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On the move

THE TRANSFER of the New Zealand Chess Association headquarters from Auckland to Wellington may be just the shot-in-the-arm the national scene so badly needs. A fresh new administration is already seeking government assistance for ex-Soviet trainer Lev Aptekar to be appointed as a professional coach, and there are moves towards corporate sponsorship and ways of increasing membership. If the meeting I had recently with the remarkable Ab Borren is anything to go by, any company approached should listen carefully to chess sponsorship ideas. Borren, vice-president of the association, was passing through London and requested a meeting to discuss various promotional possibilities. For some time New Zealand chess has been in a virtual depression — a state unjustified, considering the interest and talent we have at our disposal.

There is one excellent way to galvanise the entire chess population, and gain the national publicity needed to recruit new members — bring an international presence to New Zealand. This could take the form of a Grandmaster tournament, similar to the Burroughs Computers event in Wellington 1978, which received considerable media coverage (including a double-page spread in the *Listener*). In this type of round-robin event, three or more famous Grandmasters would be pitted against the best talent New Zealand has to offer. The local participants (particularly promising juniors) gain incalculable experience, and the rare presence of top foreign professionals will guarantee press coverage. The cost? It could be done on a budget of as little as \$12,000, given the right contacts.

If you have \$12,000 handy (or you just want to know where your nearest club is) I am sure the association (new address PO Box 2185, Wellington) would be pleased to hear from you. They will also process your subscription to *New Zealand Chess*, the national magazine, which remains superb value at only \$8.50 for six issues. The new editor is Zygmunt Frankel, one of the great characters of New Zealand chess. Frankel is no stranger to publishing — he brought out the *NZ Chess Magazine* in the 1960s. If he can keep the current one up to the same high standard maintained under retiring Auckland editor Peter Stuart, players can be well satisfied. My only real criticisms of the magazine published in Auckland were a curious reluctance to accept advertising from certain quarters, and a slight over-emphasis on chatty, in-group tournament reports.

The April issue, the final one under Stuart, includes articles on the 6th Asian Cities Tournament, the Barson Computers Howick-Pakuranga Open, and the "farcical" end to the Karpov-Kasparov World Championship match in Moscow. Since the appearance of the magazine three bids have been submitted to Fide,

the World Chess Federation, for the rematch in September: France has proposed Marseilles with a prize fund of \$NZ1,387,200; Britain has proposed London with a bid of \$NZ870,400, and the USSR has again proposed Moscow, also offering \$NZ870,400.

Enough of the two Ks, however. This week's game, from the Asian Cities Tournament in Hong Kong (where Auckland came ninth out of 26 entries) is a classic reminder of the poisoned pawn theme.

PIRC DEFENCE

P GOFFIN (Auckland)	HUANG ZENGYUAN (Taiyuan)
1. e4	d6
2. d4	Nf6
3. Nc3	g6
4. Bg5	Bg7
5. f4	c6?!

Goffin's experiment with the Byrne system pays off — Black's best response here is the immediate 5... h6 6. Bh4 c5 7. e5 Nh5 with unclear complications.

6. Be2	Qb6
7. Qd2	Qxb2

So Black gobbles the notorious poisoned pawn on b2, a situation most commonly arising from the Sicilian defence. But the difference here is to White's advantage — Goffin has mobile centre pawns in addition to a substantial lead in development.

8. Rb1	Qa3
9. Nf3	h6
10. Bh4	Qa5

On 10... Nbd7 11. e5 is strong.

11. 0-0	Nbd7
12. e5	dxe5
13. fxe5	Nh7
14. Bc4	Nb6
15. Bb3	Qa3

The Queen returns to guard the e-pawn on e7 in preparation for castling, but now the danger of being trapped is omnipresent. The method Goffin eventually succeeds with is neatly original.

16. Ne4	0-0
17. Nc5	g5
18. Bxg5!	hxg5
19. Nxg5	Bh6

White's pieces sacrifice also wins after 19... Nxg5 20. Qxg5, when Black cannot muster a defence to the threat Rf3-g3.



20. Qd3!

A lovely move, threatening checkmate with 20. Qxh7 as well as a decisive discovery on the unfortunate Black queen.

20. ...	Nxg5
21. Bxf7 ch	Rxf7
22. Qxa3	Rg7
23. Rxb6	Resigns