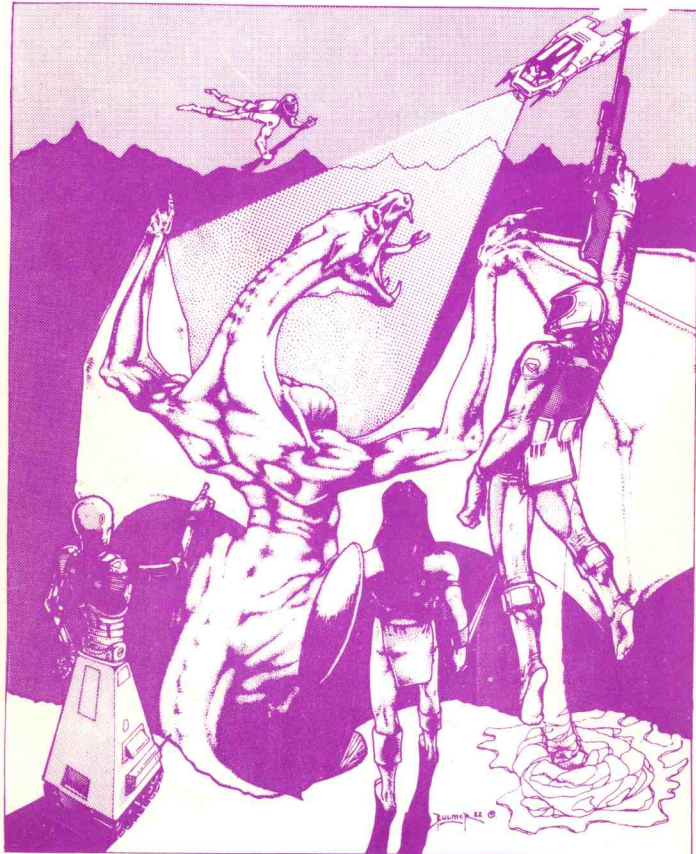
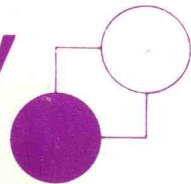


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## GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

GOTE: Not having, or losing the initiative.
JOSEKI: Standard (usually corner) sequence.
SAGARI: Descend towards the edge.
SEKI: An impasse in which adjacent eyeless groups are unable to capture each other.
SEMEAI: Capturing race between adjacent eyeless groups.
SENTE: Having, or gaining the initiative.
TESUJI: A tactically skilful play.
TENUKI: Ignore the last play and play elsewhere.
TSUME GO: Life and death problems.
YOSE: The endgame.

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# Copenhagen

by Matthew Macfadyen

Many go players experienced a rude shock on the first day of this year's European Congress, when they arrived a trifle late for the first round to find their clocks already running. Games of go never start on time, and tournaments absolutely never do (except when run by Derek Hunter, but that's part of history by now). Once you get used to it, however, the effect - like hot curries and cold baths - is not unpleasant. Indeed if the beer vending machine had been as reliable as everything else this would have to go down as the most efficient organisation ever.

The European Championship, separated in the traditional arbitrary way from the main tournament, was poorly attended, especially by Germany and Austria whose sole representative was Stefan Budig from Hamburg (newly promoted to 4 dan). These two countries have produced all except  $4\frac{1}{3}$  of the European Champions since the tournament began (Max Rebattu, NL, was in a 3 way tie in 1965) and it was sad to see them so poorly represented.

Ronald Schlemper was obviously the man who needed beating, and there were not many present with the credentials even to aspire to beat him. His countryman Robert Rehm succeeded in doing so (by one point) but only after the result was already clear. In the end Ronald won the tournament with 8/9, Rehm was second with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , and André Moussa (France) won a tie break against me to finish third with 6.

The main tournament was less of a one horse race. The brothers Westhoff were clearly undergraded at 2 dan, and Rene Aaij was even more so at shodan (all Dutch). The only challenge to what started by looking like a Dutch rock crushing exercise came from Britain. Eddie Shaw was our star player, and has been promoted to 2 dan for his efforts. Indeed it only needed Francis Roads to kill Gerald Westhoff's group in the last round for Eddie to come equal first. In the event, however, the group lived, Gerald won the tournament, and Eddie had to be content with second place.

One of the least exciting parts of the European congress is usually the European Go Federation's annual meeting. This year was no exception, the meeting was tedious, long winded, and made more so by the fact that everything had to be translated into German for the benefit of the chairman. One important result did come out of it, though. For next year's congress, to be held in Edinburgh, the tournament will be run on a MacMahon system including everyone, no separate European Championship, all nationalities welcome. This will mean that all players get a chance to play stronger opposition if they do well, and that non European players will have a chance to play against the best of the Europeans. Hopefully this will mean a good representation of players from the Americas as well as of Oriental players resident in Europe.

