

SPECIAL EVENT

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

COLLINS' KIDS CHESS SAFARI TO REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1980, AT 9:30 P.M., THE COLLINS' KIDS WILL DEPART KENNEDY AIRPORT FOR ICELAND, THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE, FOR A FRIENDLY, CULTURAL EXCHANGE, INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL VISIT BASED ON VARIOUS FORMS OF CHESS COMPETITION WITH SELECT GROUPS OF ICELANDIC KIDS. THE AMERICANS WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 13, 1980.

THE ICELANDIC CHESS FEDERATION AND THE REYKJAVIK CHESS CLUB, HOSTS OF THE MEETING, HAVE ARRANGED TEAM MATCHES, A SPEED TOURNAMENT, A SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION, TOURS AND AN OFFICIAL CITY RECEPTION FOR THEIR GUESTS. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN THESE AMERICAN AND ICELANDIC YOUTH GROUPS.

THE COLLINS' KIDS TEAM WILL COMPRISE OF TWENTY BOYS FROM EIGHT STATES, RANGING IN AGE FROM TEN TO SEVENTEEN, WITH OFFICIAL UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION AVERAGE RATINGS OF 1783. REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES, WITH A VARIETY OF ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, THE BOYS WILL BE WEARING WHITE T-SHIRTS, TRIMMED IN RED, WITH COLLINS' KIDS-ALL STARS ACROSS THE FRONT. BURT CARPENTER, 17, OF VALHALLA, N.Y., WILL PLAY BOARD 1 AND ALBERT WHITE, 10, OF OLEAN, N.Y., WILL BE THE YOUNGEST TEAM MEMBER.

THE REMAINDER OF THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF TEN SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER WILLIAM LOMBARDY, FORMER WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPION, AND DR. MILTON L. HANAUER, PROMOTER OF SCHOLASTIC CHESS IN NEW YORK, AND TEN RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE KIDS.

THE SAFARI HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN CHESS FOUNDATION, THIRTY OTHER CONTRIBUTORS AND THE PARENTS OF THE PLAYERS.

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