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Tired Tapie wants to resign

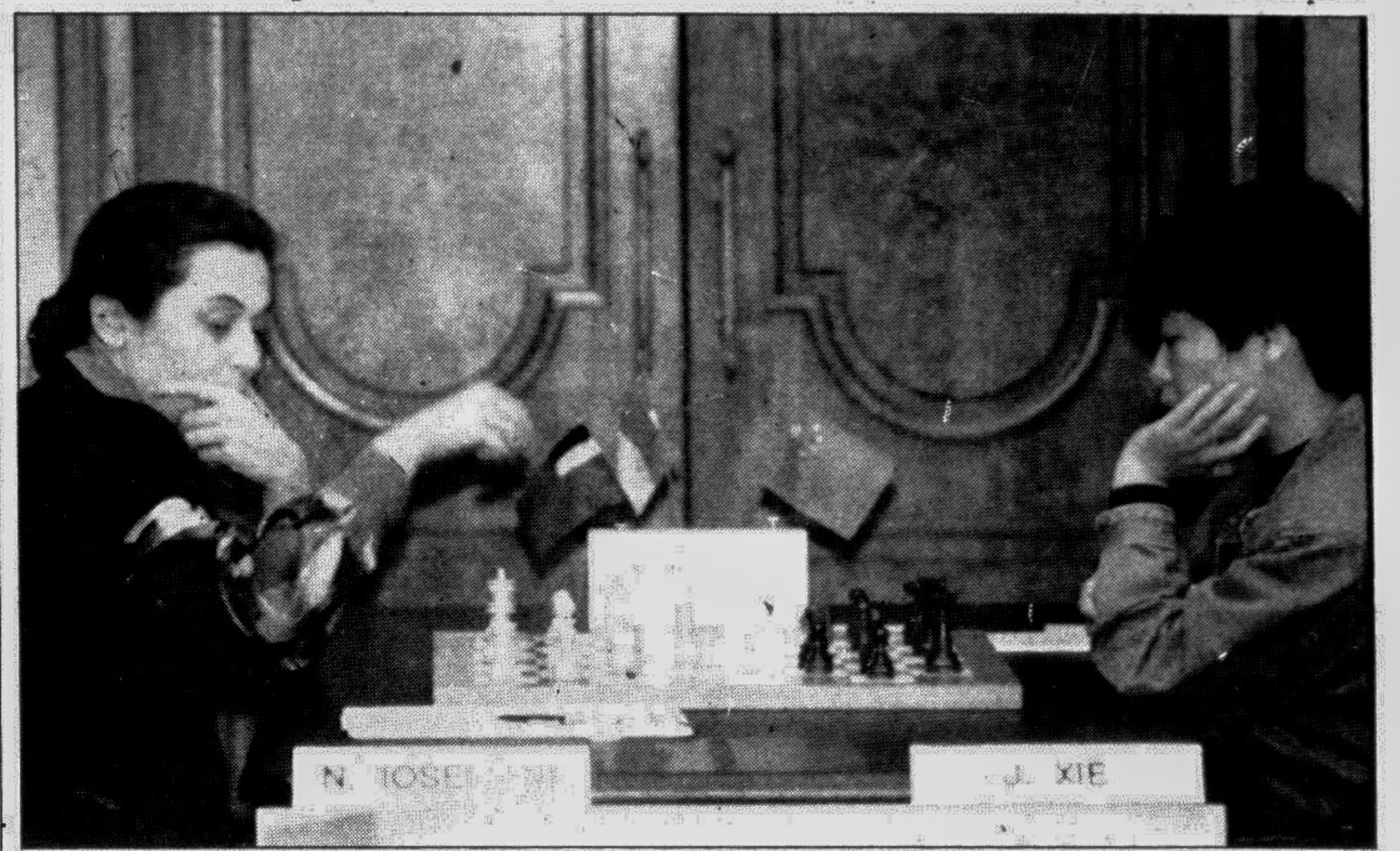
PARIS, Oct 26: Seeking to salvage his political future, leftist tycoon Bernard Tapie says he will quit as head of Olympique Marseille and sell off the scandal-plagued soccer club, a newspaper reported Tuesday, reports AP.

Tapie, who was urban affairs minister until the Socialists were unseated in March elections, has been repeatedly questioned but not charged in the scandal that dominated headlines all summer.

Tapie said he has been seeking a buyer for the past year but that his departure does not hinge on selling off his controlling interest in the team.

Swedes face Aussies in Hopman Cup

PERTH, Oct 26: Sweden's Mikael Pernfors and Catarina Linqvist will take on the Australian duo of Wally Masur and Nicole Provis in the first round of the Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis tournament, organisers said Tuesday, reports AP.



