

## CORRESPONDENCE

### AN APPEAL

*Igor Botvinnik*<sup>1</sup>

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The Editors have received a letter from Igor Botvinnik, a grandson of M.M. Botvinnik, comprising the diskette holding *ECONOMICAL COMPUTER SAPIENS* as a program. An editorial paraphrase of the accompanying letter follows.

"Ten days before his death Mikhail Moisevich wrote that the *CHES* *COMPUTER SAPIENS* has reached such an advanced stage that it might well be finished without needing a Scientific Director. While this may be true, there are such grave financial difficulties – state financing was withdrawn in January 1995 – that a public fund had to be created in order to finance the scientific activities based on Botvinnik's work as well as financing the chess programs.

"Anatoly Karpov has taken up the role of President of this funds and I [Igor Botvinnik] became its Director. It was Mikhail Botvinnik's opinion that his economic program could be best implemented in the Netherlands or Israel. Can any corporation from any country show an interest in the economic programs or the chess program in exchange for some financial support? If so, please, contact the ICCA Board or Igor Botvinnik at the Chess Computer Center, Gogolevsky Blvd 14, Moscow, Russia."



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### WRITING FINIS TO THE QUEST

*M\_CHESS PRO* in the 7<sup>th</sup> round deals a decisive blow to *QUEST* from which that program, the reigning World Champion, would not recover. WMCC, Paderborn, October 12, 1995.

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