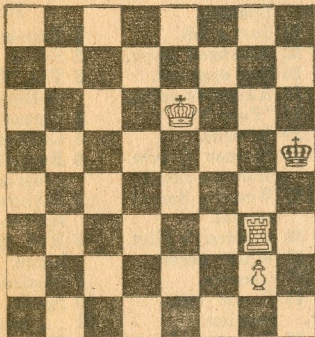


Chess Column

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PROBLEM

By Milenko Dukic, Yugoslavia



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White to play and mate in FOUR moves. (Two solutions.)

"Strange that I who rule the world from the Indus in the East to Andalusia in the West, cannot manage 32 chessmen on a board two cubits square."

—Caliph al-Ma'mun (c. 820)

"The medieval player lived and died entirely unconscious of the possibilities which lay hidden in his medieval game. It is one of the charms of chess that this has never made any difference to the player's enjoyment of the game."

—H. J. R. Murray, *A Short History of Chess*, 1963.

There are many games where one player starts an attack on the K-side, the other on the Q-side (after O-O-O, O-O respectively) and it's a race for time.

White: K. Grivainis.

Black: Dr. F. Gamboa.

California Open, Fresno, 1965.

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| 1. P-K4 | P-Q3 | 16. B-KR3 | BxN |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-KN3 | 17. QxB | N-K4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N2 | 18. N-K2 | QxRP |
| 4. B-K3 | N-KB3 | 19. P-KB4 | NxBP |
| 5. P-KB3 | O-O | 20. NxN | QxNch |
| 6. Q-Q2 | R-K1 | 21. K-N1 | R-R1 |
| 7. B-KR6 | P-K4 | 22. KR-KB1 | Q-K6 |
| 8. BxB | KxB | 23. B-Q7 | QR-Q1 |
| 9. O-O-O | PxP | 24. B-K6 | PxB |
| 10. QxP | N-B3 | 25. QxKP | Q-N4 |
| 11. Q-Q2 | P-QR3 | 26. Q-Q5 | P-B3 |
| 12. P-KN4 | P-QN4 | 27. Q-Q4 | KR-KB1 |
| 13. P-KR4 | P-KR4 | 28. R-N1 | Q-B3 |
| 14. PxP | NxP | 29. P-N3 | N-B6 |
| 15. N-Q5 | B-K3 | 30. Resigns | |

SOLUTIONS to Problem:
 1. R-N8, K-R5; 2. K-B5, K-R4; 3. R-R8 mate; or 1. . . . K-R3; 2. K-B6, K-R2; 3. R-B8, K-R3; 4. R-R8 mate, etc.