

Chess

Bedside chess

FOR THE New Zealand chessplayer it's quite difficult to keep up-to-date with international news and theory — and it's quite a confusing task too. Magazines on the market range from the *British Chess Magazine* to *Bulletin Percasi*, and costs vary from about 25 cents to roughly \$25.

Choosing which magazine

is best can be difficult, but for New Zealand players I would recommend something that is informative, fairly current and contains a lot of games.

The two most popular monthly English magazines *Chess* (postal address *Chess*, Sutton Coldfield) and the *British Chess Magazine*, con-

form fairly well to these standards. Material is a little out of date but both contain a sprinkling of amusing anecdotes from the UK scene. Of the two I would recommend *BCM* — it is a better quality publication, *Chess* being written in a more *Sunday Times* type of style, but if you like that sort of thing . . .

Also based in England are *AIPE*, the weekly newsletter of the association of chess journalists, and a new publication called *Modern Chess Theory*, which is available

from PO Box 50, Romford RM6 6DP, Essex.

The first issue of this magazine had five grandmasters contributing, each analysing an opening that's currently in vogue.

AIPE is centred more around chess information and gives up-to-the-minute results, crosstables, chat and a few games in a magazine-newsletter type format.

There are many more foreign publications such as *Europe Echec* (French) and *Ajadrez 6000* (Spanish) which

is edited by Bent Larsen; but assuming the New Zealand reader wants English, the next best magazine is probably the American Federation's *Chess Life and Review* which each month contains a good theoretical article by Gligoric. And it's also a mine of fairly useless information about the American tournaments. The other main American mag, *Chess Digest*, has everything you ever wanted to know about the Smith-Morre Gambit, which is not surprising since one of the co-authors is Smith.

The *New Zealand Chess Magazine*, published in Auckland, is a trifle biased and poor on international news, but is nevertheless of reasonable quality and makes interesting reading. It's a must, I think, for chess enthusiasts in New Zealand because it is the most definitive source of news on what is currently happening here.

But what of the USSR? So many strong tournaments and matches are happening there all the time. There are two good publications coming directly from Russia, *Shakmaty Bulletin* (monthly) and the weekly newspaper *64*. *Shakmaty* concentrates on games and theoretical articles; it's in Russian but it uses the international algebraic notation — and that means you can read it if you can read this column!

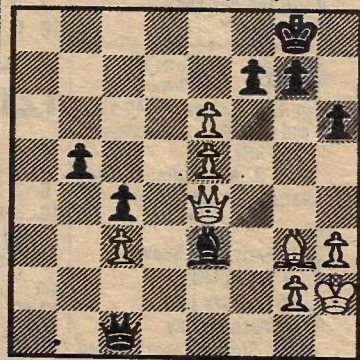
64 contains photos, chat, games and positions, and is remarkably cheap. It is essential to learn the Russian alphabet (half-an-hour's practice each day for a week), but

PROBLEM

New Zealand's Bruce Anderson, as White, appeared to have no more than a draw offering in the following position because of Black's dangerous threats on the White king. How did Anderson force a quick resignation?

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S. NASIR ALI (India)



B. ANDERSON (NZ)

SOLUTION: Anderson won a piece with a temporary sacrifice 1. Qxe3! Qxe3 2. e7! and the threat of promotion which would leave Anderson a bishop up cannot be resisted.