

CHESS

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FISCHER IN HAVANA TOURNEY, BY PHONE

It is news when Bobby Fischer, 22-year-old brilliant and temperamental U.S. chess champion, announces, as he has on several occasions, that he will not play chess.

It is even better news when, after a layoff of nearly two years, he accepts an invitation to a strong international tournament. And, when the tournament is in Havana, and Fischer will play in New York, there must be a story.

For several years Cuba has sponsored a Casablanca Memorial Chess Tournament, which has attracted many of the leading world grandmasters. Fischer was invited as a matter of course.

Fischer accepted, but soon found that Americans are not traveling to Cuba these days, except in most unusual circumstances, and that the State Department frowns on the idea.

A New York chess fan, Moses Eskolski, hearing of the predicament, suggested that Fischer might play his games by telephone. A call to Cuba (this is permitted) gained immediate agreement.

At the scheduled time Fischer sits at a board in the Marshall Chess Club, 23 W. 10th St., New York. He has been informed in advance who his opponent will be and who has the first move.

When Fischer moves, this is immediately transmitted to his opponent in Havana. When the latter replies, the move is relayed and made on Fischer's board by a referee. The usual chess clock is used, but each player is timed at his own board.

Because of inevitable delays in communication, the telephone session will last considerably longer than in over the board play, allowing the contestants more time than usual. This is no advantage to Fischer, who generally plays much faster than his opponents.

The tournament is about to start as this is written. It will be the first real competition for Fischer since his amazing 11-0 victory in the U.S. Championship Tournament in December, 1963.

CALIF. OPEN TOURNEY

The annual California Open Chess Championship will be held next weekend at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno, which last year proved a particularly popular site for the event.

Play will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with the second round that evening. Three rounds will be contested on Sunday and the final two on Monday. A busy schedule to be sure, but this is why players will be gathering from every sector of the state.

The prize fund is expected to be about \$700, with a guarantee of \$150 and a trophy to the winner. Last year 27 prizes were distributed, including leaders in various rating categories. The number and amounts will depend on the number of participants.

The entrance fee is \$10.50, with membership required in both the U.S. Chess Federation and the California State Chess Federation. There are considerable advantages to these memberships, which can be obtained when registering.

The tournament director is Gordon Barrett, 1744 Redesdale Ave., L. A. 26. Write to him for advance registration or for further information.

CHESS FOR FUN DAY AT CITY TERRACE CLUB

The City Terrace Chess Club, 1126 N. Hazard St., is planning a full day's program as an elaboration of the Chess For Fun idea originated by Lt. Col. Edmund B. Edmondson, president of the U. S. Chess Federation.

The date is Saturday, Sept. 11. Starting at 10 a.m., there will be lectures on various phases of chess, three rounds of tournament play, and a simultaneous exhibition in the evening.

SARAJEVO TOURNEY

Alexander Suetin of the USSR was the only undefeated player in the eighth annual tournament at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, winning the event with a score of 10½-4½.

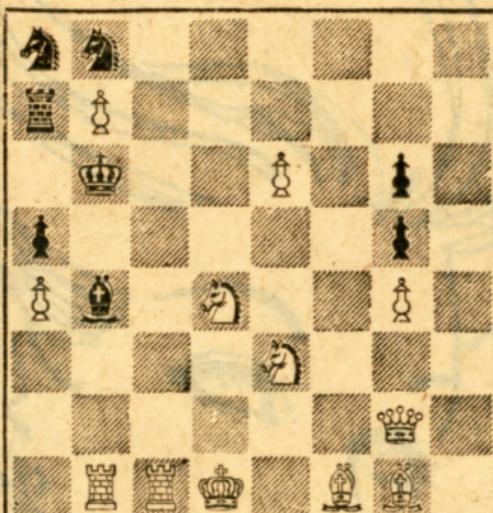
In individual combat Suetin defeated his chief rivals, the two co-winners of the tournament last year, Wolfgang Uhlmann of East Germany and Lev Polugaevsky of the USSR.

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TIMES PROBLEM 3723

By C. Mansfield

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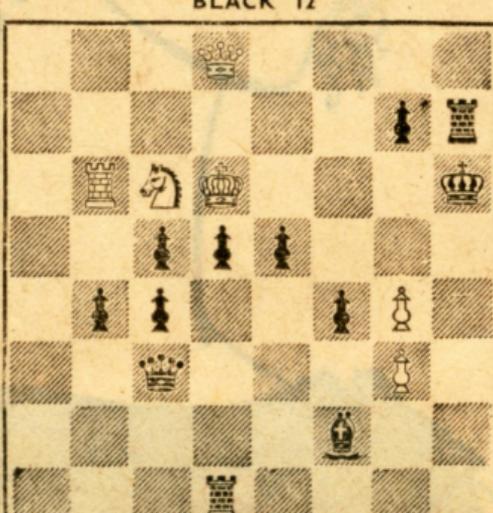
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White mates in two.

TIMES PROBLEM 3724

By C. J. R. Sammelius

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White mates in three.

It is clear in 3723 that the white knights must get out of the way, but how? The three selfblock variations are particularly clever. Clearing a line is also vital in 3724, in which the white king plays the most active role.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3717: R-QN4

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3718: N-R5

Threat, 2 B-N2ch; if QN-Q4, 2 RxKPch; if KN-Q4, NxPch; if P-Q4, 2 N-N6ch; if Q-N6 or N-K7, 2 K-N7.

