

In fools mate, the other player simply slips in and destroys the fool's unprotected king regardless of the state of affairs elsewhere on the board. This is the quickest and most embarrassing end to a chess game.

In continual check, the king is partially but inadequately protected. By continually threatening the king (by continually placing him "in check") the other side gains control of play elsewhere on the board. The weak player is so busy moving his king out of check that he cannot respond properly elsewhere. He therefore gradually loses the overall game and ultimately loses his king.

My nine-year-old would never permit a fools mate and can only be placed in continual check late during a losing game when he no longer has adequate pieces to protect his king. He could beat the current United States policy makers every time.

American "defense" forces have been scattered all over the earth in endless complicating circumstances, but essentially nothing has been allocated to homeland strategic and civil defense. Our king is entirely unprotected. We are, therefore, completely vulnerable to the fool's mate of a nuclear first-strike.

*This American vulnerability is the single most dangerous situation which threatens the world today.* In fact, if a world-wide nuclear war occurs, it is almost certain to be caused by the refusal by Americans to defend their homeland. They have invited a "fools mate", a temptation that the Soviets will find more and more difficult to resist.

The "optimists", however, hope that America will be destroyed by "continual check" instead. There is some reason for their hope, since America is obviously losing on the world-wide chess board today by the mechanism of continual check.

Each time decisive or even rational action by America is required in its deadly contest with the Soviets, that action is forestalled by fear of attack on the unprotected American homeland. We have "no-win" wars, because America is afraid to win. We sell technology to our enemies, because we are afraid they might otherwise attack us.

We initiate moral crusades against friendly countries, but refrain from effective action regarding the infinitely more immoral activities of our enemies, because, in our completely undefended state, we are afraid to criticize anyone who could attack us.

By this method of continual check, we are gradually losing our friends, our resources, and our will to resist. Eventually we may lose our homeland - the optimists hope - without a nuclear fight.