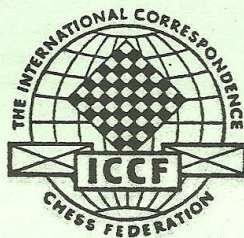


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M I N U T E S

The 1981 Congress of the ICCF took place at the Henry The Eighth Hotel in London from the 12th to 20th September. The Congress was well organized by the Federation of Great Britain, British Postal Chess Federation (BPCF). A tour of the city and an excursion to Warwick with a visit to the castle and to Stratford on Avon with a visit to the birthplace of Shakespeare made a pleasant interlude during the working days.

The following took part in the Congress:

H. Åhman (S) as member of the Swedish delegation and as Auditor of the ICCF.

R. Berthelsen (N) as the Norwegian delegate and as member of the Documentation Commission.

A. Borwell (GB) as member of the delegation of Great Britain.

F. Brglez (YU) as the Yugoslavian delegate and as member of the Documentation Commission.

H. Brusilla (SF) as member of the Finnish delegation and as member of the Tele-Chess Commission.

Dr. T. Bullockus (USA) as delegate of the USA and as member of the Tele-Chess Commission.

J.-A. Cornu (CH) as the Swiss delegate with voting rights for Guatemala and as ICCF Treasurer.

E. Debaissieux (B) as the Belgian delegate.

Ing. P. Diaconescu (R) as the delegate of Rumania, as ICCF Vice-President as well as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions.

E. Dieckmann (DDR) as the delegate of East Germany.

C.'E. Erlandsson (S) as member of the Swedish delegation.

R. Gillman (GB) as the delegate of Great Britain with voting rights for the Republic of Ireland as well as member of the Qualifications and Tele-Chess Commissions.

A. Giraudet (F) as the delgate of France with the voting rights for the Dominican Republic, as ICCF Vice-President as well as member of the Rules Commission.

O. Halme (SF) as member of the Finnish delegation.

H. Heemsoth (BRD) as member of the West German delegation as well as member of the Documentation Commission.

H.-J. Heitmann (BRD) as member of the West German delegation as well as member of the Working Party for Rating.

A. Henriksen (DK) as member of the Danish delegation.

Dr. C. S. Hunter (GB) as member of the British delegation.

St. Kania (PL) as the delgate of Poland, as Contact-man to FIDE and as member of the Qualifications Commission.

L. Lahdenmäki (SF) as member of the Finnish delegation.

E. Larsson (S) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as the delegate of Sweden, as ICCF Vice-President, as ICCF Tournament Director, as Chairman of the Tournament Commission as well as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions.

Ing. A. Lascurain (RA) as the delegate of Argentine with the voting rights for Brazil and Uruguay and as member of the Qualifications Commission.

R. Lindroos (SF) as the delegate of Finland, as member of the Qualifications Commission as well as the Working Party for Rating.

G. Livie (GB) as member of the British delegation.

Frau Bertl von Massow (BRD) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as member of the West German delegation, as member of the Qualifications Commission and as Deputy Chairman of the Tournament Commission.

Hans-Werner von Massow (BRD) as the delegate for West Germany, as ICCF President and with the voting rights of the General Secretary.

H. J. Mostert (NL) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as the delegate for the Netherlands with the voting rights of Canada, as ICCF Vice-President as well as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions.

J. A. Nielsen (DK) as the delegate of Denmark and as member of the Working Party for Rating.

E. Nuutilainen (SF) as member of the Finnish delegation and as member of the Documentation Commission.

S. Nyman (S) as member of the Swedish delegation.

Dr. T. Olafsson (IS) as the delegate of Iceland.

J. Pálsson (IS) as member of the Icelandic delegation.

K. B. Richardson (GB) as member of the British delgation.

A. van't Riet (NL) as member of the Netherlands delegation and as Chairman of the Working Party for Rating.

H. Rittner (DDR) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as member of the East German delegation, as ICCF Vice-President, as Chairman of the Qualifications Commission and as member of the Rules Commission.

