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TWO MINOR SENSATIONS IN TWO MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

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Many of the world's best chess players are taking part in two international tournaments now under way in Holland and

Yugoslavia.

The small, all grandmaster event in Holland b o a s t s an impressive line-up with world champion Boris Spassky (USSR), former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik (USSR), Bent Larsen (Denmark), and Hein Donner (Holland).

The first round sensation was the defeat of Larsen, who recently played board one for the world team against the "match of the century."

Black: Bent Larsen.

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QR-N1

White: Hein Donner. Holland, April 1970. Indian Defense

1 P-Q4 N-2-B3 P-QB4 13 K-R1 P-Q3 N-KB3 2 P-Q5 3 P-K4 R-KI 14 N-B3 15 P-B5! PXP 16 PxP 17 NxB 18 N-K4 K-R1 4 B-Q3 P-KN3 N-K2 **B-N2** NxN net 6 0-0 0-0 P-K3 19 QxN Q-B3 P-QB4 20 B-R6 21 R-B4 B-Q2 8 N-2-B3 PxP 9 BPxP 10 N-Q2 N-B4 QN-Q2 22 B-KN5 23 Q-R6! P-QR3 Resigns N-R4 11 P-QR4 12 P-B4

B-Q5ch

In Yugoslavia a minor sensation was created when Vlado Kovachevic, a young Yugoslavian master who has yet to earn his international spurs, won an exciting contest against the tournament leader, Robert Fischer. A round earlier Kovachevic had beaten grandmaster Wolfgang Uhlmann, another team member of the recent world match competition. White: Robert Fischer. Black: Vlado Kovachevic.

Yugoslavia, April 1970. French Defense

1 P-K4 2 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 17 Q-N5 18 P-B3! B-N5 19 BxP N-B1 BxNch PxP Q-N5 N-Q4 P-QR3 20 PxB K-B2 P-R3 21 Q-N4 N-KB3 22 Q-Q3 RxP 6 Q-R5 QxNP 23 R-R1 R-N1 QxR 24 RxR 25 N-B1 8 Q-R6 QN-Q2 9 N-K2 10 B-N5 N-B1 RxPch P-N3 Q-K2 B-N2 K-K1 K-Q2 Q-R5ch 26 27 N-N3 11 Q-R4 N-3-B5 12 N-N3 P-KR3! 28 R-K1 NxB B-Q2 0-0-0 BxN 13 R-B7! B-K2 N-B1 Q-K3 30 Resigns 0-0 QxRP R-R1

After 12 rounds Fischer continues to lead the tournament with 10 points.

USCF ONE DAY TOURNEY

The Walnut Creek Chess Club and the Central California Chess Association will hold a round-robin, USCF-rated tournament on Sunday, May 10, at the Walnut Creek Recreation Center (located on Civic Drive in downtown Walnut Creek). Participants will be divided into four-man sections on the basis of their USCF ratings, so that players of most nearly equal rating will compete together. Two prizes will be awarded in each section: \$5 for first place and \$3 for second. Entry fee is \$4 plus USCF membership. Registration may be made in advance by mail to Saleh Mujahed, No. 5 Abbey Court, Walnut Creek, Calif., 94595 or at the tournament site on Sunday, May 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. Round one of this three-round event begins at 10 a.m. Please bring your chess set and clock. and clock.

* * * MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SPRING OPEN

A five-round, USCF-rated Swiss system tournament will be held at the Mechanics' Institute Building, 4th floor, 57 Post St., San Francisco, May 9-10. Over \$250 will be awarded to the winners in seven playing categories. Advance entry fee, before May 9, is \$5 (checks payable to Mechanics Institute) or \$6 plus USCF membership at the tournament site. Final registration begins at 9 a.m. with round one scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 9, Alan Bourk directing. Please bring sets and clocks.