

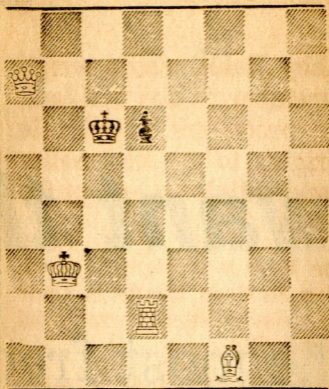
# Chess

By George Koltanowski

## PROBLEM

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WHITE: 4

White to play and mate in two moves. (SOLUTION MONDAY.)

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1.R-Q4,KxR; 8.Q-K5 mate; or 1... P-B4; 2.RxB mate; etc.

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLD CHAMPION (5)

Realizing that his weak point was involved in combinational positions containing numerous possibilities not subject to precise calculation, Russian grandmaster Botvinnik deliberately sought such positions on every convenient occasion in order to acquire maximum experience in them. The following game is typical in this

White: V. Mikenas

Black: M. Botvinnik

## BOTVINNIK SYSTEM

1.P-Q4	P-Q4	12.PxN	P-N5
2.P-QB4	P-K3	13.N-K4	B-QR3
3.N-QB3	P-QB3	14.Q-B3	O-O-O(c)
4.N-B3	N-B3	15.B-N2	Q-Q4
5.B-N5	PxP	16.B-K3(d)	P-B6!
6.P-K4	P-QN4(a)	17.P-N3	P-K4
7.P-K5	P-KR3	18.N-N5	PxP!
8.B-R4	P-N4	19.QxQ	PxQ
9.NxKNP	PxN	20.NxP(e)	PxB
10.BxNP	N1-Q2	21.PxP	B-B4
11.P-KN3!(b)	Q-R4	22.NxQR	KxN(f)

(a) The fact that Botvinnik has often played in recent years this head-whirling variation shows in inclination for complicated combinational struggle.

(b) The Lilienthal System, probably White's best continuation in this position.

(c) One must have great audacity and confidence in one's own ability to untangle any complicated situation to decide upon such a position in an important encounter.

(d) Better is 16.O-O. Now White's entire setup rapidly crumbles.

(e) The rest is also bad. On 20. B(K)xP comes 20... R-K1ch and 21... B-B4.

(f) Back's powerful passed pawns ensure him victory.

We have not dwelt here on certain other aspects of Botvinnik's play. His splendid performance in positions, where the centralization of pieces plays a decisive part has been dealt with quite fully in chess literature. Nor shall we go into Botvinnik's favorite strategical schemes or his first-class technique.

The chess world appreciates Botvinnik as an all-round player with tremendous theoretical knowledge, great tournament experience, unusual persistence and ability to fight.

**TONIGHT** at 7:30 o'clock, George Koltanowski will play 30 boards simultaneously at the Oakland Public Museum, 1426 Oak street, Oakland. You can still sign up for the event. Bring board and men. All that win will receive a special prize.

**TOMORROW** afternoon from 2 p. m. on, George Koltanowski will play 50 boards simultaneously at the Oakland Public Museum against youngsters, 14 and under. Bring board and men.