Prof. Dr. W. Sagorowskij (SU) as the delegate for Russia, as ICCF Vice-President as well as member of the Qualifications Commission.

D. Smit (NL) as member of the Netherlands delegation and as Chairman of the Tele-Chess Commission.

W. A. Stilling (CH) as member of the Swiss delegation.

Dr. J. Vándorffy (H) as tje delegate for Hungary, as ICCF Vice-President and as Chairman of the Rules Commission.

The ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Massow took the Chair.

The BPCF President, C.C. Grandmaster K. B. Richardson, welcomed the participants on behalf of the host federation. He spoke of the long history of correspondence chess in Great Britain which goes back to the turn of the century. The expansion of correspondence chess in Great Britain arises from the many correspondence chess organizations of which 22 are currently members of the BPCF.

The ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Massow replied with thanks for the hearty welcome and appreciation of the important tradition of correspondence chess in Great Britain. He recalled the famous CC match between London and Edinburgh in the years 1824-26 and the

worthy contribution after the second World War of B. H. Wood and A. P. Stammwitz towards a continuation of the work begun in 1928 with the IFSB for an international CC organization. He then described the successful union of many British CC organizations in a national umbrella organization BPCF in the last decade as a guiding example which now served as a model for the USA who found themselves in similar circumstances. The President announced with pleasure that the 5th World Cup Tournament started this year was a great success with 4510 participants. He thanked the USA Federation and especially Dr. Bullockus for taking over the organization. He evaluated this success as the result of friendly communal work and said, "Although the financial position of the ICCF is good, our greatest capital is the friendship which binds us all and this is also our guarantee for success in the future."

With regret he informed the Congress that the General Secretary, Dr. Lukás could not take part in the meetings. Fortunately, the reason he could not come was not because of ill health but because the CSSR sport organization to which the CSSR chess organization is subordinate, decided only shortly before the Congress that no representative from CSSR would be sent this year to international chess meetings. He conveyed to Congress the best wishes of Dr. Lukás, which the Congress participants heartily reciprocated in a letter of greeting. Congress noted with full consent that at the request of the Praesidium, ICCF Vice-President H. J. Möstert had taken on the duties of the General Secretary for the duration of the Congress and thanks were due to him for this.

From the Report of the General Secretary it was learned that the address of the ICCF General Secretary was being published more and more in world-wide international directories. As a result, not only has the popularity of ICCF, but also the routine work of the General Secretary has been considerably increased.

The General Secretary indicated with pleasure the good co-operation

within ICCF which is the motive power for successful further work.

In accordance with instructions from the 1979 Congress in Järvenpää, different international sport organizations were asked how the membership and playing possibilities of Scotland and Wales were covered in their statutes and rules. He repeated that the result of this investigation offered no basis for conforming with the request of Scotland and Wales for membership.

On a proposal from the General Secretary, Congress confirmed the decision of the 1980 Praesidium in Linz to accept the membership of the Federation of Zimbabwe.

The Report of the Tournament Director gave a global view of the frequency of all ICCF tournaments over the past 13 years. He established that from year to year, the number of participants increased. He especially held up as an example the great success of the 5th World Cup Tournament with 4510 players. The total participants in World Cup Tournaments so far organized is 14,474. The Tournament Director reported that the present Tournament Secretaries for the World CC Championship and the CC Olympiads will run the events they have started to completion but after that have asked to be relieved. The Congress noted with unanimous consent that the Tournament Director has appointed as successors, Reg Gillman (GB) for the World CC Championship and R. Berthelsen (N) for the CC Olympiads.

The ICCF President thanked the present and still officiating Tournament Secretaries, K. H. Boese (BRD) and H. Norell (S) for their long years of excellent co-operation.

The Report of the World Tournament Office informed that in 1979, 1869 players started in 251 groups. In 1980, 1989 players started in 267 groups. In the first 8 months of 1981, 1104 players started in 164 groups. In the Thematic Tournament, in 1979, 230 players started in 46 groups. In 1980, 225 players started in 45 groups and in the first 8 months of 1981, 75 players started in 15 groups.

