

# China won't bury hatchet

HIROSHIMA, Sept 30: China still was trying Friday to have Taiwan Vice Premier Hsu Li-Teh banned from the Asian Games opening ceremonies, contending that he was trying to inject political disturbances into sports, reports AP.

But Yuan Weimin, head of China's delegation, said the Chinese would not boycott Sunday's ceremonies or the ensuing competition among nearly 5,000 athletes from 42 nations and territories.

Taiwan's delegation replied that it was China that was injecting politics into the Games, wrecking sports exchanges that had been developing between the two sides.

"Contacts still are going on," Yuan said of efforts to have Hsu banned from the ceremonies.

He said, however, that China wanted to contribute to a successful Games, attached great importance to the ceremonies and would attend and "display the high spirits of the Chinese people."

China earlier had threatened to boycott the Oct 2-16 Games if Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui attended as a guest of the Olympic Council of Asia. The council in effect withdrew Lee's invitation, saying no political figures would be invited.

"As sports people, we didn't think there was any problem (with inviting Lee)," Sheik Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, the OCA's president, said in a separate news conference. "It was for good will. We had no political intention."

The sheik said Lee was invited because the OCA wanted the representatives of all members bidding for the 2002 Games to attend the opening ceremonies in Hiroshima.

Japan is allowing Hsu to come because he is the head of Taipei's bidding committee. On Friday, Taiwan again emphasized that Hsu was coming in that capacity to observe how the Hiroshima Games were being managed, and said his visit, due to start Saturday, had nothing to do with politics. China claims that Hsu is first and foremost a political figure.

"We oppose his presence because he is not coming for sports, but for politics," said Wei Jizhong, secretary-general of China's Olympic Committee.

He said Taiwan sought to wreck various political and sports agreements that recognize Beijing as China's sole legitimate government and Taiwan as a province of China.

In response, Chang Fengshu, president of Taiwan's Olympic Committee, said he regarded the sporting exchanges that have been pro-

gressing between China and Taiwan over the last few years as ended.

"We don't want to talk about politics," Chang said at a news conference to reply to the Chinese accusations. But, he said, "they have challenged us, we have to accept the challenge."

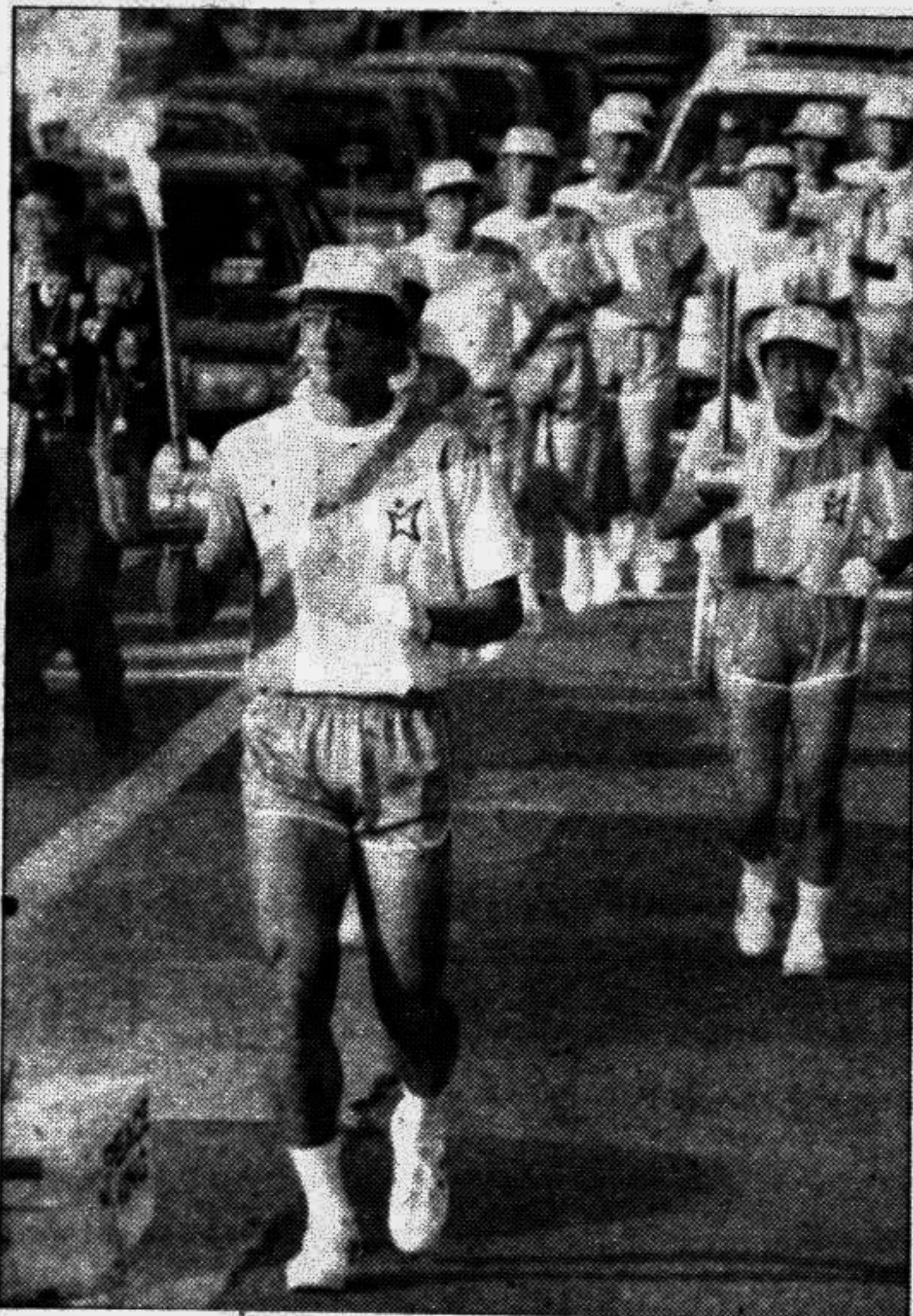
"We have no more relations, they have said too much," he added.

