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A COLOURFUL new chess magazine has exploded onto the English scene, and the publishers have confidently distributed the first 10,000 copies free.

Master Chess Publications certainly have every reason to be proud of their glossy-covered and illustrated *International Chess*. The first issue covers in depth the West European zonal by IGM Tony Miles, the USSR championships featuring "game of the month" by IM Robert Bellin, and the Hastings international tournament with every game annotated by IMs Jonathan Speelman and Shaun Taulbut. Light relief from this formidable selection comes in the form of neat sketches of the Hastings players, a few photographs and funny cartoons (such as the ones by Smyth reprinted on these pages).

As the editors say, it is a monthly magazine designed to "fill the shelves of serious to chess players", and it aims to cover the major international tournaments of the year. In 1979, that includes the interzonals in Moscow and Rio de Janeiro.

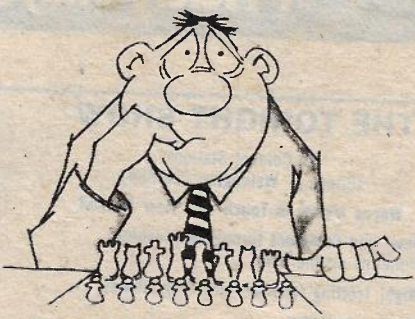
Regular articles in the magazine include "Problems and Studies" by IGM John Nunn, "The French Defence" by Taulbut, a crossword (cum chessword) by Tim Harding, and a sparkling gambit section by Master class correspondence player Peter Kefler.

International Chess uses figurine algebraic notation, and in my view automatically ranks as one of the finest publications around.

But will it last? The quality of print, the large size and the skill of the contributors suggests that a lot of money is involved in what must be a speculative investment. The enormous number of free copies are probably intended to create a substantial list of subscribers very quickly.

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International Chess provides a welcome and much needed alternative to the chattier type of tabloid magazines published in the UK, which sometimes unfortunately do not cover important events abroad at all comprehensively. I hope it suc-



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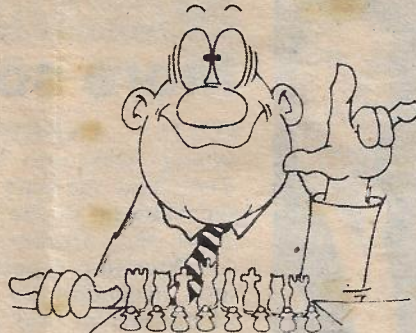
THINKS HE CAN INTIMIDATE ME BY COMING HERE WITH SNOW ON HIS BOOTS....



THEY SAY SPASSKY IS A BROKEN MAN SINCE THEIR MATCH...



ANYWAY... IT'S ME TO OPEN



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR IT...



I'LL RESIGN WITHOUT MOVING A PIECE, THAT'LL HAVE HIM WORRIED.

ceeds. Anyway, as someone said — at last the sort of chess magazine you might even find in a dentist's waiting-room.

And a rather brief game from the Miles article on the West European zonal, which he won jointly with Dutch IGM Jan Timman. They both go through to the interzonals.

Amsterdam 1979
FRENCH DEFENCE
Winawer variation

Sanz	Roos
1. e4	e6
2. d4	d5
3. Nc3	Bb4
4. Bd2	

This old gambit can still be dangerous.

4. . . .	dxe4
5. Qg4	Qxd4

Miles comments here on his sole contribution to this line. It went 5. . . Nf6 6. Qxg7 Rg8 7. Qh6 Qxd4 8. 0-0-0 Ng4 9. Qh4 Qxf2?? 10. Qd8 ch! (Miles-Marshall, Wolverhampton 1968, whereupon his opponent walked out of the tournament hall and lost on time!)

6. 0-0-0	h5
7. Qe2	

This is a suggestion of the late much-respected Soviet GM Paul Keres.

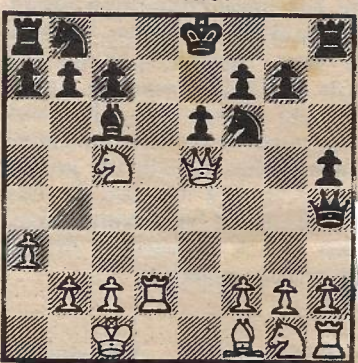
7. . . .	Bd7
8. Nxe4	Bxd2 ch
9. Rxd2	Qa4
10. a3	Bc6
11. Nc5	Qh4?

11. . . . Qf4 would prevent White's next move.

12. Qe5!

Winning back the pawn, with a simultaneous attack on g7 and c7. Black wants to castle, and makes another mistake.

12. . . . Nf6?



13. Nxe6!	fxe6
14. Qxe6 ch	Kf8
15. Bc4	Resigns

Black's only defence is 15. . . . Be8 16. Rd8 Qg5 ch, but after 17. f4! Qg6 18. f5! Qg5 ch 19. Kbl there is no defence to 20. Qf7 checkmate.

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