## Viv Richards under fire

Barbados, Apr 13: West Indies cricket captain Viv Richards is at the centre of a new controversy after being branded as unsporting by a

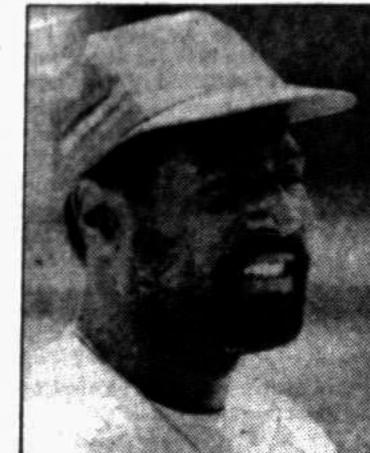
Archbishop Anthony Pantin, head of Trinidad and Tobago Boman Catholic church, criticised Richards in a letter to a Trinidad newspaper.

leading churchman, reports

"I was appalled that the West Indies captain did not recall Dean Jones when he was run out off a no ball," the Archbishop wrote.

"It matters little whether the Australians would have done the same. The umpire had made an unfortunate mistake but whatever the case, Richards could have resolved everything by publicly calling back Jones.

Richards said after the match that he was not aware of the rule that says a batsman may only be run out off a noball if he is attempting to score



VIVIAN RICHARDS

fence. "Not all of us know the rules as well as we might," he said. "I dont blame Viv for what happened."

Jones added: "Test cricket is a tough game. I play it tough and I don't expect to receive any favours."

West Indies have added local fast bowler Ezra Mosely to the their squad for the fourth Test, which begins here on April 19. Otherwise they rely Australian captain Allan on the 11 who played in Port Border leapt to Richards' de- of Spain where young Trinidad draw on Wednesday.

batsman Brian Lara was 12th

Squad Viv Richards (captain), Des Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Richie Richardson, Carl Hooper, Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Patrick Patterson, Brian Lara, Ezra Mosely.

Shortened tours

Meanwhile, A Reuter report from Port-of-Spain says: Heavy financial losses could force West Indies to reduce the number of Test matches played against visiting countries, Cricket Board member Lance Murray said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"Purely in terms of the financial aspect, no international cricket would serve us very well, but obviously that is not an option we will entertain," he said.

His comments followed reports that the Board had lost an estimated 150,000 Trinidadian dollars (37,000 U.S. dollars) on the rain affected third Test against Australia which ended in a

Murray said suggestions that three-Test series should be held instead of the traditional five in order to cut costs was a more reasonable alternative but not on a long-term ba-

"We might be able to get away with hosting three-Test tours occasionally, but we have an obligation to the countries that entertain us for full five-Test tours," he said. "I don't think the authori-

ties in the other Test-playing nations would be very happy if they were hosting West Indies for full tours while their visits here are restricted to just three Tests.

"It may mean we will have to alternate three-Test series with five-Test series top help reduce costs."

Writing in a letter to both Trinidad daily newspapers, Pantin said, "I was appalled that the West Indies captain, Viv Richards, did not recall Dean Jones."

"I feel sorry for our young people who naturally enough want to find inspiration in their sporting heroes but to whom are they to look?" he

# Lankan minister owns up leaking report

13 : Sports Minister Nanda Mathew has admitted leaking a contro-

versial report on Sri Lanka's cricket tour of New Zealand to a government newspaper, reports AFP.

Mr Mathew told reporters here late Thursday that he had released manager Stanley Jayasinghe's report, which slammed assistant manager Jayantha Paranathala and captain Arjuna Ranatunga for their behaviour during the twomonth tour.

The state-run Sunday Observer gave front page coverage to Jayasinghe's report, re-

sulting in Paranthala resigning from the executive committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL).

In his report, Jayasinghe said differences between him and his deputy arose when he decided to send home injured opening batsman Dhammika Ranatunga, the captain's elder brother.

Jayasinghe accused his deputy of "double standards" and skipper Ranatunga of adopting "a haughty and offhanded attitude" towards him during the tour, which ended in March.

BCCSL officials were trying to establish who leaked the

confidential report when Mr Mathew accepted responsibil-

Paranathala said BCCSL rules were violated when the report was leaked, but Mr. Mathew defended his action by saying it was in the public in-

" It was I who released the manager's report to the press ... I have the right to do so. I have a duty to the public who are eager to know what is taking place," Mr. Mathew said.

