

ROYAL COMMISSION ON SOCIAL POLICY

TE KOMIHANA A TE KARAUNA MO NGA AHUATANGA-A-IWI

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The full terms of reference are available in English, Maori, Cook Islands Maori, Samoan, Tongan and Niuean. Please contact the Secretary if you want a copy. The following extract from the terms of reference sets out the Commission's tasks:

"The Royal Commission on Social Policy will receive representations, enquire into, investigate and report on the following matters:

(i) The extent to which New Zealand meets the standards of a fair society and the main reasons New Zealand falls short of any of these standards.

In particular, the Commission will:

- investigate whether the ways in which responsibility for social well-being is currently shared among individuals, families, voluntary social groups, ethnic and tribal affiliations and other communities as well as local and central government hinder or assist the achievement of a fair society;
- investigate how existing government systems and policies assist or hinder the achievement of a fair society, and determine whether any hindrance results from inappropriate or conflicting objectives or inappropriate processes;
- identify the constraints on the achievement of the standards of a fair society.
- (ii) The principles, derived from the standards of a fair society and based on our social and economic foundations, which government may apply to all policy.
- (iii) The guidelines for the application of these principles in each of the areas of social well-being.
- (iv) The nature and extent of changes in policies and institutions which will enable New Zealand to meet the standards of a fair society with greater effectiveness and efficiency.
- (v) The criteria and mechanisms by which the social impact of policies may be monitored and assessed.
- (vi) The Commission's priorities for the implementation of its recommendations.
- (vii) Any associated matter that may be thought by the Commission to be relevant to the general objects of the enquiry."

SUBMISSIONS, HEARINGS, MEETINGS

The Commission asks those intending to make written or oral submissions to notify the Secretary of their intention by April 20, 1987, and to indicate whether or not they wish to appear at a public hearing.

Those whose submissions will be available at an early date are encouraged to forward them (one copy, in writing or on tape) to the Secretary by April 20, 1987, if they wish to present them at a public meeting, or by May 31 if they do not. Submissions will also be accepted later in the year.

The Commission will be travelling about New Zealand in May and June holding public hearings of written submissions which have been received by April 20. It will also arrange public hearings of oral submissions during this period if a request to do so has been received by April 20.

In May and June the Commissioners and members of the Secretariat also hope to consult informally with as many individuals, groups and organisations as possible. Those wishing to arrange such an informal meeting should advise the Communications Officer, Joanna Beresford, by April 20.

A further period of travel will be undertaken in October and November.

For a copy of the full terms of reference, or if further information is needed about submissions, hearings, or informal meetings, please write to the Secretary or telephone him (or the Communications Officer, Joanna Beresford) collect.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of March 1987.

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CHESS

Winning tickets

by Murray Chandler

N SPITE OF A virulent, lengthy and often bitter campaign, the Fide (World Chess Federation) elections scheduled during the Dubai Olympiad last November ended very much with a whimper. The incumbent president, Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines, was returned to office unopposed after Brazil's Lincoln Lucena and English grandmaster Raymond Keene withdrew their challenges shortly before voting. It seemed certain they would lose after the announcement of the USSR federation that they would be supporting Campomanes, notwithstanding the public denouncement of Campomanes by Soviet world champion Garri Kasparov. Even if Kasparov had saved the Eastern European vote, Campomanes might well have won anyway, with his enormous support among the Third World nations. The structure of one vote per country means that the vote of, say, the Bahamas is as valuable as that of any major European chess nation.

The Lucena/Keene delegation at the Olympiad were visibly shaken when it was revealed that the Dubai Government had provided nearly \$2 million worth of air tickets to Fide. These tickets went to enable selected developing countries, and their voting Fide delegates, to attend the Olympiad. The criteria for receiving free tickets were unexplained. Lucena and Keene protested that some pro-Campomanes nations received free travel while more needy but unaligned teams (such as New Zealand) did not. But one cannot ignore the fact that Campomanes, who cannot be challenged again until 1988, managed to get the Dubai Government to pump a lot of extra money into the Olympiad in this manner. A record number of 108 countries took part.

I personally do not think that the Campomanes presidency has been as black as some have made out. The introduction of the new time limit (40 moves in two hours as opposed to twoand-a-half) and the staging of the Olympiad in an Arab country were two bold decisions that caused controversy. But both, with hindsight, have been regarded as successful. My main complaint with Fide concerns the so-called qualifications committee. Each Fide Congress this august body meets to award titles, such as grandmaster, to players who have fulfilled the statistical requirements over the year. Unfortunately it also has a penchant for gratuitously awarding titles not properly earned, for reasons never explained. When a player has worked for years to achieve a master title it can be most frustrating to see gifts of the same handed out to others.

At Dubai, the qualifications committee agreed to award all women, except Hungary's Zsuza Polgar, 100 extra rating points on the grounds that all women (except Zsuza Polgar) were underrated. This inspired legislation had an interesting effect. Without it the January 1987 world rankings would have read: 1 Polgar 2495, 2 Chiburdanidze 2430. Now, of course, the Soviet women's world cham-

pion Maya Chiburdanidze maintains her "number one" spot on 2530. Some extremely dubious statistics were produced to justify this absurdity.

This week's game comes from the justfinished Reykjavik grandmaster tournament, won by England's Nigel Short following a sensational start of six out of six.

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N SHORT	L LJUBOJEVIC
1. e4	c5
2. Nf3	d6
3. d4	c×d4
4. N×d4	Nf6
5. Nc3	a6
6. Be3	e6
7. f3	Be7
8. Qd2	b5

Short has used this English speciality (6. Be3!) against Ljubojevic's Sicilian Najdorf defence before. In Wijk aan Zee last year the top Yugoslav had tried 8. . . Nc6 9. 0-0-0 d5!? with interesting play.

9.	g4	Bb7
	0-0-0	0-0
1.	h4	Nc6
2.	N×c6	B×c
3.	g5	Nd7
4.	Ne2	d5
5.	Nd4	Bb7
6.	Bh3	Ne5

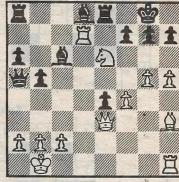
16.... $d \times e4$ is met by 17. $N \times e6$ $f \times e6$ 18. $B \times e6$ ch — a theme we see more of later. Short's next move is strange (17. f4 is natural) but play soon transposes.

17.	Qe1	Nc4
18.	f4	N×e3
19.	Q×e3	Qa5
20.	Kb1	d×e4
21.	N×e6!	Rfe8?

Black should take the knight. $20...f \times 66$ 21. $B \times 66$ ch Kh8 22. Rd7 Bc8 23. $R \times 67$ Qb4! 24. Qa3! $Q \times a3$ 25. $b \times a3$ $B \times 66$ 26. $R \times 66$ $R \times 64$ leads to a murky rook endgame. 22. h5!

After this aggressive pawn thrust it is imperative to defend with 22... Bf8, as 22... f×e6 23. B×e6 ch followed by 24. h6! gives a crushing attack. But Ljubo misses the danger...

22.		Bd8
23.	Rd7	Bc6



24. Qd4!

Gurgle! Checkmate on g7 suddenly looms in various forms (24...B×d7 25.Q×g7 or 24...f×e6 25.Q×g7) and Black must concede two pieces and a pawn for a rook. Plus Shorty still won't leave that g7 square

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2	4	Bf6
2	5. g×f6	B×d7
2	6. Q×d7	Qb6
2	7. N×g7	Red8
2	8. Qg4	Kh8
2	9. Ne8!	Resigns
	29 R×e8 :	30. Qg7 is mate.