 2516 Telegraph, all hours; East Asia Book Center, 5897 College (in Oakland by Ashby), Tue. and Thur.-Sat., noon to midnight; S.F. Mechanics' Institute Chess Room, 57 Post (4th floor), all hours.