

"Ambassadors" Assemble For Chess Tourney

WOMAN'S VIEW ON CHESS

"There has never been a champion woman chess player. That is because a woman with her instinctive intuition has found out that chess is a frivolous waste of time."

Sir Clarence Sudd, President of the Sussex County Chess Association, opening the Chess Congress at Bognor Regis yesterday.

BOGNOR REGIS and Southdean Chess Congress began yesterday, at Middleton-on-Sea, without its two star attractions — Bronstein and Petrosian the Russian masters, whose entry had been cancelled by telegram from Moscow.

"We are very sorry that our Russian friends cannot be with us," said Sir Clarence Sudd, President of the Sussex County Chess Association, who performed the opening ceremony.

Sir Clarence pointed out that all those playing were in effect, ambassadors for their various countries, and would be judged by their demeanour and behaviour.

"Another great point in this Congress will be your physical fitness," he said.

The Chairman, Mr. F. G. Hill, welcoming the delegates, said he was pleased to see so many young people there.

It was a matter of regret that the Russians had been unable to attend, but there were still seven nations represented, and there was always another year.

There are 170 entries for the Congress, including representatives from Belgium, Portugal, U.S.A., New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Germany, and Denmark. Of these, 43 have entered for the 10-day Stevenson Memorial Tournament.

The oldest competitor is D. Fawcett (London), who has just celebrated his 91st birthday.

In the first round of the Stevenson Tournament, Count

O'Kelly de Galway, last year's winner, was drawn against Borland, and J. Durao, the Portuguese champion, against Rosselson.