Taiwan is the seat of the Nationalist government that fled mainland China in 1949

litical disturbances. We're here to contribute to the success of the Asian Games. We did not come to destroy the Asian Games," said Wei, who spoke at the same news conference as Yuan.

He added, however, that "Sino-Japanese relations have been damaged. We have no responsibility for this."

China seeks to win the medals race for the fourth consecutive Games, and has some world swimming and track champions among its



Former Japanese volleyball player Hideharu Hara (R) and ex-Korean handball player Lim Ogyong bear the Hiroshima Games torch at City Hall on Sept 29.

after losing a civil war to Communist forces. The Nationalists also claim to be the rightful rulers of all China. Most governments recognize only Beijing, but Taiwan's economic ties with the rest of the world have been expanding and it has sought re-admission to the United Nations.

Taiwan participates in the Olympics, Asian Games and other international sports events, but under the label "Chinese Taipei" rather than Taiwan.

"Our aim is to dispel all po-

570 athletes.

In the last Games, in Beijing in 1990, China won 183 gold medals, far ahead of the 54 for South Korea and 38 for Japan.

Xu Yinsheng, vice president of China's Olympic Committee, said his delegation hopes to win more than 100 of the 337 gold medals at stake this time.

China was likely to win fewer golds than in 1990 because of changes including the debut of five former Soviet republics from central Asia in the Games, he said.

# Drug tests, Japanese way

HIROSHIMA, Sept 30 (AP): It sounds almost cloak and dagger. Each day at an appointed time, two nondescript couriers climb aboard a passenger jet with luggage that is carefully sealed, and extremely sensitive.

But what the Asian Games couriers will be escorting halfway across Japan each day for analysis won't be state secrets. It will be samples of urine. Fifty or 60 cups at a time.

"We don't have the facilities to test for doping here," said Shuso Nomura, the man in charge of the medical and health division of the Games' organizing committee. "So we'll have to send all that we collect back to Tokyo. Of course, we'll have a big problem if any spill."

Nomura said the lab in Tokyo, 700 kilometres (437 miles) away, is the only one accredited by the International Olympic Committee to conduct the tests for some 190 substances — from caffeine to anabolic steroids — that are banned or restricted at major international competitions.

Especially because of suspicions raised about some Chinese athletes, the watch on drugs looms large at the Hiroshima Games, which will bring together nearly 5,000 of Asia's best athletes for competition in 34 sports.

Rumours were rife that several outstanding performances by Chinese women at the World Swimming

Championships in Rome less than a month ago were drug-enhanced.

Though none of the allegations were borne out by testing afterward, more than a dozen coaches filed a formal appeal with swimming's governing body for stricter testing and one complained that doping, real or perceived, had ruined the event.