As the controversy grew over the report's publication, the BCCSL turned down a request by Ranatunga and Paranathala to state their case publicly, officials said.

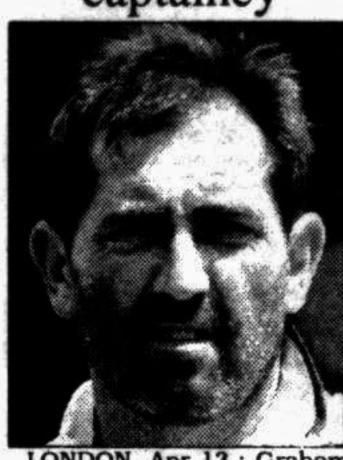
The BCCSL has ordered an independent probe into the

"The Board felt that it is extremely unfortunate that the report had received such wide publicity even before the Board's executive committee had the opportunity to discuss it," a BCCSL spokesman said.

BCCSL secretary \$ Skandakumar said the Board felt Paranathala and Ranatunga could make their views public during the inquiry scheduled for next month.

"Otherwise it would become a slanging match in the press between all those concerned" Mr Skandakumar said.

#### Gooch retains captaincy



LONDON, Apr 13 : Graham Gooch was predictably re-appointed England cricket captain here on Friday for the forthcoming three one-day internationals and five Tests against the West Indies, reports AFP.

The decision was a foregone conclusion once the 37-yearold Essex batsman announced soon after the Ashes series had Finished, that he was prepared to continue.

All 34 players involved in last winters trips to Australia and Sri Lanka have been invited by manager Micky Stewart to attend a get-together at Lord's next week.

Also on the list is newlyqualified batsman Graeme Hick and injury-plagued fast bowler Ricky Ellcock, now hopefully recovered from a serious back condition which cut short his maiden tour to the West Indies in 1990.

"Most of the squad will be at Lord's next week in any event with 10 of them plus Hick having been picked to play for MCC against Middlesex, said Stewart.

"Those members of the two winter parties not involved in that game have been invited to the ground on Wednesday and Thursday and we will be able to use the practice facilities at the Nursery end."

"There are bound to be some absentees because Northants and Glamorgan both have matches against the University sides next week."

Stewart's guest list is an early indication that despite a shocking Ashes campaign, England's selectors do not plan wholesale changes this

TOKYO, Apr 13:

Defending cham-

pion Stefan Ed-

berg of Sweden

breezed past Mic-

hael Chang of the

United States and reached his

fifth consecutive final here at

the 1.15 million dollar Japan

The top-seeded Swede,

Open tennis tournament

who also won the title in 1987

and 1989, needed to come

back from 1-4 down in the

first set to beat the fifth-

In Sunday's final, he will

face former world number one

Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia,

vying for the top prize money

of 137,500 dollars. Second

seeded Lendl downed Jim

Courier of the United States 6-

McNeil of the United States

captured her second title of

the year when she came back

form behind to beat Sabine

Appelmans of Belgium in the

Africa, Olympic leaders meet

in Barcelona next week to dis-

cuss when the republic should

be ushered over the threshold.

Sports Reporter

yesterday announced the for-

mation of a new 21-member

Anu as the general secretary,

Hossain, Vice Presidents

Syed Anisul Haque, Jahangir

Kabir, General Secretary : Kazi

Rahman, Treasurer

Joint Secretary : Moududur

Members : Ishtiaq Ahmed.

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Chowdhury, Nurul Alam

Chowdhury, Sheikh Ainul

Haque, Mohammed Hanif,

Rafiqul Islam, Smiruddin,

Mahfuzur Rahman, Mohammed

Kamaluddin Hafez, Sachin

Chaki, Abdullah, Belayet

Alam, Mohammed Kohinoor

Following is the committee:

President : Syed Yusuf

The National Sports Council

reports Reuter.

Federation (BTTF).

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The seventh-seeded Ameri-

women's singles final.

Earlier in the day, Lori

4. 6-1.

seeded American 7-5, 6-2.

Saturday, reports AFP.

### Graf, Sabatini in semis



AMELIA ISLAND. Florida, Apr 13: While Gabriela Sabatini is the hottest player in

women's tennis. Steffi Graf is warming up.

