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DIAGRAM: Black, on the move, from actual play in Tbilisi, 1973 (won by Vaganyan and Dzhindzhikhashvili with 11 1/2-51/2, ahead of Vasyukov, 10 1/2, Furman, 10, Razuvaev, 10, Bronstein, 9 1/2, et al) finds a startling mate in three. Do you see it? Solution at end of column.

USSR CHAMPIONSHIP: Spassky surged back, playing full steam ahead in a monster Moscow tournament crammed with IGM's and former world champions. His 11 1/2 points out of a possible 17 encompassed seven wins, two more than anyone else, and but one loss (to Savon).

Karpov, Korchnoi, Kuzmin (watch him he's going places!), Petrosian and Polugaevsky all finished second at 10 1/2 apiece.

Falling ill during the first rounds, Tal could only manage 8 points and in his weakened condition allowed some brilliant games to be played against him for a change.

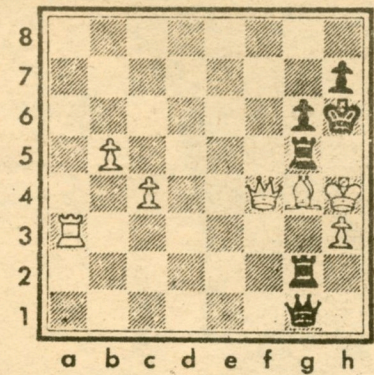
World junior champion Belyavsky was simply outclassed (2 wins, 5 draws, 10 losses), but he received tons of valuable experience over the board and in post-game analysis.

Spassky--Sveshnikov, 41st USSR Champ., Moscow, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bf4 e5 8 Bg5 a6 9 Na3 b5 10 Bf6 gf 11 Nd5 f5 12 Bd3 Be6 13 0-0 Bg7 14 Qh5 h6 15 c3 0-0 16 Nc2 fe 17 Be4 f5 (both players deliberately steered for this position, but Black thought that 18 Nf6ch and 19 Bc6 was forced here, leaving him with promising prospects. Spassky's reply came as a complete shock.) 18 Nf4! (If now, 18...ef, then 19 Bc6 saddles Black with fatal pawn weaknesses, so Sveshnikov tries to

tempt White with the win of the exchange instead.) Bd7 19 Bd5ch Kh7 20 Qg6ch Kh8 21 Nh5 Qe7 22 Nb4 Nb4 23 Ba8 Rg8 24 cb and Black resigned.

Tal--Petrosian, 41st USSR Champ., Moscow, 1973. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Bc4 Ngf6 6 Ng5 e6 7 Qe2 Nb6 (Of course not 7...Be7?? 8 Nf7!, but it has happened.) 8 Bb3 a5 (Another cheap trap is 8...Qd4? 9 Nlf3 and 10 Ne5.) 9 a4 h6 10 N5f3 c5 11 Bf4 Bd6 12 Be5 0-0 13 0-0-0! (Really risky, even for Tal!) c4! 14 Bc4 Na4 15 Nh3 Nb6 16 g4 a4! 17 g5 hg 18 Nhg5 a3 19 b3 Bb4! (A terrifically complicated position that favors black.) 20 Rdl (Believe it or not, wrong rook, since in some variations this one can be deflected from the "g" file by queening with check.) a2!! (Tal had probably hoped to pull his game out of the fire with the explosive 20...Bc3 21 Qd3 a2 22 Kdl alQch 23 Ke2! and even with two queens White could die, e.g., 23...Nbd5 24 Bd5 Qd5 25 Nh7!) 21 Kb2 Nc4ch 22 Qc4 Nd5 23 Ne4 (Or 23 Ne6 alQch) f6 (Completely repelling White's attack.) 24 Bf4 (What else? ON 24 Bg3 comes 24...f5! 25 Be5 alQch, etc.) Ba3ch 25 Kal Nf4 26 h4 Rf7 27 Rg4 Qa5 28 White resigns. (Notes from "Sovetsky sport".)

BERKELEY DOMINATES CAPP'S MEMORIAL: USCF senior master James Tarjan of Berkeley passed straight through six in a row (including Berkeley's resident grandmaster Walter Browne) at the 1973 Capps Memorial in San Francisco, winning the \$400 first prize outright. Second with 5 1/2 points and \$200 was Sabu Subramaniam, also from Berkeley. Finishing third at 5 points each



Black to move, mates in three.

were masters Peter Cleghorn, San Francisco, Craig Barnes and James McCormick, both Berkeley. Alan Benson and Mary Lasher (Berkeley) directed the 118-player event.

