

Malaysian Swiss

AFTER THE prize-giving ceremony for the Pinang leg of the first Asian Grandmasters' Circuit, several of the participants — Craig Laird, Rico Mascarinas, Luis Chiong, Tan Bian Huat, Christie Hon and Jimmy Liew — departed by night bus for the Selangor Open Tournament starting the next day in Kuala Lumpur.

The following morning India's Manuel Aaron and Rafiq Khan, and I, flew in to join them in the 34-player six-

round Swiss.

It immediately became a "win at all costs" routine and after three rounds only Luis Chiong and I remained on maximum points. A major early casualty was international master Rico Mascarinas, who had been held to a draw by a local player who boasted two extra pawns when Mascarinas forced a perpetual! If he had won Chang Hing Wah would have pocketed Malaysian \$100 for beating an IM.

On the morning of our game, which was to provide the decisive point of the tourney, Chiong received a "return immediately" telegram from the Philippines. A phone call to big daddy Florencio Campomanes clarified the situation — Chiong had to play in the semi-final to qualify for the Philippines national champs.

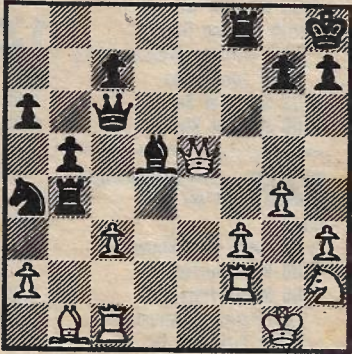
"But," he pleaded to Campo, "I am leading here with Chandler."

"OK," said Campomanes, "but you must win — and then it will be OK."

For Chiong, whose results on the circuit have been unimpressive so far, that was a less than subtle way of saying "you'd better win or you're through".

Therefore a strongly motivated Chiong went on to snatch a full point from me in a hectic time scramble (time limit 2½ hours to complete the game) and he clinched victory with a win over Aaron the next day.

AARON



CHIONG

White to play. After gaining a fine position in the opening stages, Aaron has over-reached his hand, and now his rooks are in danger. White's 1.Qe7 achieves nothing after 1... Rbf4, but Chiong has an intermediate move. Can you find it?

Solution: 1. Be4! Bxe4 2. Qe7! Now Black does not have the rejoinder 2... Rbf4 and he must lose material. Play continued: 2... Qc5 3. Qxc5 Nxc5 4. cxb4 Nd3 5. Rxc7 Nxf2 6. Kxf2 and, a pawn up, White went on to win.

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Results of the Fifth Selangor Open Chess Tournament.
First: \$US500 — L. Chiong

National Master Philippines. Second equal: \$US130 each — M. Chandler, international master, New Zealand; R. Mascarinas, international master, Philippines; Woo Beng Keong, Malaysia; Manuel Aaron, international master, India; Kirril Ivanov, USSR (!); and on 4 points: Craig Laird (NZ) and Chang Hing Wah (Malaysia).

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NOW A quickie from Lone Pine, which gave the winner the tournament victory in the last round. And since this year has been a bad one already for the normally reliable Caro Kann defence, I might as well bash another nail in the coffin.

Lone Pine, USA CARO KANN DEFENCE

B. LARSEN (GM, Denmark)	K. ROGOFF (IM, USA)
1. e4	c6
2. d4	d5
3. Nc3	dxe4
4. Nxe4	Nd7
5. Nf3	Ngf6
6. Nxf6 ch	Nxf6
7. Ne5	

Perhaps Larsen was hoping for a repeat performance of Karpov-Hort, Bugojno 1978 in which Hort played here 7... Bf5? and got snowed after 8.c3 e6? 9.g4!

7. . . .	Nd7
8. Bf4	Nxe5
9. Bxe5	Qb6?

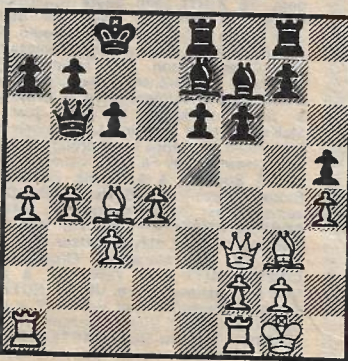
This move gets a question mark because Black should not play it unless he intends taking the b-pawn and taking the pawn is a dubious idea anyway. Correct is 9... Bf5.

10. Bd3	f6
11. Bg3	Be6
12. Qe2	Bf7
13. 0-0	e6
14. c3	0-0-0
15. Bc4	

Now White's queenside play is just winning, and that's all there is to it.

15. . . .	Re8
16. b4	h5
17. h4	Rg8
18. Qf3	Be7
19. a4!	

ROGOFF



LARSEN

19. . . .	g5
20. a5	Qd8
21. a6	g×h4
22. a×b7 ch	K×b7
23. R×a7 ch!	Resigns

After 23... Kxa7 24.Qxc6 Larsen's rook sacrifice pays dividends because White has the unstoppable threat of 24. Ral ch mating.

MURRAY CHANDLER