The top two seeds in the Bausch and Lomb Championships rolled into the semifinals Friday, overwhelming quarterfinal opponents in the 350,000-dollar clay court tournament at Amelia Island Plantation. Graf, who won the US

Hardcourt Championships two weeks ago for her first title in five months, swept Natalia Zvereva 6-0, 6-2. Sabatini, who has won three of her past four tournaments, dominated Helena Sukova 6-2, 6-1. Graf, the No 1 seed, will

face Patty Fendick in Saturday's semifinals. Sabatini, seeded second and with a 23-1 match record since losing in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, will meet No 3 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Sancheze defeated Leila

Meskhi 6-1, 7-6 (7-1), overcoming a 4-2 deficit to force the decisive tiebreaker in the second set. She lost to Sabatini in three sets in the semifinals of last week's Family Circle Cup tournament but has beaten the Argentine three of the last five times they've played.

Graf's strong performance overshadowed the biggest upset of the tournament, Fendick's 6-1, 6-4 victory over Zina Garrison, the No 4 seed and eighth-ranked player in the world.

Graf won the first seven games against Zvereva and coasted after breaking the 19year-old Soviet for a 3-1 lead in the second set. After struggling to keep her concentration in a second-round match against Rene Simpson-Alter, Graf has lost only four games in her last five sets. "The last two matches I've

played well," said Graf, who beat Isabel Cueto in the third round. "It's been easier than I expected."

Zvereva said she was simply outplayed. Graf had the answer for everything she tried.

"I'm feeling like I'm getting back to the level I was before,

Edberg, Lendl in Tokyo final



STEFFI GRAF

said Graf, who lost the No. 1 world ranking to Monica Seles last month. "I'm using my strengths now. I'm feeling more confidence. That comes with playing better."

Fendick, ranked No 72, is playing her first clay court tournament since 1983, when four-hour match in Indianapolis took such a toll on her legs that she vowed she never play on that surface She's since undergone knee

surgery and improved her backhand to the point that she feels more comfortable on clay.

Garrison dropped the first five games of the first set, but looked like she might make a match of it early in the second. She led 4-3 but couldn't finish Fendick, who held serve and then broke Garrison for a 5-4 advantage.

Fendick, who has won three singles tournaments, called the victory the biggest of her career. Jana Novotna is the only other top-10 player she has beaten.

Sabatini held serve for a 3-2 lead against Sukova and lost only one game the rest of the way. A victory Saturday will put her in the final at Amelia Island for the third time in four years. Fendick credits much of

her success to a Canadian tennis coach, Duby Petrovic, whom she referred to as "My claycourt guru". He came to Amelia Island for vacation and ended up coaching Fendick en

The second-ranked Graf is surprised to find her semifinal opponent is Fendick and not another American by the name of Garrison.

" I never expected her to be a claycourt player and I don't think she did, either," said

"I saw her play her second set today and technically, she's playing well."

Fendick played smart - she mixed up play and constantly fed junk shots to last year's Wimbledon finalist. Garrison had no answers for Fendick's

"It's not a bad day. It's a horrible day," said the eighthranked Garrison, after the loss. "This was one of the worst matches I've played in my ca-

Fendick broke Garrison twice in the first set, but in the second set Garrison broke serve first in the second game. Fendick, who sprained her ankle in her first round match and wears a knee brace since having surgery last year, recouped the break in the next

If the fourth-ranked Sabatini beaches Sunday's final, she replaces Martina Navratilova as the third-ranked player in the

The way Sabatini is playing. she looks like she's number

"I've been confident and playing well," admitted Sabatini, who is looking for her fourth tournament title of 1991 here.

" I'm trying to keep going to

The 13th-ranked Sukova posed a few problems for Sabatini- the games weren't all quick and easy - but the Argentine was always in command. She broke Sukova in the sixth

and eight games of the first

In the second set, there were breaks in the second. third and fourth games with Sabatini taking a 3-1 lead. After blasting a forehand return past Sukova on her second break point in the sixth game. Sabatini needed only four points on her serve to finish the match.

