



Chess

Team tactics

THE AMAZING differences in temperament of the opposing Karpov and Korchnoi delegations are a constant discussion point at the World Chess Championship in Baguio City, Philippines.

For starters world champion Karpov is a popular and loyal Soviet citizen whereas Korchnoi's status is that of defector and traitor. But the

differences between their respective heads of delegation are, if anything, even more extreme, and they are implacable enemies. Karpov's chief, Viktor D. Baturinsky, is a short, dumpy, cigar-smoking man who was a chief prosecutor during the Stalin purges. On the other hand Korchnoi's manager, Petra Leeuwerick is a woman who spent 10 years in a Russian concentration camp in Vorkuta during that same period. She was abducted

Karpov working towards his second victory in an hour of playing time.

from Austria at the age of 20 while leading a Christian youth group and her opinions of Russia can well be imagined.

The chess grandmaster aides of the delegations have more in common, although, naturally, Korchnoi's two English seconds, Raymond Keene and Michael Stean talk more freely to outsiders and the press than their Soviet counterparts, Yuri Balashov and Igor Zaitsev. Other members of the Korchnoi group are Yasha Murey, a Soviet emigre now living in Israel, and GM Oscar Panno who came from Argentina to help as unofficial second.

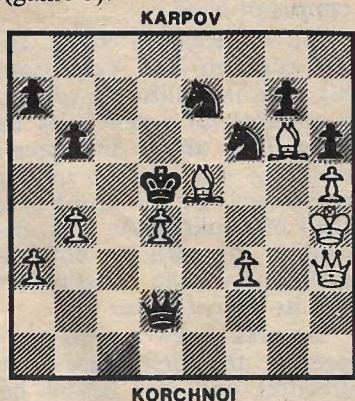
The Russians have further high-powered backing, including former world champion Mikhail Tal who is reporting for 64, and a dour press agent named Alexander Roshal who won a lightning fun tournament organised for journalists. Afterwards a photo of him, blankfaced, appeared in the daily bulletin with a caption proclaiming "a smiling Roshal". His deadpan expression may indeed have been a smile when compared to his usual scowl!

As a chess player/journalist staying in Baguio it is very difficult not to identify with Korchnoi; he lives in the lively Pines Hotel and can often be seen signing autographs at the coffee shop or chatting freely after games. Karpov, however, stays in the posher but forbidding new Terraces Plaza and rare indeed are the occasions when the Soviets communicate with the press — except to retaliate against the latest slanderous outburst paraded by Leeuwerick at opportune moments during the match.

PROBLEM:

Can you beat the world champion and find what the challenger missed?

White to play and win (game 5).



Murray Chandler with GMs Raymond Keene and Miguel Najdorf

Korchnoi played 55.Be4ch and missed the devastating 55.Bf7 ch Kc6 56.Qe6 ch winning the knight with check or 56... Kb5 57.Qc4 ch Ka4 58.Qa6 checkmate.

A word of explanation, however. Korchnoi was a terrible time trouble and Karpov had made the dubious decision to try to blitz him.

MURRAY CHANDLER



Daniel Weber

Viktor Baturinsky (sitting), Petra Leeuwerick and chief arbiter Lothar Schmid, taken during a fun tourney for the press. Leeuwerick refused to play, saying: "I don't want to make so many men happy in one day."