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Mrs. Piatigorsky:

California has been honored by having two of its most promising juniors invited to compete in Europe during the second half of this year. Jay Whitehead (15) will play in the World Championship for under 17 in France during September. His older brother Paul (17) will participate in a juniors event in Belgium in August.

Due to current USCF financial problems, the boys are required to pay their own round trip air fares. The Whitehead family is not wealthy, and so this could become a fatal problem. It would be tragic for the brothers to miss these once in a lifetime opportunities.

Your Foundation has long had the reputation of being a generous supporter of junior chess. It was the first source mentioned when several of us discussed possible solutions to the problem.

The brothers' ratings and their varied successes in recent years demonstrate their qualifications. This chance to meet strong opposition in Europe comes at a time when their development requires facing the strongest adversaries possible. Their participation would also help chess in California, and certainly serve as another indication of the high level of chessplay in this state.

The Whiteheads, CalChess and the others involved in this matter would deeply appreciate whatever financial help the Piatigorsky Foundation could provide. Besides the above mentioned advantages for the Whiteheads and chess in California, such assistance would be yet another feather in the Foundation's already crowded cap.

As time is short, it would be helpful to have a response as

soon as is possible. If I can either answer questions or assist you in any other way, please do not hesitate to call me.

Expressing, in advance, our gratitude for your consideration of this request, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Peter Prochaska

cc: Mr. G. Koltanowski
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