Greg Hoyal (1664)--Romeo Rodriguez (2292), Capps Memorial, San Francisco, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 Bd7 9 Bc4 0-0 10 0-0-0 Qb8 (This move has been enjoying quite a bit of success lately.) 11 h4 b5 12 Bb3 a5 13 h5 a4 (The Black pawns swarm forward like little ants...) 14 Bd5 b4 15 Nce2 b3 16 a3 bc 17 Rdl (In an identical position a few weeks ago, Subramaniam chose 17 Qc2 against Rodriguez and lost his shirt: 17... Nd4 18 Rd4 Nd5 19 ed Bf5 20 Qd2 Qb3 21 Rhh4 Rac8ch 22 Nc3 Rc3ch 23 Qc3 Rc8 24 White resigned.) Nd5 18 ed Na5 19 hg Nb3ch! 20 Nb3 Bb2ch!

21 White resigns.

James Buff (1773)--Peter Hess (2004), Capps Memorial, San Francisco, 1973. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bh4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Rel b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 h3 0-0 9 c3 Na5 10 Bc2 c5 11 d4 Qc7 12 Nbd2 Nc6 13 Nfl cd 14 cd ed 15 Bbl (Theoretical Novelty!) Qb6 16 Ng3 Re8 17 Ne2 d5 18 e5 Ne4 19 Ned4 Nd4 20 Nd4 Bc5 21 Be3 Re5 22 b4 Bb4 23 Nf3 Qe6 24 Ne5 Bel 25 Be4 Bf2ch 26 Bf2 Bb7 27 Bh7ch Kh7 28 Qh5ch Kg8 29 Bd4 (This is a "B" player?!) Bc6 30 Nc6 Qc6 31 Rfl Rf8 32 Rf3 b4 33 Rg3 f6 34 Qg6 Rf7 35 Rg4 a5 36 h4 a4 37 Qd3 f5 38 Rg5 Qclch 39 Kh2 b3 40 ab ab 41 Qg3 Qc7 42 Be5 f4 43 Qb3 Qd8 44 Qc3 Qd7 45 Qd4 (Zugzwang!) f3 46 gf Qc6 47 Bg7 Qc2ch 48 Rg2 Qf5 49 Bf6ch Kh7 50 Bg5 Qf3 51 Bd2 Qe4 52 Bc3 Qd4 53 Bd4 Kh6 54 Kh3 Black resigns.

TOURNEY IN REDWOOD CITY: Borel Menas (Daly City) rose to the number one spot in the USCF Open Division at Redwood City, Nov. 3-4, scoring 4 1/2- 1/2 to win \$100 and a trophy. Roger Gabrielson (Berkeley) took second with 4-1, while third was divided among Eleuterio Alsasua (San Jose), Robert Hammie (Berkeley), Steven Cross (Berkeley) and Tom Dorsch (Davis), with 3 1/2- 1 1/2 each. Best "A", also with 3 1/2 points, was Harry Radke, a rising star from San Jose. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski were the tournament directors (90 players).

PLAY TARJAN IN SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION! Winner of the 1st brilliancy prize at the 1973 US Championship, James Tarjan will give a simultaneous display on up to 50 boards at the First Church of Universal Life, Inc.,

2334 Stuart St., Berkeley, starting at 7 pm, Tue., Nov. 13. Board fee is \$3; spectators over 18, \$1 (but 18 and under watch free). Bring your chess set.

Tarjan, 21, is recognized as one of the brightest chess talents in the country, capturing his first Calif. jr. championship when he was only 14. He was a member of the 1970 world championship student team and, of course, he just finished zipping through the Capps Memorial, 6-0.

This exhibition performance will help to celebrate the opening to the Berkeley chess community of the Universal Life Church by Frances and Jim Malamuth. Thanks to the efforts of Berkeley tournament organizer Alan Benson, a host of activities has been planned (Tarjan walked away from the inaugural rapid transit tourney 14-1). Phone 843-9849 for more info.

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT BOOK: Chess Digest offers the bulletins of the 1973 US Championship (bare game scores on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets with scads of typos, group photo and cross-table) for \$2.50. In sharp contrast, John Grefe, co-winner of the nation's highest chess title, has produced a much better version, with more photos, soft cover, 6 1/4 x 7 1/2 offset printed, diagrams, player and opening indices, cross-table and a report of the surprising turn of events for only \$1.50, post-paid! Send check or money order to John Grefe, U.S. Chess Champion, 2228 Dwight Way, Apt. 2, Berkeley, Calif. 94705. A bargain!

SOLUTION TO DIAGRAM: Black, Kuindzhi, dazzled the onlookers no less than Georgadze, his opponent, with 1...Qf2ch! 2 Qf2 Rh5ch!! and faced with 3 Bh5 g5mate! White could only turn down his king in defeat.