Georgian Nana Ioseliana (L) meets Chinese Jun Xie in the first match of the women's World Chess Championships in Monaco yesterday.

Women face too much burn-out

PARIS, Oct 26: There was a time when top women tennis stars stretched their careers over decades.

Billie Jean King, who was ranked in the top-ten for 17 years, was just six months short of her 40th birthday when she won her last professional title in Birmingham in 1983, reports AFP.

months. She was not played since her humiliating first-round defeat at this year's United States Open and has withdrawn from next month's Virginia Slims Championships in New York.

ATP's top 20

- MONTE CARLO, Oct 26: Leading men's singles rankings released by the ATP Tour on Monday: 1. Pete Sampras (US) 3,918 points

Rematch of two Ks unlikely?

JAKARTA, Oct 26: As Russia's Anatoly Karpov moved within a point of the World Chess Championship, members of his camp dismissed any chance of a unification match with the unofficial world champion, compatriot Garry Kasparov, reports Reuters.

Karpov's Russia aides, Oleg Ladichenko, "Relations between the two players are not just bad—there are no relations between the two players."

Chinese paddlers clinch series

GATESHEAD, England, Oct 26: China clinched victory in their six-match badminton series with England here on Monday night when they beat the host nation 3-2 in the fifth international, reports AFP.

The Chinese had the match sewn up by the fourth rubber, with Tang Jieyun winning the women's singles between Liang Qin and Peng Yuns mixed doubles success, and lang's and Hu Zhilan's victory in the men's doubles.

Cawley's latest success

NOOSA, Oct 26: Evonne Goolagong Cawley, winner of 92 professional tennis tournaments, including two Wimbledon titles and four Australian Open crowns is finding comparable success on the book circuit, reports AP.

The book's first publishing run was set at 60,000, and 40,000 have already been sold. It went to No. 1 within nine days of the launch and has remained there, a strong start in a country with a population of only 17 million.

the decision to move back following the heart attack death of her mother, Linda, in 1991.

WTA's top 20

- ST PETERSBURG (Florida), Oct 26: Leading rankings in women's tennis as issued by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) on Monday: 1. Steffi Graf (Germany)

Ma plays down 'army's' chances

BEIJING, Oct 26: Ma Junren, trainer of China's top middle and long distance women runners who have pulverised world records this year, said today he did not expect the team to shatter any records at the Marathon World Cup in Saint Sebastian, Spain, on Sunday, reports AFP.

Zhang Linyi and Ma Lian. Last month in Beijing at the Seventh National Games, 20 year-old Wang broke four world records in six days in the 10,000 metre, 3,000-metre and 1,500-metre races.

dont want to miss the event." He said the runners had just completed altitude training, but had otherwise not undergone any particular training for the marathon.

McGuigan's comeback thoughts

LONDON, Oct 26: Former world featherweight boxing champion Barry McGuigan, who retired in 1989, is considering a comeback, reports Reuters.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Second Division league match between Uttara Hockey Club and Barnak Samaj at the Hockey Stadium. Barnak won the match 2-0.

Flaggy forecast

OSLO, Oct 26: The United States, Russia and Japan will win most medals at the 1994 Winter Olympics if the flag ordering list is anything to go by, reports Reuters.

Green Delta Div II hockey

Barnak Samaj fired a 2-0 victory over Uttara Hockey Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Hindu hero, 5 California town, 9 Prohibit, 12 Boesky or Lendl, 13 Farm structure, 14 'The Greatest', 15 Had the opposite result, 17 Opposed, 18 Girl, 19 Affixed one's name, 21 Hancock, 24 New Mexico art center, 25 Gator bowl?, 26 Philip Marlowe's creator, 30 Killer whale, 31 Eucalyptivore, 32 'But — on forever' (Tennyson), 33 Get back an old antelope, 1 Skeletal member, 2 Ms. Gardner, 3 Singer Davis, 4 Short sock, 5 Sapporo sashes, 6 Grocery shelf array, 7 'Diamonds — Forever', 8 Hoosiers' home, 9 Relapse, 10 Emollient juice, 11 Orange coat, 16 Wray of Solution time: 24 mins.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with the clue: Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT MAY THE ROWDY TAILOR DO WITH WILD OATS? HE SEWS THFM.

CRYPTOQUIP U T T W I J U V Y P Q L N ' P E L P O J N L D O O Q L G T A M L A O Y T A S Y E Q O P I L D W M T V J S L P Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT MAY THE ROWDY TAILOR DO WITH WILD OATS? HE SEWS THFM. Today's Cryptogram clue: E equals G The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.