### World Badminton Championships

## Wiranata, Susanti top seeds



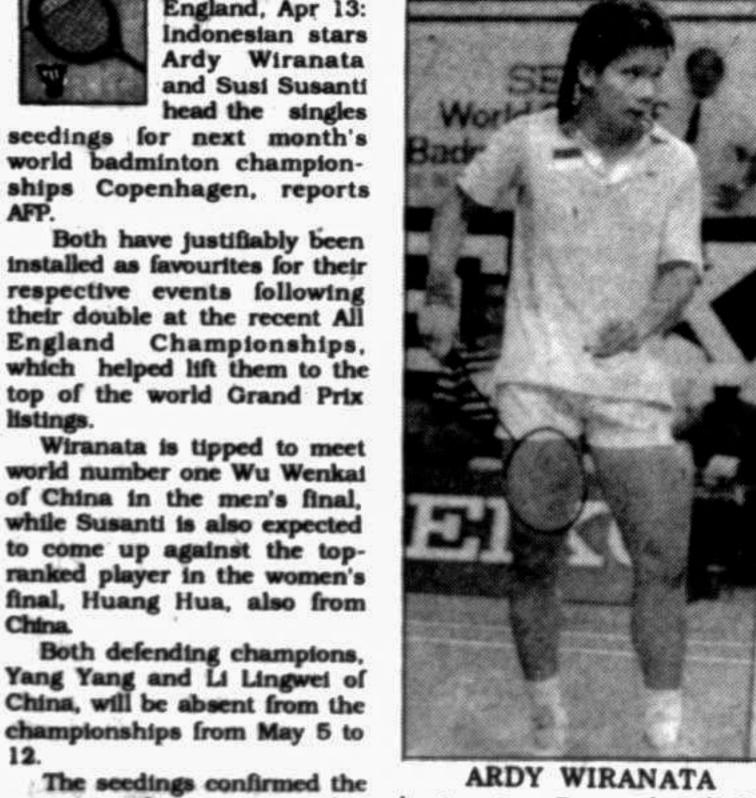
CHELTENHAM, England, Apr 13: Indonesian stars Ardy Wiranata and Susi Susanti head the singles seedings for next month's world badminton champion-

ships Copenhagen, reports Both have justifiably been installed as favourites for their respective events following their double at the recent All

England Championships, which helped lift them to the top of the world Grand Prix Wiranata is tipped to meet world number one Wu Wenkai of China in the men's final, while Susanti is also expected

final, Huang Hua, also from Both defending champions, Yang Yang and Li Lingwei of China, will be absent from the championships from May 5 to

The seedings confirmed the game's domination by Indonesia and China, followed by South Korea, Malaysia and



host nation Denmark, which has produced a string of fine

Asian pairs dominate the men's and women's doubles, and only in the mixed doubles do Europeans, in the form of Danes and Swedes, appear among the top four seeds. South Koreans Park Joo-

Bong and Kim Moon-Soo are, seeded to beat China's Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi in the men's doubles final, with another South Korean pair, Hwang Hye-Young and Chung So-Young, favoured for gold in the women's event ahead of Japan's Kimiko Jinnai and Hishako Mori. Morten Frost, the Dane

whose grip on the All-England title once seemed eternal and who has never won the world title, has slipped to sixth place in the singles seedings, one spot behind compatriot Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen.

Another Dane, Pernille Nedergaard, is the highest European seed in the women's event at number five, followed by top English player Helen Troke at number seven.

SEEDINGS

Wiranata (Indonesia) 2. Wu Wenkai (China), 3-4, Zhao Jianhua (China) and Foo Kok-Keong (Malaysia), 5-8, Morten Frost (Denmark), Fung Permadi (Indonesia), Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (Denmark) and Allan Budi Kusuma (Indonesia), 9-16, Rashid Sidek (Malaysia), Darren Hall (England), Hermawan Susanto (Indonesia), Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (Denmark), Joko Superianto (Indonesia), Liu Juan (China), Sompol Kukasemkij (Thailand) and Jens-Peter Nierhoff (Denmark).

