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Bobby Fischer Wins It All As Spassky Concedes

First World Chess Title For America

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Bobby Fischer won his own Olympics today. The American challenger captured the world chess championship when Boris Spassky of Russia telephoned his resignation in the 21st game, which had been adjourned overnight.

Max Euwe, president of the International Chess Federation, said Spassky had telephoned Lothar Schmid, match referee, shortly before the game was to resume with Spassky in a probable losing position.

It is the first time an American has ever held the title, although Paul Charles Morphy of New Orleans, who lived from 1837 to 1884, dominated play in the 1850s and came to be known as unofficial world champion.

The title match here had a limit of 24 games. Today's victory gave Fischer 12½ points to Spassky's 8½. Fischer won seven games, each worth a point. Spassky took three, including a forfeit — thus he actually won only one out of 10 games at the playing board. Each of 11 draws was worth half a point to each contestant.

Fischer, who is 29, is from Brooklyn. He stood to win \$156,000 in prize money, counting a bonus put up by a British fan. He will reap further thousands in book royalties and other fees before he has to defend his title in 1976.

Spassky, who is 35, is to receive about \$100,000 as runner-up. He had won the title in 1969 from Tigran Petrosian, a fellow Russian.

Spitz Aims At No.6

Mark Spitz, the incredible swimmer from Carmichael, will attempt to become the first athlete in Olympic history to win six gold medals Sunday.

He will swim in the 100-meter freestyle that day and could make it seven golds on Monday in the 400-meter medley relay.

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Referee Schmid announced on the stage where the players were to have resumed their 21st game at 3:30 p.m. that Spassky had telephoned his resignation at 12:50.

Schmid took the call and informed the American camp, but the Americans initially refused to accept the resignation as official. Schmid's announcement made it official.

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