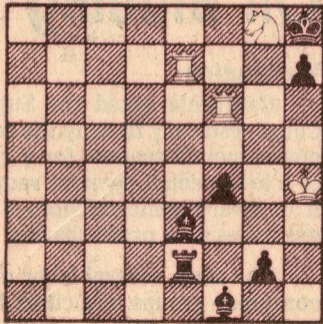


THE CHESS COLUMN

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White to play and win.

1.R-B8	B-B7ch	6.R-QB8	R-QB2
2.K-R5	RxR	7.R-Q8	R-Q2
3.K-R6	R-KB2	8.R-K8	R-Q1
4.R-R8	R-R2	9.RxR	wins
5.R-N8	R-QN2		

FAST BLINDFOLD CHESS

When I played 56 blindfold games at the Fairmont Hotel, at ten seconds a move, one at a time, I was exhausted after 13½ hours of play. I had intended to go for the 101 mark, but enough was enough! In this exhibition sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle on December 4, 1960, I won 50 and drew 6.

I still play rapid transit blindfold chess in the exhibitions I have given, and soon I expect to set a record of playing six to eight games simultaneously blindfolded. "What's this?" you'll say. "That doesn't sound like anything special." Hold it a moment, buster! For a near octogenarian that would be a world's record!