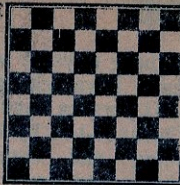


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Shakhmaty in English regrettably ceased publication in February, 1968, with its Sept.-Oct., 1967, double issue, thereby depriving the American chess public of a valuable source of translations from the Russian language periodical, **Chess in the USSR**.

For the benefit of the readers of this column, however, I will translate selected outstanding games from **Chess in the USSR**, annotated by leading Soviet grandmasters. The first such game appears today with notes by former world champion Vasily Smyslov (**Shakhmaty v SSSR**, No. 1, 1968, pp. 11-12).

White: G. Ageychenko. Black: V. Smyslov.
Moscow, 1967.

Nizmo-Indian Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	18 R-N4	Q-Q2
2 P-QB4	P-K3	19 0-0	0-0-0
3 N-QB3	B-N5	20 B-K3	Q-Q6! (j)
4 P-QR3	BxNch	21 BxN	NxB
5 PxB	P-B4	22 PxP	PxP
6 P-B3	P-Q4	23 QxQ	RxQ
7 PxQP	NxP	24 P-QR4 (k)	R-Q7!
8 PxP (a)	Q-R4 (b)	25 N-N3	R-R7
9 P-K4	N-B2 (c)	26 N-B5	R-Q1
10 Q-Q4 (d)	P-B3	27 N-K7ch (l)	K-N2
11 B-QB4 (e)	P-K4	28 N-Q5	R-Q2
12 Q-Q3	B-K3	29 P-R4 (m)	NxRP (n)
13 R-N1	N-Q2 (f)	30 P-R5	N-B4
14 BxB	NxP! (g)	31 P-R6 (o)	PxP
15 Q-B4 (h)	N/2xB	32 R-B6	R-N2
16 N-K2	P-QN3	33 Resigns	
17 P-B4	Q-R5 (i)		

(a) This entire variation is well known and is considered satisfactory for White. Black, however, has ways to create counterplay.

(b) More common is 8...P-B4 to keep the Knight centralized. I like the textmove better, as it does not weaken Black's King side.

(c) In other games of mine the Knight has retreated to K2, but here I wanted to test a new opening idea.

(d) Also to be considered is 10 B-K3.

(e) White fails to follow through and gradually drifts into an inferior position. The logical continuation is 11 Q-N4, although after 11...N-B3 12 QxQ NxQ 13 B-K3 B-Q2 Black's better development fully compensates for his Pawn minus.

(f) Black's opening problems are solved (14 RxP is met by 14 NxP end 14 P-B6 by 14 N-B4).

(g) Thanks to his tactical finesse Black now gains the upper hand. Weaker is 14...NxB because of 15 P-B6 PxP 16 Q-B4 N/2-B4 17 N-K2 0-0 18 B-K3, with about equal chances.

(h) Interesting complications result from 15 B-B7ch KxB 16 Q-B4ch N/2-K3 17 B-K3. The continuation might run 17...P-QN3 18 R-N5 QxRP 19 BxN Q-B1ch 20 K-B2 QR-QB1 21 Q-Q5 KR-Q1 22 B-Q6 RxP, and Black's attack is very dangerous.

(i) White's weak Pawns will be easier to attack in the endgame. Quite naturally, therefore, Black strives to trade Queens.

(j) This move fixes Black's advantage. With the exchange of Queens the position quiets down and Black's Rook invades the enemy camp via the open Queen file.

(k) If 24 R-B7, then 24...R-Q8ch and 25 K-B2 loses to 25...N-Q6ch. White manages some counterplay after 24...R-K6 25 N-N3 RxBP 26 N-B5.

(l) Trying to block the other Rook's access to the seventh rank. White works hard to hold the position, but the organic defects in his pawn structure are beyond repair.

(m) If 29 R-B5, then 29...R-R8ch 30 R-B1 RxRch 31 KxR NxKP.

(n) An important material gain. Black is prepared to refute 30 R-B5 with 30...N-B4, threatening N-Q6.

(o) This only hastens White's demise.

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