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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, OPENING ADELAIDE CHESS CENTRE

12/4/72

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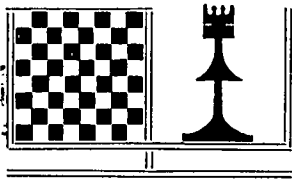
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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION

6th April, 1972

Mr. Bertram,  
C/- State Administration Centre,  
Victoria Square,  
ADELAIDE. S.A. 5000

Dear Sir,

During 1966 the Chess Centre opened at rear of 201 Rundle Street, and at this time it occupied the third storey of an old building. The Centre has grown to the size when we now have over 400 Registered Club Players.

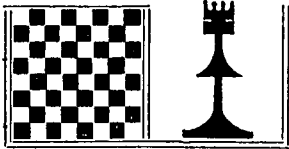
As well as this the Centre has become the home of Adelaide Chess Club, which is the Oldest Chess Club in Australia.

The original organizer of the old centre was G. Koshnitsky and his Committee at the time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.K. Knaggs', written in a cursive style.

D.K. KNAGGS,  
Hon. Secretary.



# *SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION*

## OFFICIAL GUESTS

|                          |   |                    |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Garry Koshnitsky         | - | President          |
| Evelyn Koshnitsky        |   |                    |
| Robert Knaggs            | - | Secretary          |
| Karls Lidums             |   |                    |
| Ivers Lidums             |   |                    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Keukenmeester | - | Consul Netherlands |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lyon          | - | P/R Advertiser     |
| C.R. Sutton              |   |                    |

PROFESSOR MAX EUWE (Pronounced Er'ver)

Professor Euwe was born in the Netherlands in May 1901. He learned the moves of chess at the age of 4, was a good club player at 12 and champion of the Netherlands at 20. Professor Euwe, an International Grandmaster, was World Champion from 1935-1937, the last non-Russian to hold the title.

Euwe was a teacher of Mathematics and later Professor of Mathematics at Netherlands University, so had to confine his playing in chess tournaments to the school or University holidays which makes his great chess successes all the more remarkable. He took his degree in philosophy in 1923 and doctorate in pure mathematics in 1926.

Euwe has written many books on chess and is one of the World's great theoreticians. He is also one of the World's authorities on computer chess and is giving four lectures on this subject at Australian Universities, one of them being at the Adelaide University on Tuesday, 11th ~~March~~ April.

Euwe retired from University work in 1970 and was elected to the Presidency of FIDE, the most arduous administrative position in the chess world. One of his first decisions was to make goodwill journeys to the different zones in order to extend the contact between the Federations and FIDE and to give advice regarding organizational problems of the federations. He has already made his first journey at the end of last year, a highly successful tour of South American countries.

At his simultaneous chess exhibitions he will play 25 local players at the same time. The former world champion will move from board to board, making his moves almost instantaneously, while his opponents will have 25 times as long to ponder their moves. The exhibition on Monday 10th April is being sponsored by the City Cross management.

In this present tour, Euwe has already visited Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Brisbane, Sydney, New Zealand, Canberra (where he spent Easter as the guest of the Ambassador for the Netherlands) and Melbourne. He will leave Adelaide on Friday, 14th April, for Perth and then Djakarta, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Burma.

Professor Euwe is accompanied on this tour by his wife and Mrs. Muhring, the wife of a Dutch International Chess Master. In Adelaide he and his wife are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Karlis Lidums and Mrs. Muhring is the house guest of the Secretary of the S.A. Chess Association and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Knaggs.



## THE WORLD CHESS FEDERATION

The World Chess Federation, founded in Paris in 1924, and commonly known as FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs) is the governing ~~body~~ world organization for chess. It comprises over 70 nations and is responsible for every aspect of chess organization at International level.

FIDE draws up all rules of play, awards all International titles and is responsible for all World championship competitions and the Chess Olympiad for teams which takes place every two years.

The General Assembly of FIDE meets every year in different Federations and each affiliated nation is entitled to nominate one delegate to act as its spokesman at the General Assembly.

The Bureau of FIDE has been domiciled in Amsterdam since 1970 (before that it was in Stockholm from 1949 when a Swede, Folke Rogard, was the President). The Bureau consists of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and three elected members and is, with the Central Committee, responsible to the General Assembly for the conduct of the Federation's affairs.

FIDE is divided into 10 zones, each with its own Vice-President and the Central Committee consists of the 10 Vice-Presidents, the World Champion and 7 elected members.

Australia belongs to Zone 10 and the other affiliated Federations in our Zone are Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Phillipines, Singapore and Thailand.

The motto of FIDE is "Gens Una Sumus", meaning "We are one Family".

## CHESS IN ADELAIDE

Chess in Adelaide has been going ahead with great strides during the last few years. This city has the longest chess history of any of the capital cities. The Adelaide Chess Club, founded in 1864, is the oldest chess club in Australia. The first tournament for the Australian Championship was played in Adelaide in 1887 and won by a South Australian, Henry Charlick. The first Australian Junior Championship was played in Adelaide in 1949.

In the 1920s and more particularly the 1930s most of the really strong players were concentrated in the Eastern states, but after the war Adelaide's chess began to go ahead because of the great influx of migrant chess players. Chess played a most important part in the assimilation of many migrants, bringing about a better understanding among people with different cultures and ways of life.

During the last decade chess in Adelaide has grown chiefly because of the large number of children who learn to play at school and take part in inter-school competitions. In Adelaide nearly 2,000 children play competitive chess each year. This is a far greater number than either Sydney or Melbourne junior chess. Four years ago one of our players held the Australian Junior title and represented Australia in the World Junior Championship. Currently one of our girls holds the Australian Girls' Championship.

Last year Adelaide staged Australia's first big International Tournament thanks to the generosity of Mr. Karlis Lidums, a Patron of the Association and a strong player himself. This tournament brought to Adelaide five of the world's greatest players of today to compete with our top players.

Adelaide has established its own Chess Centre for the past 6 years and has now moved to new premises which are by far the best of their kind in Australia. In the heart of the city, the Centre is now open every lunch time and evening and will play a big part in the continuing growth of this cultural activity in Adelaide.

Mr. G. Koshnitsky, M. B. E. is the Organizing Secretary of the Australian Chess Federation and in charge of all arrangements for Professor Euwe's tour in Australia. He was Australian Champion in 1932 and again in 1938. He is the permanent Australian delegate to FIDE and an elected member of the Central Committee. He has been the Captain/Manager of the Australian team on the three occasions that we have sent teams to the Chess Olympiads. Locally he is President of the S. A. Chess Association and President of the S. A. Junior Chess League.

PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIAL OPENING OF CHESS CENTRE OF  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 102 GAWLER PLACE ADELAIDE,  
WEBNESDAY, 12TH APRIL 1972

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7.15 p.m.            Official guests to arrive before 7.15 p.m.  
                         at First Floor 102 Gawler Place

- met by President, Mr. G. Koshnitsky  
and Secretary, Mr. D.R. Knaggs
- Mr. Dunstan to arrive 7.15 p.m. to be  
introduced to official party and Professor  
Euwe
- Sherry and drinks for official guests

7.30 p.m.            - walk down stairs to Chess Centre with  
                         officials and guests

                         - welcomed by President of Association,  
                         Mr. Koshnitsky to Mr. Dunstan and Professor  
                         Euwe

                         - at this stage Mr. Dunstan will be asked  
                         to officially open the Chess Centre

- After official opening Professor Euwe  
will start a simultaneous chess display  
against 25 opponents.