China's contingent of women middle- and long-distance runners, nicknamed "Ma's Army" after coach Ma Junren, has also often been the subject of doping rumours.

They have not failed any tests either, and Ma has said he feeds them something much more traditional — elixir of turtle blood and caterpillar fungus.

Both the swimmers and the

runners are expected to compete in the two-week Games, which officially open on Sunday. Nomura said he is confident that any cheaters in Hiroshima will be caught.

"It's our hope that there will be no positive tests," he said. "But we think we will be able to find any violations."

Nomura acknowledged that not all medalists will be tested. Instead, the extent of testing will depend to a large degree on recommendations from organizations related to each particular sport.

"We may test the top six in one event, and only the first and third in another," he said. "But if there are any athletes with a history of questionable results, they will be tested whether they win a medal or not."

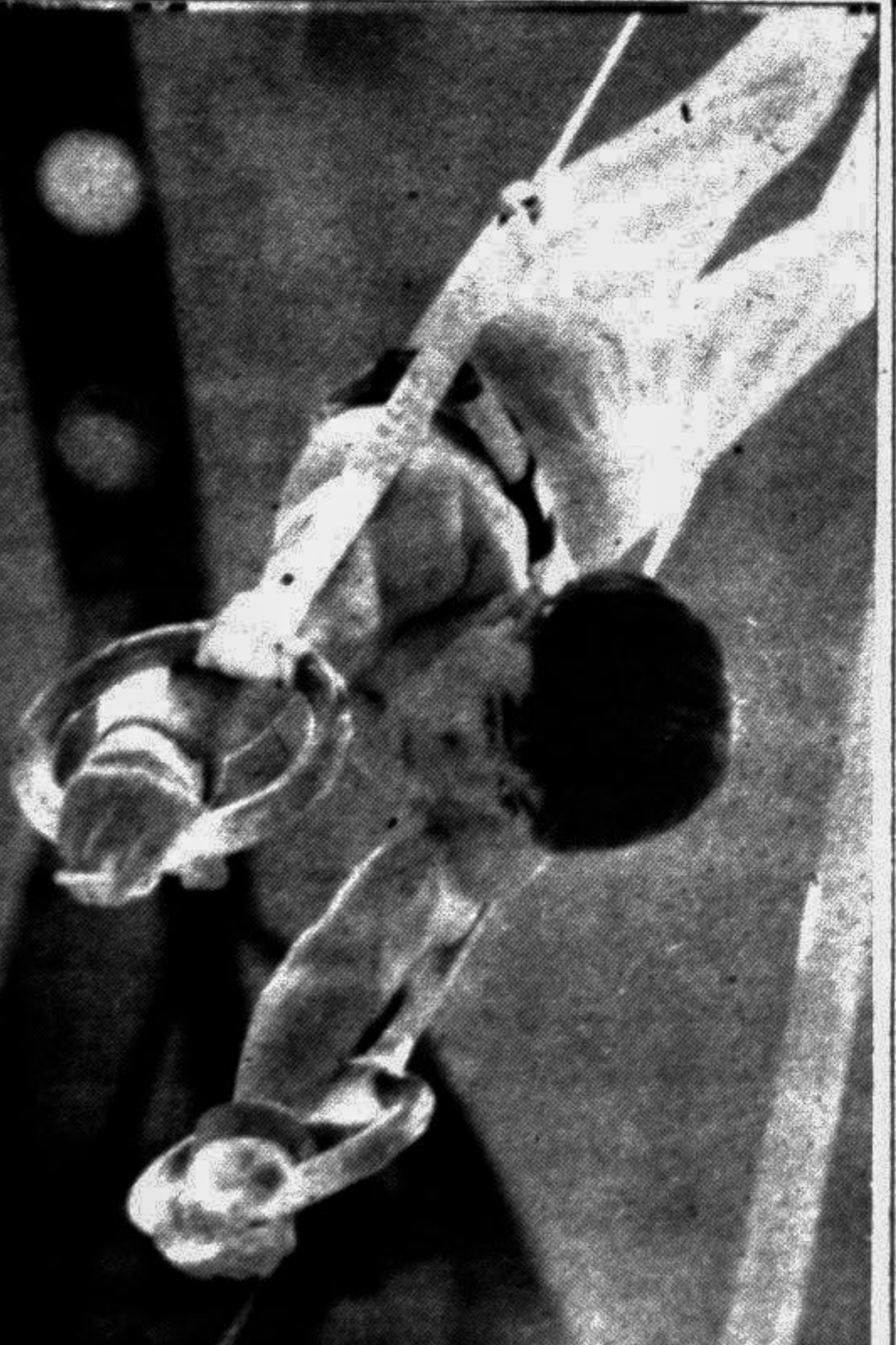
**Lewis looking ahead**

LONDON, Sept 30: Lennox Lewis wants two comeback fights before making another assault on a world heavyweight title, reports Reuters.