The Report of the European Tournament Office informed that in 1979, 2320 players started in 272 groups. In 1980, 2573 players started in 299 groups. In the first 8 months of 1981, 1584 players started in 184 groups. The 1st European Junior CC Championship can be wound up. There are no plans to organize another of these tournaments in the near future however because the indication was that outside influences hindered a great many of the young participants from proper play. In the European CC Team Championships, Final I and Preliminary II are drawing to a close and a closing date of 1.8.1982 is envisaged. The announcement for the 3rd European CC Team Championship will follow in September 1982.

In a Report About the Tournaments in English America, the delegate of USA, Dr. Bullockus, told that an umbrella organization now exists in USA, the United States Postal Chess Federation, "USPCF". Connected with this organization are, CCLA, USCF (that is the OTB organization of USA), APCT and USO-ASPC. He had no authority however to propose to Congress that the membership of CCLA be taken over by USPCF. The ICCF President declared that such a proposal of membership transfer was the sole responsibility of CCLA.

The Report About the Tournaments in Latin America informed that the number of participants in CADAP tournaments showed a gratifying increase. The latin American zone tournaments have gone well and are started regularly. The same applies to the Pan-American Team Championship. The 1st Latin Cup (America/Europe) will start in March 1982 and in April 1982, the Pablo-Atars Memorial will start.

The Report of the Contact-man to FIDE gave the information about his report to the FIDE meeting in Malta 1980 and Atlanta 1981 which which were appended to the FIDE minutes. He gave further information about the 2nd Tele-Chess Olympiad on the basis of a report from the Central Tournament Secretary, A. Heintze. The Contact-man to FIDE stated with pleasure that a great interest in the

activities of the ICCF was to be found in FIDE. He reported that there were proposals on the part of FIDE that correspondence chess team tournaments to help the chess developing countries be jointly organized by FIDE and ICCF and consultation had already begun in writing between FIDE President Olafsson and ICCF President von Massow.

The ICCF President gave further information about the negotiations so far with FIDE President Olafsson and FIDE General Secretary Frau Bakkar. Two proposals had been made by FIDE, a CC team tournament for Islands with under one million inhabitants as well as a similar kind of tournament for the countries of Africa. Congress noted with unanimous consent that ICCF should first work together with FIDE in order to bring about the Africa Team Tournament and that the ICCF President should progress the arrangements. Also further negotiations should follow concerning the projected Island Team Tournament. On a proposal of the ICCF President, Congress empowered ICCF Vice-President Ing. P. Diaconescu (R), after negotiations have been completed, to act as representative of the ICCF and carry out the technical realisation jointly with FIDE.

The Report of the Treasurer gave a global balance and a breakdown under numerous headings showing a good and healthy financial position for the ICCF.

The Auditor's Report stated that there was no reason whatsoever to complain of the Treasurer's work. He indicated a shortage in that Brazil and Yugoslavia had not sent any statement despite a request from the Treasurer. He emphasized the importance of sending accounts in good time.

On a proposal from the Auditor, Congress unanimously adopted the Treasurer's accounts.

The ICCF President thanked the General Secretary, the Tournament

Director, his assistants and the Tournament Secretaries of the Continental Tournament Offices, the Contact-man to FIDE, the Treasurer and the Auditor for the valuable work undertaken.