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1. Susi Susanti (Indonesia), 2. Huang Hua (China), 3-4, Tang Jiuhong (China) and Sarwendah Kusumawardhani (Indonesia), 5-8, Zhou Lei (China), Pernille Nedergaard (Denmark), Helen Troke (England) and Lee Heung-Soon (S Korea), 9-16, Christine Magnusson (Sweden), Denyse Julien Eline Coene (Canada). (Netherlands), Somharuethai Jaroensiri (Thailand), Camilla Martin (Denmark), Elena Rybakhina (USSR), Doris Piche (Canada), Catrine Bengtsson (Sweden)

Friends Club beat Customs and Excise Club by four runs in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket league at the Chittagong Stadium here to-

Friends batted first and were all out for 123 in 33.2 overs. Anowar top scored for friends with unbeaten 24, followed by Babu 16 and Afzal 16. Tapan of Customs took four

wickets for 25 runs while Lablu captured two for 24 runs 45 overs.

eight in the 39th over. But their last pair Manu and Shubashish failed to score their much needed 12 runs to win in the next six overs.

the main scorers for Customs. Subrata and Sajjad of Friends took two wickets each for 18 and 14 runs respectively.

### Agassi makes exit

Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan completed the rout of the top seeds in the Barcelona ATP tennis tournament on Friday when he beat Andre Agassi 6-0, 6-7, 7-6 in the last eight, reports Reuter.

compatriot and top favourite Amy Frazire Thursday, scored another upset by beating the

can, who eliminated her



STEFAN EDBERG

second-seeded Belgian 2-6, 6-But McNeil failed to score another title when she and Laura Gildemeister of Peru went down to a Japanese pair

of Yone Kamio and Akiko

women's doubles semi-finals. The Japanese pair will face Frazier and Maya Kidowaki in Sunday's final.

Kijimuta 2-6, 5-7 in the

Privis of Australia 6-3, 6-0. stiff challenge from Michael

February, tamed his hard-hitting German opponent 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, while the Czechoslovakian eased aside Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-1, 6-4. But McEnroe, now ranked

17th in the world, failed to book a berth against his old foe Lendle when he went down to Jim Courier 2-6, 2-6 in an all-American quarter-final match.

Fifth-seeded Michael Chang, who crashed to a fullset defeat to Pat Cash of Australia in October in Tokyo. gained sweet revenge beating (indoor carpet) court suited

him 6-4, 6-1 in the last match

"I played Pat at Seiko. That

on the centre hard court.



IVAN LENDL

him better. Here, it is slower and I was able to get more time to set up passing shots, said the Chinese American. "It was a good match for me," he

#### players from a population of MEN'S SINGLES: 1. Ardy Death of a sports daily

BERLIN, Apr 13: Germany's only daily sports news paper, the former East German Deutsches Sportecho, said on Friday it was pulling out of the publishing race after 44 years because circulation has col-

#### lapsed in a new free market, IAAF may go for biennial World Championships

FRANKFURT, Apr 13: Athletics' governing body overwhelmingly favours staging the World Championships every two years instead of the present four, German athletics federation (DLV) president Helmut Meyer said on

The latest situation is that 22 of the 23 council members of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) have spoken out for bringing forward (the 1995 event)." Meyer told a news conference. Any proposal must be ap-

Thursday, reports Reuter.

proved by the IAAF biennial conference, which will be held this year in August before the third World Championships. Meyer said a two-thirds ma-

jority was needed to sanction the change and DLV vice-president Ilse Bechthold told reporters she expected it to be

Editor-in-chief Klaus-Dieter Kimmel said the publishers had told him on Thursday the newspaper would have to go to enable the rest of

The news struck us like a bolt of lightning from a clear blue sky," Kimmel told Reuters.

the publishing house to sur-

Under the old communist order, Sportecho was a cheap and popular source of information on East Germany's vaunted sporting system. Costing just 20 pfennings (12 cents), it was read by more than 120,000 sports-mad East Germans daily.

But with monetary union last July with West Germany, East German newspapers like Sportecho lost subsidies and

had to charge market prices. Sportecho jazzed up its appearance with colour photographs and sensationalist reports covering all German developments and not just the East. The price went up to 70 plennings (42 cents).

But it could not compete with big circulation West German dailies with strong sports sections.

"Circulation was down to 32,000 by the end and there was no way we could cover our costs," said Kimmel, adding he had not expected the closure

Most of the 70 staff are likely to lose their jobs. The publishers, Sportverlag Gmbh, will continue to print the more successful soccer weekly Fuwo and other specialist journals as well as

The Treuhand agency that is privatising former East German enterprises, including newspapers advised the publishers to shut Sportecho to make the rest of the concern more attractive to potential

buyers. Other East German newspapers are facing closure or have already folded.