Lewis plans to return in January or February following the second-round shock loss of his WBC crown to American Oliver McCall early on Sunday.

"Lennox wants two warm-up fights, not one. That shows you how determined he is to get back to the top," Frank Maloney, the British fighter's manager, said on Wednesday.

"He's been very positive about it all. He believes it was just one of those things that happen in boxing. In 1989 when he signed professional with me everybody said he wouldn't win a world title."



Taweesak Pungmanee of Thailand in action on the rings during a practice session for the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima on Sept 29.

# OCA chief won't do the same mistake again

HIROSHIMA, Sept 30: After setting off a diplomatic tempest by inviting Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui to the Asian Games, the head of the Olympic Council of Asia said Friday he had no intention of mixing sports with politics, reports AP.

OCA President Sheik Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah said he also believes the Games, which officially begin Sunday, will be "historic."

Al-Sabah's decision to invite Lee nearly prompted a boycott by China, Asia's premier sports powerhouse, and posed a diplomatic dilemma for the Japanese government. Tokyo officially recognizes Beijing, but has close economic ties with Taipei.

Under intense pressure, the OCA later in effect withdrew Lee's invitation, saying no political figures would be invited.

"As sports people, we didn't think there was any problem (with inviting Lee)," the Kuwaiti Sheik said. "It was for good will. We had no political intention."

Al-Sabah said Lee was invited because the OCA wanted the representatives of all members bidding for the 2002 Games to attend the opening ceremonies in Hiroshima.

He said he was grateful that Lee decided not to push the matter, and expressed frustration with China's continuing opposition to having Taiwan Vice Premier Hsu Li-Teh attend instead.

Hsu was invited as head of Taiwan's bidding committee.

"What's going on now is a political problem, and we are not involved in it," he said.

Al-Sabah noted that the Hiroshima Games will have more participating athletes and officials (roughly 7,300), more sports (34) and more countries (42) than any previous Games.

The Asian Games, a regional Olympics, were held in new Delhi in 1951 and have been held every four years since 1954. Hiroshima is the first host city that is not a national capital.

"Always there is a problem before the game, especially ideological," Al-Sabah said. "But in the end sports wins. I think as officials we have done our best, now we are awaiting our athletes to do their best."

**EAA downplays Edwards' claim**

HELSINKI, Sept 30: European Athletic Association general secretary Heiner Henze denied on Thursday there were any irregularities when a B sample provided by British shot putter Paul Edwards was tested on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Edwards, whose A sample from the European Championships in Helsinki in August tested positive, claimed the proper procedures had not been carried out because he did not have a representative at Tuesday's examination.

Under International Amateur Athletic Federation rules, an athlete is entitled to be represented when his second sample was examined.

But Henze denied Edwards' claims that the test on the B sample had been carried out without due regard to Edwards' rights to be represented.

Henze said the EAA had asked the British federation if it or the athlete or his representative wanted to be present at the testing of the B sample but had been told the athlete was not available.

"After about three weeks without any further reply we informed the federation again that the analysis of the B sample would take place in three days' time and asked them to advise us if anyone would take part," he said.

"We did not get a reply so we went ahead with the sample."

Henze said he had not seen the results of the B sample. Edwards strongly denied being a drug cheat at a press conference last week.

"I categorically deny taking any banned substances at any time during my athletics career," he said.

**Davis Cup heroes exit**

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept 30: Davis Cup heroes Stefan Edberg and Yevgeny Kafelnikov crashed out of the 800,000 dollar Swiss indoor event here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Four days after leading their countries into the Davis Cup final both players went down in three sets in second-round matches.

Sweden's second-seeded Edberg was beaten by experienced French left-hander Guy Forget 6-3, 5-7, 3-6, while third-seeded Kafelnikov of Russia went down 6-7 (6/8), 6-2, 6-7 (4/7) to another French player Lionel Roux.

