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HEISMAN'S RESIDENCE

The Editors regret that the address of Dan Heisman (cf. *ICCA Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 124) not only has been garbled, but was badly out of date. For the record we print Mr. Heisman's correct address below.

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The Editors have received the following communication, which we reproduce in its entirety.

"As we advised International Computer Chess Association president David Levy, we are pleased to inform you that the FIDE General Assembly in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico approved the following resolution:

FIDE fully supports the research efforts to improve the playing strength of computer-chess programs which are being undertaken in various parts of the world."

DEEP THOUGHT: IN AMPLIFICATION

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The Editors have received some comments from the Deep Thought team on Professor Michie's contribution *Brute Force in Chess and Science*. We reproduce them in their entirety.

"In reference to the article *Brute Force in Chess and Science* by Prof. Donald Michie (*ICCA Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 3, pp. 127-143), we wish to correct some serious misstatements about Deep Thought.

1. "The evaluation function [of Deep Thought] is less knowledge-rich than that of Berliner's Hitech, ..." [p. 134]. Sweeping statements of this nature require serious substantiation, and, as far as we know, there is no evidence that Hitech has a better evaluation function than Deep Thought. However, we will readily admit that some commercial micros probably have better evaluation functions than research chess machines.
2. "... from which [Berliner's Hitech] some of its [Deep Thought's] constituent evaluators were adapted, notably concerning pawn structure." [p. 134]. I have no idea where this outrageous statement could have come