

UNCOVER CIA CHESS MOVES

Dec. 19 (IPS)--In an interview with IPS this week, Colonel Ed Edmondson, Executive Director of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), indicated that American intelligence agencies intend to use world chess champion, right-wing nut Bobby Fischer, as a pawn in the cabal's "smash detente" gameplan.

Over the last two years, operative Edmondson has waged a concerted campaign to entice Soviet grandmasters to write for the USCF's publication Chess Life and Review and to recruit anti-Communist chessmasters from Eastern Europe to defect to "the West." The CIA is particularly anxious to "Solzhenitsynize" the Russian chess intelligentsia--an important psychological attack--since chess is the Soviet Union's national game.

One recent CIA recruit, Czech grandmaster Ludek Pachman has already been put to good use. At the founding convention of the fascist organization Bund Freies Deutschland in West Germany, Pachman joined Franz Josef Strauss in his CIA call for "Democratic Socialism for Eastern Europe."

Fischer, USCF Attack FIDE

Fischer, with full backing (or suggestion) from the CIA-controlled USCF, recently renounced the world title he holds under the auspices of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE), the international chess body, the "United Nations" of chess. This past summer FIDE overwhelmingly rejected Fischer and the USCF's preposterous demand (among others) that the FIDE-sponsored 1975 championship match require the legitimate challenger, Soviet grandmaster Anatoly Karpov, to score a 10 wins to 8 victory to take the title while Fischer would need but 9 wins to automatically retain his crown.

The USCF, after failing in a maneuver to take over FIDE, is preparing to bolt the world organization and stage a "world championship match" between Fischer and a challenger from the "Free World." IPS has learned of secret negotiations Col. Edmondson has been conducting with government officials in Brazil to set up a fraudulent title match. Reports from informed sources also reveal that agent Edmondson has contacted Arab oil sheikhs and Philippine businessmen in his effort to destroy the FIDE and organize an unauthorized title contest.

Soviet Counterattack

An article in the Dec. 15 New York Times warns in effect that the Soviet Union is getting wind of the cabal's chess maneuvers and is launching a counterattack. The Times reports that in the Dec. 14 issue of its journal Sovetsky Sport, the Soviet Chess Federation publicly censured Russian grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi for "expressing some sympathy with Fischer's insistence

that the rules of the World Championship match be changed and for "ridiculing Anatoly Karpov's chess ability" in an article in the Yugoslav newspaper Politiko. Korchnoi last month lost to Karpov in a FIDE-sponsored elimination match to determine Fischer's official challenger.

Sovetsky Sport's blast at Korchnoi comes on the heels of a Dec. 12 article in Krasnaya Zvezda, the Soviet military daily, warning of agents "who pretend to be liberals and use this cover to infiltrate Soviet society, contact renegade elements in our midst, and try to destroy our social system."

The Soviets first became aware of the Rockefeller forces' use of chess as psywar when it was confirmed by Bobby Fischer himself that Rockefeller flunky Henry Kissinger had personally intervened to arrange the Championship match between Fischer and the Russian Boris Spassky. The match held in Iceland in 1972 led to the still-suspicious defeat of Spassky. In an interview this week, USCF chief Edmondson gave the evidence of the more complete control of American chess.

Agents Head, Fund USCF

Previous to his directorship of the 100,000 member USCF, Edmondson was an active-duty intelligence officer with the U.S. Air Force, working in "classified areas of communication with friendly countries--you know, Britain, Canada, and West Germany." Included was a stint as editor of the Air Force technical journal The Navigator.

He first became involved in the USCF in the early 1960s when "the Air Force decided to put up the money to hold the U.S. Open Tournament in San Antonio. The USCF was in bad financial shape at the time. A couple of years later I was named a USCF executive officer."

Edmondson devoted this October's issue of the USCF publication, Chess Life and Review, to an all-out assault on FIDE and the Soviet Union to rally the membership to support the CIA line. The lead article begins, "FIDE now stands undeniably as a conspicuous and colossal failure" and continues with a red-baiting attack on "the iron-curtain bloc" and "authoritarian dictatorship," in alleged control of the chess world.

EGYPTIAN MINISTER FAHMI MOVES TOWARD SOVIET UNION

Dec. 19 (IPS)--The respected Foreign Minister of Egypt, Ismail Fahmi, apparently is taking a crash course in the supranational Trilateral Commission's new soft-cop line in the Middle East.