Edberg and Kafelnikov weren't the only seeded players to fail to reach the quarters finals.

# Culture dictates discretion

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Sept 30: The cream of Asia's sporting elite was in a lather on Friday over the limited distribution of condoms at the Asian Games, reports Reuters.

Although condoms have been handed out freely at recent major sports events as an anti-AIDS measure, the organizers of the October 2-16 Hiroshima Games have decided on a "condom on demand" policy, requiring the athletes to pick them up from a large basket in the athletes' medical centre.

The basket, organisers said, would be in a "semi-private" waiting area in the medical centre at the Games village.

"We are talking about an Asian culture where the free distribution of condoms may be frowned upon," said a Games official. "But we have to be realistic when 7,000 mostly young people come together."

The organisers vetoed a proposal to have dispensing machines in the village, or even to include condoms in welcome packs for athletes, officials and volunteers.

Condoms, apart from sexual abstinence, are considered the best means of stopping the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

A Japanese condom maker, Okamoto, has donated 50,000 condoms and 7,000 AIDS-awareness leaflets in 11 languages are being distributed

around Hiroshima.

The donated condoms are wrapped in a small packet emblazoned with the male and female dove symbols of the Games, named Poppo and Cuccu, hugging romantically.

One organiser said a ration of three per athlete had been considered sufficient for the two-week gala in this southern Japanese city - to the horror of some sportsmen and women.

"You've got to be joking. Some of these guys will be wanting

Nomura added that so far demand had been low.

He said although unlimited condom distribution had become a regular feature of major world sporting events, the practice was still unusual in Asia and Hiroshima had taken the anti-AIDS fight further than any other sportfest on the continent.

Indian delegation chief Janardan Gehlot said there was no need for a large quantity of condoms under free distribution in an Asian context.

"After all, this is not Los Angeles or Barcelona," he said, referring to past free-wheeling venues of Olympic Games.

Competing nations in Hiroshima include the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines and fundamentalist Islamic states such as Iran and Saudi Arabia.

These nations deeply oppose the use of condoms, arguing that they promote the spread of non-marital sex.

Recent Asian surveys have indicated an explosion of AIDS on the continent, with an seven-fold increase from more than 30,000 to around 200,000 in the past year.

A World Health Organisation report says there are more than 2.5 million people in Asia infected with HIV, the virus which leads to AIDS.

More than 10 million Asian are expected to AIDS-infected by the year 2000.



THE 12th ASIAN GAMES HIROSHIMA 1994

three on the first night," said a South-East Asian athlete when told of the restriction.

But Games officials defended their decision, saying they were confident of having enough condoms for all eventualities.

"We can't have free service because some people will take away too many," said Husso Nomura, head of the Games medical service. "We don't intend to control sex just keep AIDS out of the village."

# British 'colonialism' criticised

BONN, Sept 30: November's International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) Council meeting.

The hotel was very bad while the British team was housed in the best hotel," he said.

Leichtathletik said that

part on Thursday, accusing the British of treating Asian and African athletes like colonials during this month's World Cup, reports AFP.

An article in the federation's magazine, Leichtathletik, said the track and field events were badly organised, the stadium was "dirty and outdated" and press facilities were "sub-standard".

It also criticised organisers over the treatment of African and Asian teams.

The European, American and Oceania teams, especially the British, were given luxury hotels.

"But the African and Asian athletes were housed in buildings that were ready to fall down, with no security for their personal effects and with food which was neither adequate nor adapted to their religious requirements."

They also suffered because of the "colonial spirit" of the organisers, it alleged.

"The Africans and Asians realised that the colonial spirit was far from having disappeared from the official representatives of British athletics."

A German federation spokesman told AFP that although Leichtathletik was editorially independent, the article "reflects the experience of everyone who took part in the World Cup."

As a sign of protest, the magazine added, Asian athletes refused to take part in the closing ceremony.

The IAAF said no-one was available for comment Thursday.

Singapore's Maurice Nicholas, general secretary of the Asian Athletics Federation, said he would bring up the treatment of the Asian team at

Nambian sprinter Frank Fredericks, the world 200m champion, and Zambia's 400m hurdler Samuel Matete wanted to leave London before the competition started and were only persuaded to stay at the last minute by their own officials.

Morocco's Olympic 10,000m champion Khalid Skah left London as soon as his race was over.

