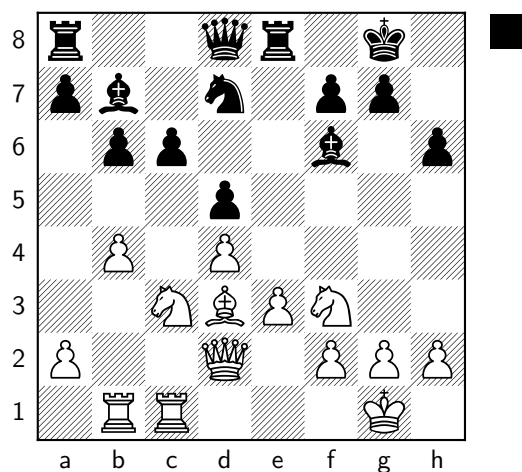


Petrosian–Spassky, 1969



In the game Spassky played a5, intending a queen side offense.

“Spassky initiates counterplay on the queenside, but a different plan deserved serious attention: the inactive bishop on f6 could be transferred via e7 to d6 where it could be used for operations on the kingside.” [Bondarevsky]

“Black had a plan available that is typical of such positions: transfer the bishop to d6 and the knight via f6 to e4. What could White do to oppose this? Pushing the a-pawn to a5 gives very little, while b4-b5 always comes up against ...c5. White would have to carry out a central break with e3-e4, but this would lead to simplification and offer few chances of success.” [Boleslavsky]