

### Canadian open chess champion

Duncan Suttles of Vancouver won the Tenth Canadian Open Chess Championship in Ottawa recently in the largest tournament in the history of the event. Two hundred and thirty five contestants from all parts of Canada and the United States as well as one each from Australia and Spain, took part in this year's competition.

Suttles, with a score of 9 points out of a possible 11 (eight wins, two draws and one loss), won \$1,250 and the John G. Prentice trophy.

### History of Canadian chess

Chess in Canada dates almost from the arrival of the white man to North America. Champlain, the founder of Quebec, is mentioned as playing chess, and it has been established that the game was played in Lower Canada under the French regime. Though details are scarce, there is record, in the *Bulletin Historique*, that chess was played as early as 1779 in Montreal, when the well-known painter Dulongpre played the game with Joseph Papineau, the father of Louis-Joseph Papineau.

Chess was first organized in Canada five years after Confederation. The Canadian Chess Association was founded in Hamilton, Ontario on September 24, 1872.

Until the turn of the century, no money prizes were allowed, the winner receiving a set of silverware, or a leather travelling bag. It has only been in the late Sixties that prizes in Canadian chess have reached \$1,000 or more.

Today there are two Canadian championship tournaments, the older of which, the Canadian Closed, is held every third year. Entry to the Closed is by invitation only, based on achievements in other chess events

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according to a schedule laid down by the Chess Federation of Canada. The winner of the Closed represents Canada in the world championships, the final level of which was recently witnessed in Rejkavik between Fischer and Spassky.

The other national tournament is the Canadian Open, currently held in the years between the Canadian Closed tournaments.

### Polish forestry experts visit

A four-man forestry mission from Poland led by that country's Minister of Forestry and Wood Industries recently visited Canada.

They discussed with Alastair Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, forestry developments in Poland and the capability of Canadian suppliers and consulting engineers to share in this development.

The delegation later visited equipment manufacturers and consulting engineering firms in the Montreal and Vancouver areas to determine Canadian expertise in the design and supply of equipment and engineering services required for pulp-and-paper and sawmill plants. They also met with representatives of the Canadian forestry industry and toured their facilities.

### Alberta oil sands development

The province of Alberta has approved a proposed investment by Synconde Canada Ltd. of \$1 billion for development of the potential in the Athabaska oil sands. The proposal centres on building an oil-sands extraction plant near Fort McMurray. If the proposal also gets federal assent, it could result in 125,000 barrels a day being produced by 1982. Premier Peter Lougheed of Alberta has also announced the formation of the Alberta Energy Company as a vehicle to mobilize investment for projects ranging from the oil-sands development to pipelines and the production of natural gas. An initial issue of \$50-\$70 million in shares will be made next summer. The provincial government will retain a half interest and preference will be given to Albertans in the initial subscriptions.

### New educational leadership agency

A new organization — called the Ontario Council for Leadership in Educational Administration — has been set up with the aid of a \$375,000-grant given by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

The idea for the new council was developed jointly by OISE and the Ontario Association of Education Administrative Officials (OAEAO). The project is also shared with the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, Ministry of Education, and Ontario Universities offering graduate programs in education. Last year a pilot project of six workshops for supervisory officials was presented by OISE, OAEAO and the Ontario Ministry of Education to test out the idea. These workshops proved so successful that it was decided to expand such activities through a council.

The OCLEA intends to embark on a comprehensive program of interest to educational officials working in elementary, secondary and community college levels. Planned are several on-the-site workshops each year for educational leaders, systematic information collection, retrieval and dissemination services, and the establishment of practitioner-professor task forces to improve graduate programs in educational administration at Ontario universities. The council will also undertake co-operatively conducted research and development projects in educational administration, and will form collaborative task forces to develop new policy alternatives in education. Comprehensive ways of communicating the council's activities to interested individuals and organizations, not only across Canada but internationally as well, are also planned.

The founders hope that this new council will serve as a model for the formation of similar associations in other provinces.