

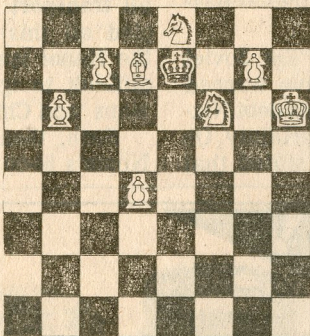
Chess

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PROBLEM

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White to play and mate in two moves.

THE SPASSKY-FISCHER GAMES IN REVIEW

Game No. 2 was declared a loss for Fischer for not turning up. He protested the TV cameras. This forfeit is under protest by Fischer. In game No. 3, Fischer adopted the Benoni Counter Gambit, using Mikhael Tal, USSR, ex-champion of the world, continuation. The opening went as follows: 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-KB3, P-QB4; 4. P-Q5, PxP; 5. PxP, P-Q3; 6. N-B3, P-KN3; 7. N-Q2. (In the match for the world title in 1960 Mikhael Botvinnik, USSR played 7. B-N5 against Tal. The game ended in a draw.) 7 . . . QN-Q2; 8. P-K4, B-N2; 9. B-K2, 0-0; 10. 0-0; R-K1; 11. Q-B2. (Tal feels that White should have played here 11. P-KB4 followed by 12. B-KB3.) 11 . . . N-R4. (A sensational move. It permits White to tear Black's King's side position apart, gives Black a double pawn, and at first sight a difficult position. But Bobby Fischer has ideas that contradict the modern ideas in chess and most of the time attains his goal. This time his object is to get two Bishops against a Bishop and a Knight, which means a slight positional advantage. Spassky took over half an hour before deciding on what seems to be the logical continuation: 12. BxN, PxP; 13. N-B4. (If 13. P-B4, B-Q5ch; 14. K-R1, N-B3, etc.) 13 . . . N-K4; 14. N-K3. (Many of the masters in Reykjavik feel that 14. NxN was much better.) 14 . . . Q-R5. (Usually considered as brutal!!) 15. B-Q2; N-N5; 16. BxN, PxP; And there you have it. The pawns are undoubled and Black has the two Bishops that dominate most of the board. The whole opening strategy of Black will be studied for years to come all over the world!)



The sealed move by Bobby Fischer was the "gnadenstoss." Here is the position: White: Boris Spassky: King on K2; Queen on Q4; Bishop on QB1; Pawns on QN4, Q5; KB2, KN3 and KR2. (8 pieces) Black: Bobby Fischer: King on KN1; Queen on QN6; Bishop on KB4; Pawns on QN4, QB5; Q3, KB2, KN5 and KR4. (9 pieces). Black played 41 . . . B-Q6ch, and Spassky resigned without further play as he has to play 41. K-K3; (If 41. K-K1, QxNPch; 42. B-Q2, Q-N8ch; etc.) 43 . . . Q-Q8 and it's all over but the shouting.

CORRECTION: In yesterday's review of Game No. 1, Black's No. 37 move should read KP x P.

SOLUTION to problem 1. N-Q6.

SOLUTION to yesterday's Problem: 1.R-KB3, P-R5; 2.P-B6,K-K3; 3. P-B7,K-Q3; 4.R-B6 mate.