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Chess Barbs

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(Diagram no. 2)
 Paris, 1962
 Agreed drawn!
 White to move, wins: how?

est will be there or have been invited). He's a USCF senior master, rated 12th in the U.S., and the highest rated young master in the U.S. Drew a match with Walter Browne of Australia in 1968! . . . Where the action is: four of the nation's top masters can be seen knifing people daily at the Hardcastle Coffee Shop. Groovy management and chess atmosphere daily. Look for Tarjan, John Grafe, Dennis Fritzinger, and Julio Kaplan (1968 world junior champ), who is an international master from Puerto Rico. . . Prisons, hospitals, institutions book a lecture and exhibition by Jude Acers free, but you gotta call or write the Barb to do it. Acers holds the world record for simultaneous play. He played 114 people at one time and beat them all. (LA State Fair, 1967). Talk to Max or Susan.

What's happening: Fischer (U.S.) plays world champion Spassky - (USSR) March 25, 1972 for world title (for \$135,000 official purse and estimated \$115,000 commercial value) in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. 24-game match will have last 12 games in Reykjavik, Iceland. Winner must score 2½ points (1 pt. for a win, ½ pt. for draw, 0 for loss). If match is tied, then Spassky holds the title. Booking odds are 3½-s½ on Fischer in England. Fischer worried about his plane being sabotaged, etc. Otherwise it looks like Fischer 8, Spassky 4, with 9 draws in the greatest match ever played. Interest in Europe and the Soviet Union has already reached incredible heights. Fischer is far better known than Nixon on the continent and can go absolutely nowhere without immediate crowds. For example, he is recognized instantly on trains . . . The U.S. has about 8 million chess players and about 30,000 rated USCF members. Enormous increase in chess sets and book sales are reported. More than 3 million chess sets are sold each year in the U.S., but the companies do not contribute a cent to promotion or international expenses of U.S. masters and chess teams. . . Fischer quite likeable, really, except when prodded by reporters for uncharacteristic statements he doesn't really mean: "Women are useless. Men waste time and money on them," etc. Fischer has endured 16 years, waiting for his great chance. He has helped masters like me make a living, too.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS: Berkeley YMCA, Fri., 6:30 pm; info., 582-1973; Hardcastle Coffee Shop, all hours, 2516 Telegraph; . . . S.F.: Mechanics' Institute Chess Room, 57 Post St., 4th Floor, all hours; info., 392-9515.

CHESS ANSWER

(Solution to above diagram no. 2; insert elsewhere in same issue)
 This position has occurred many times, first analyzed by Lolli in 1763! White has two variations to calculate: A. 1 Kb6! Kb2 2 Ka5ch Kc1 3 Qh1ch Kb2 4 Qg2ch Kbl (if 4...Kb3 5 Qg7! and 6 Qal) 5 Ka4!! Pa1/Qch 6 Kb3 and mate in 3; B. 1 Kb6! Kb2 2 Kc5ch Kc2 3 Qe4ch Kb2 4 Qe2ch Kbl 5 Kc4!! Pa1/Q 6 Kb3 Qd4 7 Qelch Qdl 8 Qdlmate (R. Fine). You should work out all this very carefully for practice. Not really hard, honestly!

. . . The times how they are changing: All expenses paid trip to junior international masters tournament for Berkeley sensation James Tarjan in Norwich, England, March 28-April 13 (world's strong-