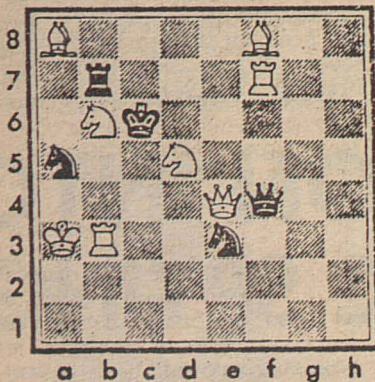




CHESS BARBS

White to play:
Mate on the move!



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DIAGRAM: White to play and mate in one move! Go ahead and time yourself, write down your answer (to commit yourself), then, and only then, check out the solution at the end of this column.

GAME OF THE WEEK: Eugeni Vasiukov collected \$5,000 by winning Manila's grandmasters tourney last month. Here is one of the big wins that did it, played against a new teenage international grandmaster.

White: Vasiukov (USSR).
Black: Torre (The Philippines).
Alekhine's Defense 1 Pe2-e4 Ng8-f6 2 Pe4-e5 Nf6-d5 3 Pd2-d4 Pd7-d6 4 Ng1-f3 Bc8-g4 5 Bf1-e2 Pe7-e6 6 0-0 Bf8-e7 7 Pc2-c4 Nd5-b6 8 Nbl-c3 0-0 9 Ph2-h3 Bg4xf3

10 Be2xf3 Nb8-c6 11 Bfexc6 12 Pb2-b3 Pa7-a5 13 Bcl-e3 Nb6-d7 14 Qdi-h5 Pd6xe5 15 Pd4xe5 Nd7xe5 16 Qh5xe5 Be7-f6 17 Qe5-e4 Bf6xc3 18 Ral-dl Qd8-c8 19 Rdl-d3 Bc3-b4 20 Rfl-dl Pa5-a4 21 Pc4-c5 Bb4-a3 22 Rdl-bl Pf7-f5 23 Qe4-e5 Ra8-b8 24 Be3-d4 Rf8-f7 25 Rbl-di Pa4xb3 26 Pa2xb3 Ph7-h6 27 Bd4-c3 Qc8-e8 28 Pb2-b4 Kg8-h7 29 Rd3-d4 Rf7-e7 30 Kgl-h2 Rb8-a8 31 Pf2-f4 Qe8-f7 32 Rd4-d3 Ra8-b8 33 Rdl-bl Re7-d7 34 Rd3-g3 Rb8-a8 35 Qe5-el Qf7-e8 36 Rbl-b3 Ra8-a4 37 Bc3-e5 Qe8-a8 38 Qel-c3 Ba3xb4 39 Rb3xb4 Ra4xb4 40 Qc3-e4 Qa8-a2 41 Qb4-b8 Black resigns.

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SOLUTION TO DIAGRAM: 1 Qe4-e8mate! (Surprised?)