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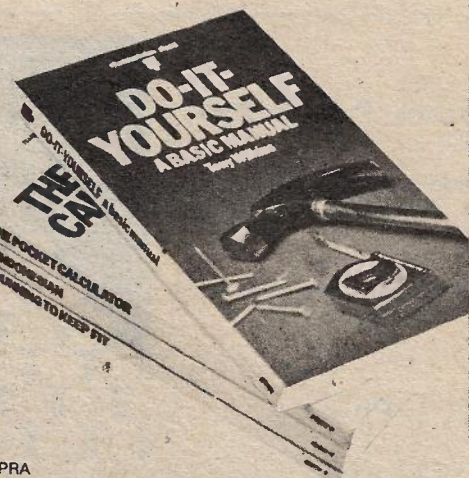
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AT WHAT APPEARS to be the dawn of a new ice age in international relations, it is reassuring to note that Fide, the world chess federation, is alive and well. Far from succumbing to the frost which has afflicted many international sporting bodies, Fide is actually thriving despite the wide range of political beliefs held by its 110 affiliated nations and five million members.

Although the Soviet Chess Federation has declined to send players to a couple of recent tournaments (such as the one in which I competed in Dortmund, West Germany), Fide itself has remained remarkably stable and the Chess Olympiad scheduled for November in Malta is proceeding with no hitches whatsoever.

At a recent meeting in Amsterdam several chieftains of Fide, including president Fridrik Olafsson, Yuri Averbakh of the USSR, Raymond Keene of England and general secretary Inekke Baker, spent a day round the conference table, not in arguing, but in creating ideas for helping developing (as far as chess is concerned) countries. Among the results were leaflets giving guidelines on how to generally promote chess, organise tournaments and write chess columns. And henceforth the world is to be divided into five categories — from number one (including fully developed nations such as the USSR, Yugoslavia, England and America) down to number five, such as Zaire and Uganda.

Indeed Fide has just received a heart-rending letter from the Ugandan Federation, whose entire stock of chess sets and equipment, it seems, was destroyed by "brigands and vagabonds" during the collapse of the Amin regime.

New Zealand is classed in group two, mainly needing moral support and advice on the international level. As it seems unlikely at present that the New Zealand chess team will receive more than 10 per cent of their air fare to the Malta Olympiad, the New Zealand Chess Association might care to peruse clauses seven and eight of the new Fide guidelines for federations: "The national federation should actively seek sponsorship to improve standards and provide opportunities for their players" and "The national federation should attempt to create a nucleus of strong players who can serve as an example. They should pay particular attention to these top players who are one of the best means of attracting public attention to chess and seek to provide

maximum opportunities for them."

At the same time as the Fide meeting in Amsterdam, the IBM tournament was taking place there. Here is a brilliant win by world champion Anatoly Karpov.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

A. KARPOV (USSR)

1. e4
2. Nf3
3. d4
4. Nxd4
5. Nc3
6. Bg5
7. Qd2
8. 0-0-0
9. Be3
10. f3
11. g4
12. h4

J. VAN DER WIEL (Holland)

- c5
- Nc6
- cxd4
- Nf6
- d6
- e6
- a6
- h6
- Bd7
- Qc7
- Ne5

In an earlier round the young Russian star Dolmatov had continued with 12.Bd3 here against Van der Wiel. Karpov's forthright kingside advance is an improvement.

12. ...
13. Rg1
14. g5
15. Be2
16. f4
17. Nb1

- b5
- h5
- Ng8
- Rb8
- b4

An unusual post for the knight, but on b1 it is an excellent defender, leaving White free to continue aggressively elsewhere.

17. ...
18. Bxa6

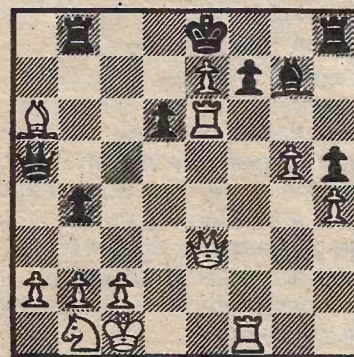
- Ng4
- g6

Or 18...Ra8 19.Bb5 Rxa2 20.Bxd7 ch Qxd7 21.f5 e5 22.Nb3 and Black's bishop, knight and rook on the kingside are completely out of the game.

19. Rgf1
20. Qxe3
21. f5
22. exf5
23. f6
24. Rxd4
25. fxe7
26. Re4
27. Rxe6!

- Nxe3
- Ne7
- gxf5
- e5
- exd4
- Be6
- Bg7
- Qa5

VAN DER WIEL



KARPOV

The first of two devastating rook offers. If Black now accepts the sacrifice with 27...fxe6 White wins by 28.Qxe6 Qxa6 29.Qf7 ch Kd7 30.e8=Q checkmate.

27. ...
28. Rxf7!
29. e8=Q ch

- Qxa6
- Kxf7
- Rbxe8

Or 29...Rhxe8 30.g6 ch Kf8 31.Qf7 ch! Kg8 32.Qf7 ch followed by 33.Rxe8.

30. g6 ch
31. Rxe8 ch
32. Qe6 ch

- Kg8
- Bf8
- Resigns

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