

Editor's Corner

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NORTHWEST CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD The people listed below are the governing body for Northwest Chess. They meet about twice a year to discuss policy and make long-range plans. If you have suggestions, please send them to the Editor, or to the Director for your federation.

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JUDE ACERS, self-proclaimed Knight Errant of Chess, has announced his 1978 tour schedule. Acers, who claims to be the only person in America totally making his living from chess, holds the world's record for most games played simultaneously (179) and the best simultaneous win record (114-0). When asked "Why the road?" Acers replies, "There's one way for masters to make a living in this country. And that's to take chess to the public. Right now, chess is stuck high in an ivory rook, and I'm the only one with guts enough to climb down and take it to the streets and stores. Fischer had the chance to help chess at that level just by playing! Easy! A match a year for a hundred grand or so--he's fat, and chess becomes to America what it already is to the rest of the world. He copped out, so right now I'm the only one I see trying to make chess alive for the man in the street."

Acers' bookings are placed through Rick Allen, P.O. Box 26452, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125 (505) 292-1906.

"MODERN CHESS THEORY", a new monthly magazine devoted entirely to the latest advances in openings, will feature five articles in each issue, all by International Grandmasters. Regular contributors will include Hort, Keene, Olafsson, and a Russian (several will write on a rotating basis). There will also be a page of readers' questions answered by the Grandmaster contributors. David Levy and Kevin O'Connell are the editors. Subscriptions are \$21 per year (\$25 airmail). Modern Chess Theory, P.O. Box 50, Romford RM6 6DP, Essex, England.

BOBBY FISCHER In mid-November, Fischer's passion for privacy reached the point where he apparently went into hiding to avoid California police who were attempting to arrest him on a minor charge. He was named in a complaint brought by Mrs. Holly Ruiz, 37, who charged that Fischer invaded her South Pasadena apartment and struck her twice when she refused to sign a statement saying she had tape-recorded certain conversations with him without his knowledge. The tapes were later used as the basis for magazine articles highly critical of the Worldwide Church of God and its leader, Garner Ted Armstrong. (Six former students of Ambassador College, the church's school in Pasadena, published an unusual 92-page magazine criticizing the school, the church and its leaders for alleged squandering of funds, intimidation, and hypocrisy. The general counsel characterized the material as "scurrilous...with no foundation in fact.")

The whole affair ended happily enough. Fischer made up with Mrs. Ruiz and the judge dropped all charges against him.

This report excerpted from "Chess Newsletter" (11/15 and 12/1 issues). It's published on the 1st and 15th of each month and features "the latest chess news and the best of Russia's '84." Write Ken Smith (P.O. Box 210225, Dallas, TX 75211) for rates.

SAGEBRUSH OPEN AD The cartoon part of the ad, which appeared in October NWC, was reprinted in the Nov/Dec "Ohio Chess Bulletin." NWC Art Editor Victoria Poyser did the drawing.

NWC AD LAYOUT SERVICE If you'd like tournament ads striking enough to be reprinted in other chess publications, just enclose the fee (50% of the basic rate) with the rough draft of your ad copy and we'll do the rest. Dan Blachly, WCF TD, had this to say about the service, "The Swiss Cheese ad was fantastic! What a bargain for \$2.50!" The "Close Encounters" ad for the Washington Woodpushers in the last issue is another example of what you get for a few bucks more.

"PEOPLE" magazine featured an article on Korchnoi on page 16-17 of their January 9 issue. In an interview Korchnoi characterized Karpov as "a clever man, but he has no richness of ideas." He observed that, for



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Russia, "culture is an ideological weapon to use against the West, and chess is a part of culture. The match is such a master of national prestige with them now." He feels the only way he can get his wife and 17-year-old son out of Russia is to beat Karpov and become World Champion. "They compare me to Mephistopheles," he added with a fleeting smile. "But after all, I am a human being too."

1978 ARMED FORCES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP will be held September 7-13 in The American Legion's Hall of Flags in Washington, DC. Three six-player teams from the Army, Air Force, and Sea Services will compete in 12 rounds. Retired Navy Chaplain Randall Rogers will be the USCF-certified TD. The annual competition is made possible in part by a grant from the American Chess Foundation.

U.S. JUNIOR OPEN (July 31-August 4 in Seattle) Speaking of foundations and such, the WCF is going to need donations to give us a comfortable margin on expenses for this major national event. Send checks to: P.O. Box 2951, Olympia, WA 98507, payable to "Washington Chess Federation." The names of contributors will be published regularly in Northwest Chess.

NORTHERN CHESS LETTER There's a new chess publication in the Northwest, published by the Northern BC Chess Association. The NBCCA Certificate of Incorporation lists their locality as the area between Prince Rupert and Williams Lake, "the realm of the Nartharns." The sample copy I received was the third issue of the NCL. It contained tournament reports for BC events, games, and lots of letters. It's done on newsprint and looks for all the world like some earlier NWCs. Subscriptions are \$2 from Tracy Cooper, Box 13, RR 1, Plywood Rd, Quesnel, BC. You can also get a sample copy of this quarterly publication for one dollar.

"CHESS 'N STUFF" just sent their second issue. The publication is distinctive for its layout and graphics, and for the high quality of the printing. Both issues have had general-interest feature articles and chess philately coverage. If you prefer browsing to heavy analysis, why not send \$1 for a sample to Ray Alexis, 900 Weskit Dr., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068? If you liked the "Chess 'n Stuff" cartoons we've reprinted, just take the big leap and send \$6 for a 6-issue subscription.

PETROSIAN SIMULTANEOUS (January 15, 1978) Faced with many English junior internationals at London's strongest club (Centymca), Petrosian took 5½ hours to score +10 =11 -9. He remarked, "In the USSR they do not put such players in simultaneous exhibitions...they put them in international tournaments!" (from USCF's first "round-up" press release to chess journalists. Thanks, Martin.)