#### Ikangaa faces a tough field

BOSTON, Apr Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa, runner-up for the past three years, faces a tough task on Monday when he launches yet another attempt on the Boston marathon, reports Reuter. Ikangaa finished just one

second behind Kenya's Ibrahim Hussein in 1988, the closest finish in the 95-year-old race. In 1989 he was again second and last year he led for

most of the 42.195-km course

before faltering at the infamous

"heartbreak hill".

#### Ispahani cricket

CHITTAGONG, Apr 13:

day, reports BSS.

and Mamoon two for 31 runs. In reply, Customs scored 119 for eight in the stipulated Customs were on 112 for

Faruk, 31, Tapan 19, Liton 15, and Manu not out 13 were

BARCELONA, Apr 13

BARCELONA, Apr 13: Having opened the door to South

The country has six months in which to meet the IOC's requirements for a full return to the Olympic movement from which it was expelled in 1970 because if its apartheid poli-

South Africa already has one foot in the door after being One of the key conditions is granted conditional recognithe scrapping of apartheid tion by the International laws which reformist Presi-Olympic Committee(IOC) in dent FW De Klerk has promised by June, when the New BTTF body Olympic governing body holds its annual meeting in Birming

The 11-member IOC Execu-

tive Board will begin a four-day

meeting on Sunday in

ham, England.

executive committee for the Barcelona, host city for next Bangladesh Table Tennis year's summer Olympics, at which South Africa will be the While Syed Yusuf Hossain main issue. remains the president, Kazi The Executive Board will Moinuzzaman Pila replaces discuss the report on an IOC long-serving Shamsul Alam delegation which granted con-

> of an historic visit to the republic last month. Few within the Olympic movement seriously doubt that a Springbok team will take part in the Games next year for

the first time since 1960.

ditional recognition at the end

Not even the anti-apartheid diehards of the South African Council on Sport (SACOS), who see an imminent return to the Olympics as unduly hasty, are likely to halt the momentum. SACOS, one of the repub-

who will decide when apartheid has been abolished. The IOC has called for a

lic's athletics governing bod-

ies, says it is the people of

South Africa, and not the IOC.

The American-Japanese team defeated the top-seeded duo of Appelmans and Nicole On Friday, Edberg cut down

Stich, while Ivan Lendal and John McEnroe ended the day quite differently. Edberg, who regained his number one ranking in

IOC Board to moot key issues

#### completely unified sports structure but an IOC source

1998 Winter Games.

"We have to be pragmatic. We could negotiate for centuries if we waited for a totally ideal situation. If SACOS want to remain outside, they will be the losers," the source said.

Olympic leaders may also

discuss informally the possibil-

said the Olympic governing

body was unlikely to allow

SACOS to block a return to the

ity of a unified Korean team competing in Barcelona. The communist North and the capitalist South, arch enemies since the 1950-53 Korean war, have been edging

closer to fielding a joint

Olympic team in Barcelona. The matter will eventually be determined in the bleak huts of Panmunjom, on the militarised border between North and South Korea, rather than the plush decor of Barcelona's Princesa Sofia Ho-

But the prospect of South Africa's return, the presence of unified German and Korean teams and even the presence of Albania could make the Barcelona Games the most polittically significant of the modern Olympic era.

The IOC Executive Board will also hear progress reports form the organisers of the Barcelona Olympics and February's Winter Games in Albertville, France.

Throughout the meetings the lobby of the Princesa Sofia Hotel will be awash with rep-

resentatives of the six candidates seeking to stage the

With the IOC scheduled to

make its choice at the Birmingham meeting in June. Nagano (Japan), Salt Lake City (United States) and Oestersund (Sweden) are seen as the front-runners ahead of Jaca (Spain). Aosta (Italy) and Sochi

#### Deng supports Beijing bid

BEIJING, Apr 13: Retired Chinese leader Deng Xiapoping supports Beijing's bid to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000, a newspaper said Saturday in a report based on an interview in July, reports

The Economic Daily quoted Mr. Deng as saying during a visit to the sports complex built here for Asian Games last September, "We have already built such remarkable equipment that it would be a waste if we did not host the Olympic Referring to the social sta-

bility which the authorities here claim has reigned for nearly two years, the paper said, "The situation in China" would be a major factor influencing the choice of a Beijing as a venue. Beijing's Mayor Chen

Xitong said at a press conference Thursday that the crushing of the pro-democracy protests in June 1989 would not affect the city's bid to host the vent.