SOLVERS' LIST

Five points—F. Aks, D. Anderson, P. J. Burton, Mrs. R. Coogan, K. C. Cummings, D. A. Daggett, J. E. Davenport, G. E. Engebretsen, S. Foster, H. Hyde, M. F. Kohler, J. B. Lucas, P. Moble, C. A. Musgrove, I. E. Nordstrom, J. F. Rausch, R. Roslin, J. Sabatino, C. E. Stern, K. K. Watson, N. Wilpert.

Two points—R. Biddle, G. J. Castleberry, D. Del Mar, J. Feldstein, S. Ford, N. Lesser, R. Haughtelin, O. H. Ketchum, E. Knuth, C. Weislow. One point—A. Africano, V. W. Damm, Dr. J. A. Healy, S. L. Munger.

PROBLEM SOLVING RULES

Send solutions to problems to Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times. Please use a separate card or letter for each week's answer. Solutions must be postmarked within two weeks of publication.

Solutions and lists of solvers will be published three weeks after problems appear. Unless otherwise noted two points will be awarded for correct answers to two-movers and three points for three-movers. One point each week will be allowed for incorrect solutions. Key moves are sufficient for two-movers. Principal variations must be given for full credit for three-movers.

Points are published for information only. Scores are not accumulated and there are no prizes except for special competitions which will be announced from time to time.

Polugaevsky tied for second place with Milan Matulovich of Yugoslavia, each scoring 10-5. Uhlmann took fourth place with 9½-5½

The following game is from the event.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Suetin	Uhlmann	Suetin	Uhlmann
USSR	E. Germany	USSR	E. Germany
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-K4	P-K3	20-P-N5	N-N
2-P-Q4	P-Q4	21-Q-R4	O-O
3-N-Q2	N-KB3	22-KR-QB	N-K
4-P-K5	KN-Q2	23-R-B8	N-B2
5-P-KB4	P-QB4	24-RxRch	KxR
6-P-B3	N-QB3	25-B-K	P-QR4
7-QN-B3	Q-N3	26-PxPe.p.	Q-R2
8-P-KN3	PxP	27-Q-N3	PxP
9-PxP	B-N5ch	28-Q-N7	N-Q2
10-K-B2	P-B4	29-B-R5	N-N4
11-K-N2	N(2)-N	30-Q-B6	K-B2
12-N-R3	B-Q2	31-BxP!	N-B
13-N-B2	N-R3	32-B-QN6	Q-N
14-QR-N	N-B2	33-B-Q3	Q-B
15-N-Q3	B-K2	34-R-QB	QxQ
16-B-K3	N-R4	35-RxQ	N-R6
17-B-B2	B-QN4	36-R-B7	K-K
18-P-QN4	BxN	37-RxBch	KxR
19-BxB	N-B3	38-B-B5ch	Resigns

IBM TOURNEY, HOLLAND NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Donner	Karaklaic	Donner	Karaklaic
Holland	Yugoslavia	Holland	Yugoslavia
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-QB4	P-K3	24-B-Q5	K-N2
2-P-Q4	N-KB3	25-P-B4ch	K-B
3-N-QB3	B-N5	26-K-B3	N-B4
4-P-K3	O-O	27-B-R3	R-Q3
5-B-Q3	P-Q4	28-B-N2	R-Q2
6-N-B3	P-B4	29-K-K3	R-K2ch
7-O-O	PxP	30-B-K5	N-Q2
8-BxBP	QN-Q2	31-K-Q4	NxB
9-Q-K2	P-QN3	32-PxN	R-B2
10-R-Q	PxP	33-P-K6	K-K2
11-PxP	B-N2	34-K-K5	R-B
12-P-Q5	BxN	35-P-B4	P-KR4
13-PxP	N-K4	36-P-KR4	R-KR
14-QxB	N-K4	37-P-R4	P-R3
15-PxPch	K-R	38-B-K4	R-QB
16-RxQ	NxQch	39-BxP	RxP
17-PxN	KRxR	40-P-B5	R-B2ch
18-PxB	R-Q8ch	41-K-B4	R-B
19-K-N2	N-Q2	42-K-N5	R-QN
20-P-B4	P-KR3	43-BxP	P-N4
21-B-N2	RxR	44-B-N4	PxP
22-BxR	R-Q	45-P-B6ch	K-B
23-B-N2	P-N3	46-K-N6	Resigns

UKRAINE VS. BULGARIA NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Nikol'vski	Bobotzoff	Nikol'vski	Bobotzoff
Ukraine	Bulgaria	Ukraine	Bulgaria
White	Black	White	Black
1-P-Q4	N-KB3	14-Q-B2	N-Q
2-P-QB4	P-K3	15-Q-R4	N-B2
3-N-QB3	B-N5	16-B-N5	NxB
4-P-QR3	BxNch	17-NxN	N-R4
5-PxB	O-O	18-P-N4	N-B3
6-P-B3	N-R4	19-P-K4	PxKP
7-N-R3	P-KB4	20-PxP	Q-K2
8-B-N5	Q-K4	21-R-B2	P-K4
9-R-K3	N-QB3	22-QR-KB	NxNP
10-B-Q3	P-Q3	23-R-B7	RxR
11-O-O	B-Q2	24-RxR	QxR
12-Q-B2	P-KN3	25-NxQ	Resigns
13-B-R6	N-N2		