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Anyone there?

IT RECENTLY dawned on this over-worked (and not quite so underpaid) grandmaster that he has been writing this column for some 11 years. Like all writers he sometimes wonders why he does it. Does anyone out there except mother read it? This week the moment of truth is at hand — a general chess knowledge competition based on some of the more recent articles, with munificent rewards for the best solutions. Even if you do not know all of the answers, it is worth having a guess, as there are consolation prizes too.

The first part of the competition is to answer these three multiple choice questions (choose either a, b or c):

Question 1. Who was the 1984/85 New Zealand Champion in Upper Hutt?: (a) Ortvin Sarapu, (b) Vernon Small, (c) Paul Garbett.

Question 2. The last book written by reclusive American ex-World Champion Bobby Fischer was: (a) *My 60 Memorable Games*, (b) *One Night in Bangkok*, (c) *I was Tortured in a Pasadena Jailhouse*.

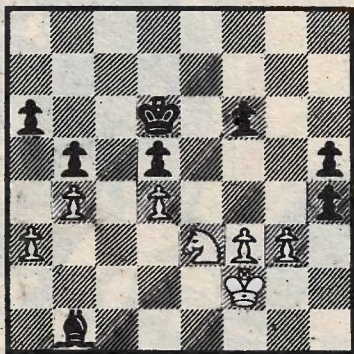
Question 3. By what score did the USSR beat the Rest of the World in their London match last year?: (a) 21½-19½, (b) 21-19, (c) 20½-19½.

Part two



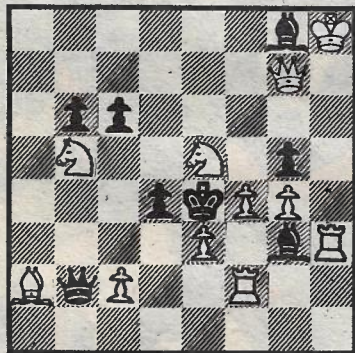
Question 4. Former New Zealand Women's Champion Fenella Foster, pictured here, began her career in the same small home town as this writer. Which town?

Part three



Question 5. This position occurred in game nine of the first Moscow clash between Anatoly Karpov and Garri

Kasparov. Karpov, playing White, now produced a move that the Dutch GM Jan Timman described as "perhaps the most brilliant move ever played in a World Championship". What was the move?



Question 6. How does White, to play, force checkmate in just two moves? (Composed by Rudenko and Chepizny, USSR.)

Part four



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No real competition would be complete without a slogan. Rather than ask you to say what you like most about the *Listener* chess column (risky), have a guess instead at what Dutch grandmaster John van der Wiel might have been thinking when caught by this snapshot. The wittiest entry will act as a tiebreak in the event of deadheats.

Book prizes for this competition have been kindly donated by New Zealand Chess Supplies (whom I advise on the most suitable equipment to stock) and Wellington Stamps (10 Waring Taylor St, Wellington) who also display some chess goods. Solutions should be sent direct to NZ Chess Supplies, PO Box 42-090, Homedale, Wellington, within two weeks. Prize winners will be announced in this column at a later date.

Individual prizes to be won are eight chess books, and a minimum of 20 consolation chess stamp or booklet awards. This competition is definitely open to members of the writer's immediate family, especially mother. ■