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TWO AMERICAN WOMEN ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL TITLES

In a pursuit usually dominated by men, two women chess players have achieved the distinction of an international title. The Office of the President of the World Chess Federation has announced that Diane Savereide, of Santa Monica, California, and Ruth I. Orton, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, both 22, have been selected to join a group of only 110 International Women Masters in the world and only five others in the United States.

Savereide and Orton both acquired their titles as a result of their results in the Ladies' Zonal Tournament held in Milwaukee in July 1975. Both women obtained results in the Zonal Tournament entitling them to participate in the Ladies' Interzonal Tournament in 1976.

Diane Savereide won the US Women's Championship in 1975 and successfully defended her title in 1976. A literature major at UCLA, Miss Savereide began playing chess at age 17. She and her brother had been playing chess for about a month when they read about a local chess tournament near their home in California. She entered and has been playing her way to the top of the women's chess world ever since.

Mrs. Orton placed second in the 1975 US Women's Championship. She has been a student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where her father, Dr. Robert C. Haring, holds a professorial post. Her husband, William R. Orton, III, is an expert chess player, whose rating has now been exceeded by that of his wife.

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