The Report of the Qualifications Commission comprised the outcome of a meeting of the Commission held during the Congress as well as the discussions carried out by correspondence on the question organization and Playing Rules for the World CC Championship. Regarding the bestowal of titles, the full proposals were unanimously confirmed by Congress and are set out under the heading "Bestowal of Titles". In addition, a complete list of ICCF title-holders including those who have fulfilled the requirements for half-norms, was presented to Congress. The Congress agreed the proposal of the Qualifications Commission for the title norms in the tournaments, "Serbia 30", "Mirotworskij Memorial", "60 Years CCCA" (Canada), "BPCF Jubilee" (Great Britain) and "FINJUB 20" as well as the 4th team tournament "Baltic Sea - Sea of Friendship". These title norms are to be found in the section headed, "Tournament Arrangements". The Qualifications Commission deferred setting the title norms for the "Pacific Team Tournament" until next year's Praesidium meeting when the composition of the teams would be known. Further to the decision of the 1979 Congress in Järvenpää regarding the North Atlantic Team Tournament, Congress ratified the norms set in 1979 on the recommendation of the Qualifications Commission. A condition for this however, is that correct running of the tournament shall follow and the ICCF informed regarding this. The Qualification Commission indicated that points acquired other than by play can not be recognized for title qualification.

Congress unanimously agreed the Qualification Commission's text for the amendment to paragraphs 40 d) and 41 e) of the Playing Rules and this is to be found under the heading, "Matters Pertaining to the Playing Rules" and takes effect for all individual tournaments authorized henceforth (including the London Congress).

Congress charged the Qualifications Commission to consider by correspondence an eventual limitation to the terms of reference for authorizing individual tournaments and report to next year's Praesidium meeting.

Similarly, the Commission was asked to consider the possibility of a relaxation to paragraph 43 of the Playing Rules, i.e. whether title qualification could be possible when games already started have been taken over prior to which only a few moves had been played.

The Qualifications Commission dealt with a reorganization scheme of the Tournament Secretary for the World CC Championship regarding the arrangement of two finals XI and XII, because all the qualified players cannot be placed in one final. It was respectively decided:

that the currently running 3/4-Final XI shall be re-numbered XII, that the currently running Semi-final XII shall be re-numbered XIII, that the Semi-final to start in November 1981 intended to be Semi-final XIII shall be numbered XIV.

33 players are qualified for Final XI and XII and it was agreed that players in places 3 and 4 of World CC Championship Final VIII, IX and X may qualify.

A starting date of 1.9.1982 was set for Final XI. The invitations to those already qualified to be issued at the beginning of 1982 with a clause that the qualification will be lost if they do not take part. A deferment of the qualification to Final XII is therefore not possible. This does not apply to players qualifying from 3/4-Final XI, who can take part in Final XI at their own wish provided their qualification is established in time. Allowance may be made in cases of hardship.

The Qualifications Commission passed these decisions unanimously and Congress ratified the reorganization scheme also unanimously.

Through the Qualifications Commission, six groups for Semi-final XIV were allocated, three groups each of 16 players and three groups each of 15 players. Play shall start in November 1981 and in the next weeks further individual nominations from the affiliated federations can still be considered.

Congress agreed a recommendation of the Qualifications Commission that the European Junior Champion be given a free place in the European CC Championship. Congress further agreed that both the lady players who tied for 2nd place in Group 4 of the Ladies' CC World Championship, Cunningham (GB) and Manthey (BRD) be allowed in the Final.

The Report of the Rules Commission gave the information that among other things, questions of interpretation had been dealt with. In these cases it happened that the wording of the rules was clear enough and no alteration is needed. In two cases, the Commission proposed an amendment to the Tournament Rules which were unanimously adopted by Congress. These are given in the section headed, "Matters Pertaining to the Tournament Rules".

The Report of the Tele-Chess Commission gave information about Tele-Chess activities in different countries, among others, the BBC Television Tournament in December 1980 which was won by Nigel Short (GB) ahead of world-class Grandmasters. Regarding computer chess, the information was given that the Commission member, M. Mädler (BRD) had tested the Sargon 2.5 at level 6 with positions from the column "Chess for All" and the magazine Fernschach, with the result that only in a few cases where a mate in three or four moves could be demonstrated, was the computer able to find the best move. In general, the report indicated that the computer can certainly calculate but has no feeling for strategy and positional play and therefore none for the evaluation of a position. To work through three moves, for example, it would be necessary to investigate something like a thousand million possibilities and this would bring even the fastest computer into time trouble.