Algerian Hassiba Boulmerka, the women's Olympic 1500m champion, described the African team hotel as "a dirty hole" and criticised "the insufficient and appalling food". She said the team could expect better treatment in post-apartheid South Africa than in Britain.

The magazine says the German team was kept waiting for one hour for transport which did not materialise and that statistics for the press were insufficient.

# Ma's magic potion on sale in Hiroshima

HIROSHIMA, Sept 30: A small Japanese meat company announced on Thursday it will put a special drink designed by China's athletics supercoach Ma Junren on sale on the eve of the Asian Games, reports Reuters.

Masahiro Kawai, president of Kawai Co. Ltd. in Takamatsu on the southwestern island of Shikoku, said his company will begin selling the special drink entitled "Ma's Family Army" for 700 yen (dollar 7) from October 1.

"I was requested to sell the drinks in Japan when I met Ma in May," Kawai told Reuters by phone.

Ma, China's most famous athletics trainer, became famous when his female distance runners took the athletics world by storm last year, smashing world records from 1,500 to 10,000 metres.

Kawai, a senior basketball official in Kagawa prefecture, said he became acquainted with Chinese sports officials, including Ma, when he visited China in 1992 to recruit high-school basketball players.

In China, the drinks were put on sale in May and sold some nine million bottles despite its expensive price of about 400 yen (4 dollars), Kawai said.

Kawai said he is confident the new drink will sell well and plans to import 4.3 million bottles from China.

**IAAF endorses Burrell's mark**

MONACO, Sept 30: Leroy Burrell's 100 metres world record of 9.85 seconds was formally ratified by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Burrell set the record in Lausanne on July 6 when he beat fellow American Carl Lewis' 1991 Tokyo World Championships winning time of 9.96.

The IAAF also ratified a second world record featuring both Burrell and Lewis, the men's 4x200 metres relay.

The two sprinters, along with Santa Monica Track Club colleagues Mike Marsh and Floyd Board, set a record of one minute 18.68 seconds in Walnut, Pennsylvania, on April 17.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Major Barbara writer

5 Wapiti State

12 — line-man for the county

13 Pupil's setting

14 Hand: Sp.

15 Huntley's partner

17 "And giving —, up the chimney..."

18 Burn a bit

19 Sound of summer-time Paris?

21 Like the White Rabbit

24 Visualize

25 Jousting weapon

28 Notion

30 Article in the L.A. Times?

33 Shakespeare title word

34 Lingerie buys

35 Vat

36 Of course

37 "Der —" (Adenauer)

38 Rear area

39 "Oz" costume, in part

41 Long lunch?

43 Jackson of films

46 Roughly

50 Streamlet

51 Lunt's partner

54 Inactive

55 Royal-flush member

56 Ohio nine

57 Academic

58 Crude

59 Grid sheet

**DOWN**

1 Brothers and sisters

2 Mata —

3 Ugandan despot

4 Falsely

5 Conger, for one

6 Caustic solution

7 Jailer's janglers

8 Stupely

9 Sacco's partner

10 Organic compound

11 Went by bus

16 One of the Maunas

20 "Hand-some —"

22 Up to

23 Archie's "dingbat"

25 "Ishtar" director

26 Estival potion

27 Abbott's partner

29 Duel tool

31 Vandal

32 Finis

34 Hourglass

36 Tasmania's capital

40 Small bay

42 Scoundrel

43 Somber

44 Beach resort

45 Place of worship?

47 Humdinger

48 Wreck

49 Criterion

52 Guadalupe

53 Just out

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

YEVS SOS MOLL  
EVIL IST ALTA  
BALINGER LIED  
PUN ODIUS  
SHOUT CLOG  
PUMP MALINGER  
AMA KAREN IVY  
SPRINGER KLEE  
BOND SEARS  
EFFETE UKE  
BEER STRINGER  
ANTI ION LEAVE  
IDEA AOS DYED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12				13				14				
15									17			
18												
			21		22	23		24				
25	26	27		28			29		30	31	32	
33				34						35		
36				37						38		
			39	40			41		42			
43	44					45		46		47	48	49
50						51	52	53				
54						55				56		
57						58				59		

**CRYPTOQUIP**

OHT VOR ZPDDJ CRRDR  
ZGNQRN CRVD KGYX:  
YL XHTL KGIQLVD.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EACH WEEKDAY MORNING, ALL THE MINERS CHECK THE SCHEDULE TO GET THEIR WORK LODES.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals W

The Cryptoquip 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.