

# ~ Boris Spassky

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Soviet chess grandmaster & World Champion Boris Spassky, defeated in the 'match of the century' against American Bobby Fischer in 1972, died Feb. 27 at age 88. Spassky became world champion in 1969 and held the title until Fischer came back from behind to win, ending the Soviet streak of world champions since 1948. Spassky, showing great sportsmanship, applauded Fischer. The cold war showdown is the subject of many books & films.



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