Regarding the work of the Documentation Commission, the ICCF President, in place of the Commission's Chairman P.Clement (B), who unfortunately was unable to attend the Congress, gave the information that publication of the book by the publishing firm Rudi Schmaus had been held up because the manuscript could not be set up, among other things, due to the illness of an important collaborator of the Commission's Chairman. Congress noted with unanimous approval that the ICCF President, with the agreement of the Commission's Chairman, had arranged for A. Heintze (DDR) to take over the manuscript and the book shall be entitled "From IFSB to ICCF".

The Report of the Working Party for Rating gave the information that in the past year, on the basis of supporting documents and some research, 22,000 results from about 2,500 players during the years 1950 - 1969 were collected. These results are an important basis for calculating a reliable rating for the years 1970 to the present time. The Commission presented an extensive 55-page comprehensive paper which is an important catalogue of questions. This paper was handed to every participant at Congress and will be sent to each Federation not represented at Congress. The national federations are urgently requested to answer the questions applicable to them by 1.1.1982. The Chairman of the Working Party stated that it is essential to the successful progress of the work that he should receive a Start List of all the top international tournaments and a results table as quickly as possible after the tournament has been concluded.

The ICCF President thanked the Commissions and the Working Party for the valuable work undertaken.

BESTOWAL OF TITLES

Correspondence Chess Grandmaster

Dr. V. Bergraser (F), H. Bouwmeester (NL), G. Rotariu (R),
T. O. Yim (SU).

International Correspondence Chess Master

Dr. S. Aarseth (N), F. Boyd (GB), R. Gasiorowski (PL),
S. B. Gubnitzkij (SU), M. Gudjew (BG), M. H. Horton (GB),
J. Hund (BRD), W. A. Kaluchin (SU), S. Korolew (SU), K. Krantz
(S), K.-H. Maeder (BRD), K. Ojanen (SF), H. Palm (BRD),
J. A. Pålsson (IS), C. G. Pappier (RA), J. Podkrajsek (YU),
R. A. Redolfi (RA), F. Rupp (A), Ø. Sande (N), G. Sapundjew (BG),
F. Schätzel (A), I. Schrancz (H), G. Szewczyk (PL), A. C. v.d.
Tak (NL), J. Toothill (GB), R. Veress (H), H. Ziewitz (BRD).

International Correspondence Chess Lady Masters

T. Manthey (BRD), Z. Praznik (YU)

International Arbiter of the ICCF

C. J. Bet (RA), R. Gillman (GB), L. Roch (YU), M. Savić (YU).

The ICCF President heartily congratulated the new title holders of the ICCF.

The ICCF President handed gold medals to the delegates of the national federations concerned to pass on to the named Grandmasters with hearty congratulations.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES OF PLAY

On a proposal from the Praesidium, Congress unanimously decided to extend Paragraph 15 with the following text:

"In addition to the member federations, countries may also take part in the title team tournaments of the ICCF under the following conditions:

- 1) when the properly qualified national member federation agrees to the participation, and
- 2) when the country concerned is a member of FIDE."

This proposal arose from earlier discussions of the Praesidium with representatives from the Scottish CC Association and indeed,

with the President, A. Borwell and the General Secretary, G. Livie. The representatives from SCCA expressed their regret that according to the ICCF Statutes their acceptance as a member federation was not possible and expressed the wish that a method could be found so that players from Scotland could play for Scotland in team tournaments, as for instance happens in the Tele-Chess Olympiad. At the end of the discussion, all participants were of the opinion that the above quoted proposal of the ICCF Praesidium represented the optimal solution to the problem under discussion.

On a proposal from the Qualifications Commission, Congress unanimously passed the following resolution:

Paragraph 40 d) New text:

"those players in an international individual tournament authorized by the ICCF with at least 13 participants, of which at least 65% shall be title holders and ~~of these~~ at least 30% shall be Grandmasters, who fulfil the following norms: against Grandmasters 55%, against International Masters 75% and against players without international title, 85%."

