

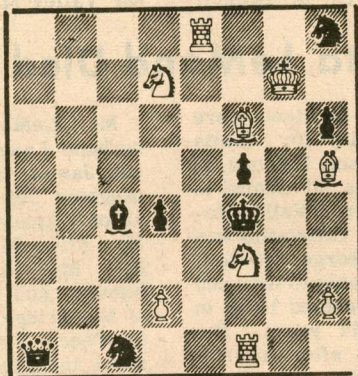
# CHESS



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## PROBLEM NO. 48

Black: 8

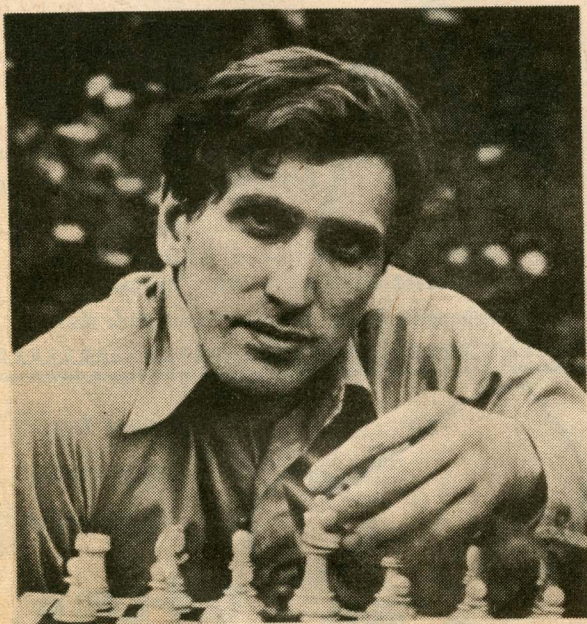


White: 9

White to play and mate in two. Solution on Friday. The solution to problem no. 47 of last Friday: N-N2.

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## THE NEW WORLD'S CHAMPION!



**Bobby Fischer: Invincible?**

Bobby Fischer of the United States became the chess champion of the world last Friday when Boris Spassky of the U.S.S.R. failed to show up to continue the adjourned 21st game of their match. By earning a full point in that game, Fischer scored 12 1/2 points in the match, allowing the former champion only 8 1/2 points.

Winning the world championship has been the climax of a lifelong dream of Fischer, who first started playing the game when he was six years old. A child prodigy who burst upon the chess scene in 1955 when he was 12, and winning the U.S. Open at 14, Fischer has predicted his winning the title for the past 15 years.

The only question now is how long will Fischer hold the crown? In his recent battles toward the champion-

ship match, Bobby set a winning streak record against the top world players. Though his victory over Spassky was not totally one-sided, he defeated a man whom the Russians thought was unbeatable in match play.

"He's invincible," state many grandmasters. Svetozar Gligorich, a grandmaster from Yugoslavia who is considered one of the best of the game's analysts, predicts that Fischer will "dominate world chess for the next ten years."

Bobby himself is less modest. "I plan to hold the title for the rest of my life," he said.

However long he holds it, and however temperamental he may be, he has shown the world that he may be the best player that has ever lived.

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## George Koltanowski is coming to Valencia!

International Master George Koltanowski, a leading promoter of chess and once the blindfold champion of the world, will be making an exclusive appearance in this valley. He will appear in the main gallery of California Institute of the Arts on Friday evening, September 15.

In this special exhibition sponsored by The Signal, Koltanowski will put on a complete show of championship chess. He will lecture on the recently completed Fischer-Spassky match, answer questions, give a demonstration blindfold game and will play 25 local chess players in a simultaneous chess match.

Details of the exhibition are included in a story in today's Signal.

## A Chance to Play Koltanowski!

Already, 20 of the 25 boards for the simultaneous match have been filled by the top finishers in The Signal's recent chess championships. To fill the five remaining vacancies, The Signal is printing a special chess problem contest in another part of today's paper.

Five of the correct solvers of this two-move problem will have a chance to participate in the simultaneous match. To enter, just jot down the "key move" (the move by white which, regardless of what black does in reply, allows white to mate on the following move) in a letter or on a post card, including your name and address and send it to "Chess Contest", c/o The Signal, P.O. Box 877, Newhall, Ca. 91321. The deadline for all entries is midnight, Sunday, September 10.

Next week, The Signal's chess editor will select five players at random from all the correct solutions submitted and these five will be invited to play the International Master.

**Important Note: Black started at top, white at bottom. The black pawns advanced downward, the white pawns upward.**

George Koltanowski has been playing chess for nearly forty years, is the former champion of Belgium, former world's blindfold champion and has played many great grandmasters and world's champions. Here's your chance to play him. See if you can solve the problem.