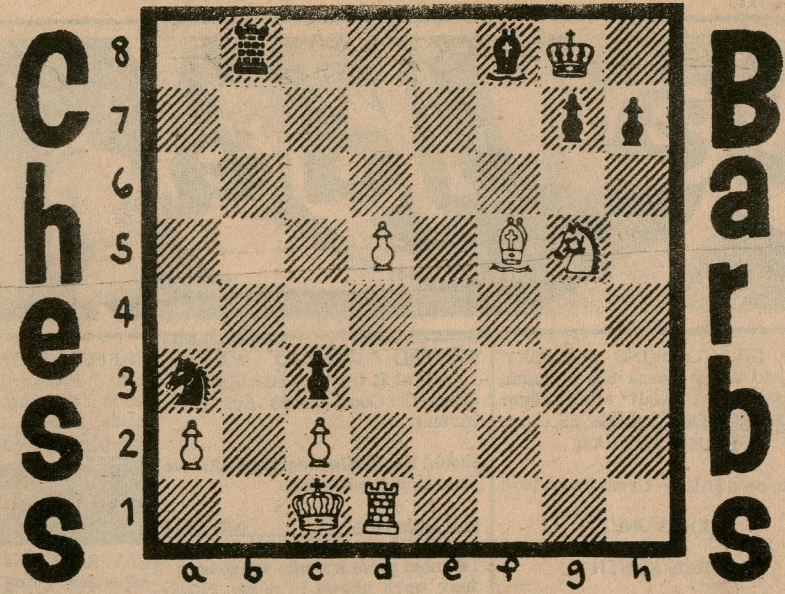


DIAGRAM NO. 17: You are playing White. Black threatens to put you in the closet with 1...Rb1 mate. What do you play and why? An Acers Chess Challenge Position. No guess work allowed.

NEWS: Want a book with 660 career games by Fischer?!!! You can get EVERY GAME Robert Fischer has played 1955-72 with major annotations by Leonard Barden, Arthur Bisguier, L.S. Blackstock, Harry Golombek and Paul Keres. It is 448 pages long with 19 photographs of Fischer in all stages of his career. Title: THE GAMES OF ROBERT FISCHER, B.T. Bassford Limited. Available at \$11.30 a copy from Swiss Chess Agency, Honggerstr. 80, CH-8037, Zurich, Switzerland (postpaid). It's definitely worth the price for serious players and those on the move from tournament to tournament as a motel consultant and bedside analysis volume... From "Chess Express", issue 7, "Fischer Plays

Under Protest -- May 6. FIDE received the following wire: 'Bob-by Fischer agrees to play in Iceland as scheduled under protest. Edmondson -- Marshall.' The match will now definitely start July 2. However, one is tempted to ask the question whether Fischer should be allowed to play under protest at all?" End quote. ... Final standings of Larsen's great comeback victory in Teeside, England: 1st, Larsen, 11-4; 2nd, Ljubojevic, 10-5; 3rd, Portisch, 9½-5½; 4th, Gligorich and Tringov, 9-6; 6th, Anderssen and Parma, 8½-6½; 8th, Gheorghiu, 8-7; others: Keene, Sax, Wade, Bilek, Hecht, Ree, Bellin, and Cafferty. GAME: All notes by Lubomir Kavalek, grandmaster.

White: Pal Benko. Black: Lubomir Kavalek. US Zonal, New York, 1972. Pirc Defense 1 Nf3 g6 2 e4 Bg7 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nbd2 d6 5 c3 0-0 6 Be2 Re8?!(A) 7 0-0 Nc6 8 b4 e5 9 b5 ed1 10 cd(B) Nb8 11 Qc2 a6 12 Bb2 ab 13 Bb5 Bd7 14 a4 Bc6 15 Rfel(C) Qd7 16 Qb3 Bb5 17 ab Ral 18 Bal b6 19 h3 Re7 20 Kf1(D) Qe8 21 Qd3 Nbd7 22 Bc3 Qa8 23 Ral Qb7 24 Re1 Qa8 25 Qd3 Nf8 26 Qc2 Draw agreed (E).



by Jude Acers (US senior master)

(A) Theoretical novelty. Kavalek -- Grefe, US Open, 1970 (Boston) went 6...Nc6 7 b4. (B) If 10 bc? dc 11 cb Bb7 12 Nb3 Be4 with advantage, but not 12...Ne4 13 Na5! (C) White has a slight edge. (D) Possible was 20 e5? 21 de Qe8! with a good struggle. (E) 26...N8d7 27 d5? 1 Qe8 28 Qd3 is equal. Best would be 28 Qb2! for White, but Black still holds.

QUESTIONS YOU ASK JUDE ACERS: Q. You recommend study of annotated master games. Please list the best book of annotated

master games. A. Logical Chess, Move by Move by Chernev, My 60 Memorable Games by Fischer, My Best Games (vol. 2) by Alekhine, Dr. Lasker's Chess Career by Fine and 100 Selected Games by Botvinnik. Highly recommended are the world championship match booklets, hot off the press: Lasker--Tarrasch 1908 and Steinitz -- Zukertort 1886 by J. R. Schroeder. The annotations are from every source ever printed in the largest chess library in the world -- the Cleveland (Edgar White) Library Collection. Available very cheaply from Tru-Test Co., Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio 44101. By the way, this outfit pours books and money into prison chess clubs. Hit them with a donation to their prison chess club fund. Q. Are there any good, thorough endgame books in English? A. No. Cheron and Averbakh must be translated by somebody, someday. Q. Do masters play friendly, clocked chess as training? A. No, not in the US. Clocked games against good players are wonderful training. I never train at faster than 40 moves

in 2½ hours. And naturally the games must be kept secret or everyone in the Bay Area will know what you know and are currently studying for White and Black. Q. Do you think Kim Commons, the current California State Champion, should be automatically invited to the US Championship? A. Of course. There is absolutely no reason that the California State Championship could not create a savage zonal fight right on our doorstep. Addison, Tarjan, Grefe, Fritzinger, Burger, Waterman and I would surely play in the event. And the games would be memorable, highly theoretical. The last US Championship was a tournament of favorites. Q. What is the best possible book for the beginner and average strength player to study? A. Logical Chess, Move by Move by Irving Chernev. I consider this the greatest teaching material ever published and have been amazed at its effect on children and players who are discouraged with pseudo texts. Mr. Chernev takes 33 master games apart move by move and really tries to show what is happening, so that the reader is not lost in the woods at any point. Easily available in paperback as well. It took Chernev nine years to pick the games and four years to pen the easy-to-read notes. Q. Is your current tour of the US a happy life or lonely, one-night-stand existence? A. It's depressing, being on the move so much, but that's tough. Can't have everything and, besides, eating is fun and a real change from the lot of most professional masters. Thanks Mr. Fischer!

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS: At the S.F. Mechanics' Institute Chess Room, 57 Post St., 4th floor: master Larry Gilden, 7 p.m. Sat., June 17. Lecture and exhibition; winners receive 1 hr. free chess lesson (½ hr. for a draw). Gilden is a former intercollegiate and US junior champion and has played on American student teams in Finland and Czechoslovakia. Board fee, \$2. Senior master James Tarjan, 7:30 p.m., Wed., June 21. Simultaneous exhibition only. Tarjan is one of the top players in the US and recently placed second (behind IGM Gligorich, but ahead of Browne, Bisguier, Evans, etc.) at Lone Pine 1972. Board fee, \$2. Support your local Chess Masters!!