Paragraph 41 e) New text:

"those players in an international individual tournament authorized by the ICCF with at least 11 participants of which at least 65% shall be International Masters, who fulfil the following norms: against Grandmasters 35%, against International Masters 55% and against players without international title, 75%."

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES

On a proposal from the Rules Commission, Congress unanimously passed the following resolution:

Paragraph 1) Last sentence in third section.

New text:

"If anyone does not observe this requirement, he is penalized with 5 days' additional time of reflection; in the case of a repetition, 10 days."

Paragraph 28) New text for second sentence:

"Should he not do this, his time of reflection continues until the day he sends his notification."

TOURNAMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Congress noted with unanimous consent a proposal of the delegate from UdSSR and Hungary to the Tournament Director that play in the Final of CC Olympiad VIII should cease on 1st June 1982. In this tournament, there is a hard struggle for 1st and 2nd place between UdSSR and Hungary. The team of Great Britain has achieved third place. The ICCF President congratulated Great Britain on this success and handed to the delegate of the Federation of Great Britain, six bronze medals to be passed on to the players in the British national team.

Regarding World Cup V, Congress noted with unanimous thanks, that with the support of E. Dieckmann and H. Rittner, a results list will be sent out from DDR about twice a year. The necessary material for this will be delivered to the German Chess Federation of DDR by the ICCF Tournament Director.

On a proposal of the Qualifications Commission, the following norms were set for invitation tournaments already authorized:

Tournament Serbia 30 (15 players including 5 Grandmasters and 6 International Masters), 9 1/2 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 7 points for the title International CC Master.

Tournament 60 Years Canadian CC Organization (15 players including 6 Grandmasters and 6 International Masters), 9 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 6 1/2 points for the title International CC Master.

Tournament Mirotworskij-Memorial of UdSSR (13 players including 4 Grandmasters and 7 International Masters), 8 1/2 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 6 points for the title International CC Master.

BPCF Jubilee Tournament (15 players including 6 Grandmasters and 7 International Masters), 9 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 6 points for the title International CC Master.

Tournament FINJUB-20 (15 players including 6 Grandmasters and 6 International Masters), 9 points for the title CC Grandmaster (9 1/2 points for FIDE Grandmaster Rajković), 6 1/2 points for the title International CC Master (7 points for the FIDE Grandmaster Rajković).

Baltic Sea Team Tournament IV Sea of Friendship (15 teams, 12 boards), on Board 1 International CC Master with 75% of the possible points. Half-norms International CC Master on Board 1 60%, Board 2 65%, Board 3 70%, Board 4 75%, Board 5 80% of the possible points.

The following tournament arrangements were unanimously authorized:

Paul Keres Memorial arranged by UdSSR Federation with 15 participants to start on 7th January 1982 (birthday of Paul Keres).

Kurt-Klar Memorial arranged by the Federation of West Germany, the Bund deutscher Fernschachfreunde (BdF) with 15 participants - the starting date has not yet been set.

Pacific Team Tournament arranged by the Federation of USA in co-operation with CADAP and the Federation of Canada. A team each from Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and two teams from USA (California and the remaining states). Six boards will be played and a start on 1st March 1982 is expected.

Mediterranean Cup At the Munich Praesidium meeting 1978, on a proposal from the Yugoslavian Federation, permission was given for such a team tournament for the purpose of publicity (6 boards) to be arranged and for invitations to be sent to all chess organizations bordering on the Mediterranean. It was laid down that this tournament should not begin before 1980 and that the exact starting date should be arranged in conjunction with the ICCF Tournament Director. Some months ago, L. Roch (YU) informed

the ICCF President, the ICCF General Secretary and the ICCF Tournament Director, that Yugoslavia intended to send out the invitations this year. The ICCF President and also the other named members of the Praesidium advised L. Roch that the present time is most unpropitious and that ICCF at this time were not in agreement that the invitations should be sent. An enquiry of the Yugoslavian delegate revealed that both he and the President of the Yugoslavian CC Commission were in agreement with this opinion. Nevertheless, L. Roch sent out the invitations. Congress instructed the delegate from Yugoslavia to arrange for the invitations to be quickly retracted. The Yugoslavian delegate avowed that this would be done.

