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News Bytes

THE ICCF Congress is being held in Ostrava, Czech Republic, from October 11-18. Our next issue, the last of this year, will report.

Threat to 'Check in the Mail'

It has been announced that Alex Dunne's correspondence chess series 'Check Is In The Mail' will be suspended from later this year. We hope all our US readers will protest strongly to USCF and to the new 'Chess Life' editor, in order to get the column restored as soon as possible.

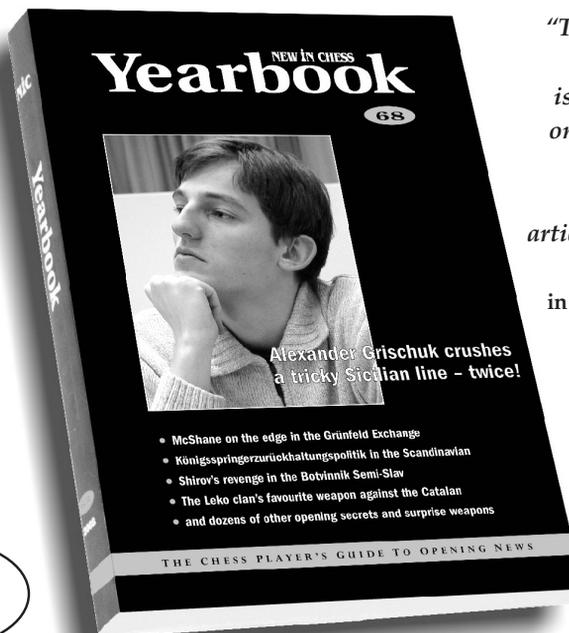
Slovakia wins Slav Cup

TD Witold Bielecki informs us that the team from Slovakia has won the 1st Slav Cup (see report in our last issue). A few games remain unfinished.

Amusement at Short prophecy

There was a mixture of amusement and annoyance on TCCMB when grandmaster Nigel Short, in an otherwise favourable review of 'Red Letters' wrote that: "...In this day and age, alas, correspondence chess is destined for extinction." We recall another FIDE GM, Curt Hansen, saying something similar about 10 years ago! Short appears unaware that between email, postal and servers there are now probably twice as many people playing CC than ever before.

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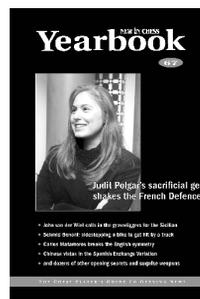
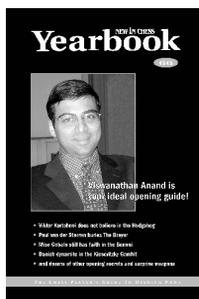
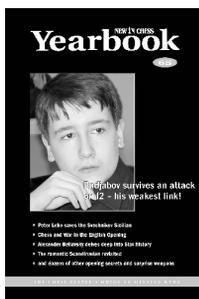
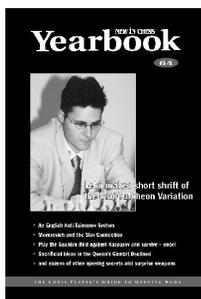
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Early reactions to Red Letters book

What a feast! That's my feeling about "Red Letters", a new 160-page action-packed book by Tim Harding and Sergey Grodzensky, whose respective Correspondence Chess (CC) titles are Senior International Master and Grandmaster. The authors' years of research into the CC Championships of the former USSR have resulted in a fascinating work comprising 84 richly annotated games pleasingly interspersed with biographical details, tabulated data, photos and puzzles that bring the reader excitingly close to the Soviet stars whose battles really make this a red-hot book.

— **GM Paul Motwani, The Scotsman**

Another very good book... is "Red Letters"... It is the product of several years of archival research and comes complete with a CD-ROM containing over 4,500 games... brought to life in this lovingly compiled work. — **GM Nigel Short, The Sunday Telegraph**

It gives a great pleasure to look through the pages of this wonderful book filled with priceless information about the history of the correspondence chess in the former USSR. This book could be useful on every level of correspondence and over the board chess. Famous Soviet Masters and theoreticians were participants of great tournaments...

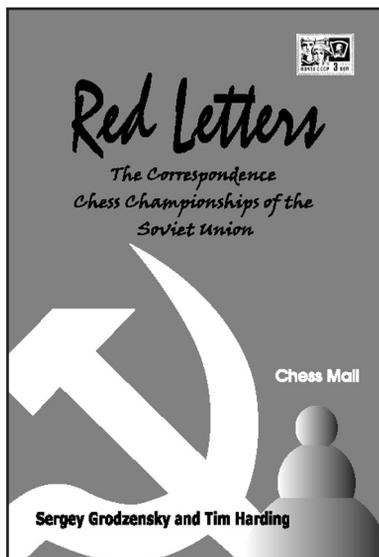
— **CC-GM Alik Zilberberg, California (joint runner-up in the 8th USSR CC Ch)**

Just a quick note to tell you how much I enjoyed Red Letters. The wonderful stories of little-known players succeeding against world famous masters made for great enjoyment! Fantastic games and analyses too. Thanks so much for the hard work! — **Tim Bogan, Chicago**

Congratulations to you and Sergey Grodzensky with this marvellous new book, which fills a big gap. — **Paul Clement, Belgium**

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