DOMESTIC MATTERS

On a proposal from the Chairman of the Tele-Chess Commission, D. Smit, Congress confirmed D. Barry (USA) and G. Livie (GB) as members of the Commission. It was noted with thanks that the Federation of UdSSR would nominate a member to the Commission at next year's Praesidium meeting.

On a proposal from the Chairman of the Rules Commission, Dr. J. Vándorffy, Congress confirmed R. Berthelsen (N) and L. Lahdenmäki (SF) as members of the Commission.

Congress noted with thanks that the Federation of DDR had undertaken the printing of the ICCF Rules in the Spanish language as well as the production of ICCF medals and ICCF badges.

At the previous year's Praesidium meeting, D. Smit, at that time Managing Secretary of the Tele-Chess Commission had stated that because of unfortunate long standing differences, particularly on questions of responsibility, any further co-operation with Prof. Dr. Eventov, then Chairman of the Commission, was impossible for him. In response to the decision of last year's Praesidium meeting, that D. Smit be appointed Commission Chairman and that

the post of Managing Secretary be cancelled, Prof. Dr. Eventov wrote a copious letter officially to the ICCF President with the request that this letter be read out to Congress and reported in the minutes. In this letter, Prof. Dr. Eventov aired numerous criticisms about the work and conduct of the former Managing Secretary and he expressed his opinion that the Praesidium meeting had not the right to decide to change the post of Commission Chairman, because he had been appointed by a decision of Congress. In closing, Prof. Dr. Eventov stated that he no longer felt himself bound by the duties of Commission Chairman and asked Congress to confirm this. The present Chairman of the Commission, D. Smit, replied to this letter and aired on his own side, criticisms of the work and conduct of Prof. Dr. Eventov in the later years of his activities as Chairman of the Commission.

The ICCF President expressed his regret that these personal and real differences should be raised again. Especially he regretted that despite frequent efforts, it proved impossible to set aside these differences. He indicated that the Praesidium meeting did have the right to make alterations in the Commissions, but that decisions of the Praesidium could be upheld or altered by decisions of Congress.

On a proposal of the ICCF President, Congress unanimously confirmed that Prof. Dr. Eventov felt himself released from his duties as Commission Chairman. Likewise, Congress unanimously confirmed D. Smit as Commission Chairman.

The ICCF President thanked Prof. Dr. Eventov particularly for the work he had undertaken in the years 1968 - 1975 as ICCF Vice-President.

NEXT MEETINGS

With regret and great surprise, Congress noted that the Yugoslavian

Federation had withdrawn its offer of several years ago to arrange the 1982 Praesidium meeting in Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavian delegate had been forced to this deposition on the demand of the Yugoslavian Sport Union, although the Yugoslavian CC Commission and the Yugoslavian Chess Union were far advanced with the preparations and had covered the financial arrangements for the meetings.

The delegate of the Federation of France stated that a very great probability exists that the invitation for 1984 could be brought forward to 1982 with a venue in Paris from 5th to 12th September. More definite news about this would be available shortly. The ICCF President thanked him for this kind offer.

The 1983 Congress as previously decided will take place in Poland and in fact, probably in Wroclaw, as the Polish delegate advised.

REgarding the Praesidium meeting in 1984, the ICCF President reported that in a personal conversation in answer to a question, Prof. Dr. Sagorowskij said that as President of the CC Commission of UdSSR, he would propose that the meeting be held in Moscow. Congress noted this information with thanks.

With words of hearty thanks to all participants as well as to the host federation, Great Britain and especially to the British delegate, R. Gillman, the ICCF President closed the meeting.

London, 19th September 1981

Hans-Werner von Massow
President

Henk J. Mostert
Vice-President
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General Secretary