

Sanjeeva Ranatunga's 2nd ton Honours even in Bulawayo

BULAWAYO, Oct 25: Sanjeeva Ranatunga notched his second century in successive Tests as Sri Lanka thwarted Zimbabwe hopes of their first win in Test cricket on Monday, reports Reuter.

Beginning the final day on 30 for two and still 214 runs short of avoiding an innings defeat, Sri Lanka defended stubbornly, losing only two more wickets while adding just 163 runs in the full day's play.

Ranatunga, who scored his maiden Test century in the opening match of the series last week, reached exactly 100 off the final delivery of the match as Sri Lanka ended on 193 for four.

His 352-ball century included 15 boundaries and lasted for two minutes over seven hours. It was a disappointing end for Zimbabwe, looking for their first win in nine Tests, after scoring a first innings 462 for nine declared, but although they used a total of eight bowlers none were able to make the breakthrough on a flat, unhelpful pitch.

They picked up only one wicket in the first two sessions of the day, that of nightwatchman Kumar Dharmasena caught behind by wicket-keeper Wayne James for 18 shortly before lunch.

Dharmasena had given Ranatunga good support in a third-wicket stand of 50 in 24 overs before providing James with his seventh catch of the match.

Ranatunga and vice-captain Aravinda de Silva then con-

tinued in a slow but determined fourth-wicket partnership of 84 in 65 overs which lasted until after tea. De Silva was finally bowled by off-spinner Stephen Peall attempting to cut the back foot, but by that stage enough had been done



S RANATUNGA ... 100 n.o. to avoid defeat.

De Silva had crawled to 27 from 1991 balls after almost four hours at the crease.

Zimbabwe coach John Hampshire said after the match: "I think we came out of this psychologically on top. It's the first time that we have enforced the follow on and been in a position to drive the advantage home."

"But Sri Lanka batted very well while our bowlers stuck to their task today and I feel it's been an honourable draw," Sri Lanka captain Arjuna

Ranatunga said the Zimbabwe bowlers could have attacked more early on. "They had everything on their side but they didn't capitalise on it," he said. "Our batsmen applied themselves well today — we had a plan and we worked to it."

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Queens Sports Club today.

ZIMBABWE first innings 462-9 declared (D Houghton 266, A Flower 50).

SRI LANKA first innings 218 (K Dharmasena 54)

SRI LANKA second innings (overnight 30-2)

R Mahanama c A Flower b Streak 4

A Gurusinha c James b Jarvis 10

S Ranatunga not out 100

K Dharmasena c James b Whittall 18

A de Silva b Peall 27

H Tillekeratne not out 15

Extras (lb-6, b-5, nb-4, w-4) 19

Total: (for four wickets) 193

Fall of wickets: 1-4: 2-30; 3-80; 4-164.

Table with columns O, M, R, W and rows for Bowling: Streak, Rennie, Whittall, Jarvis, Peall, G Flower, Dekker, Campbell.

Result: Match drawn
First Test: Match drawn
Third Test: October 26-31, Harare.

Indonesians seek Sino support

JAKARTA, Oct 25: Indonesia, reeling from a poor showing in this month's Asian Games in Hiroshima, said on Tuesday it would enlist the help of China to improve the quality of its athletes, reports Reuter.

Youth and Sports Minister Isman Hayono told reporters after meeting president Suharto that he would sign an agreement on sports cooperation with China, which won 137 gold medals at the games, during a visit there next week.

"I will visit China on November 1 to sign a memorandum of understanding on sports cooperation with China," he said.

Indonesian athletes were criticised for their performances at the 12th Asian Games, which ended on October 16. Indonesia was awarded only three gold, 12 silver and 11 bronze medals, finishing 11th out of 32, behind Qatar and Malaysia.

Isman said Indonesia would learn from China how to improve its athletes, especially in swimming, athletics, table tennis, and gymnastics.

He said Indonesia considered China, which won twice as many gold medals as its nearest competitor South Korea, successful in training its athletes to achieve high performances in world and Asian competitions.

Berlusconi's belief

ROME, Oct 25: Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Monday he expects his ailing AC Milan soccer team to recapture its very best form soon, reports Reuter.

"I expect Milan to continue to challenge for honours in Italy and Europe once it has got over this period of tiredness and bad luck," club owner Berlusconi said in his weekly radio interview with state broadcaster Rai.

The interview usually focuses on political issues but on this occasion Berlusconi also had words of comfort for the European and Italian champions, currently struggling in mid-table at home and bottom of their group in Europe's Champions' League.

"Milan have been through a series of extraordinary seasons and many of its players are still getting over the World Cup," added Berlusconi, who said coach Fabio Capello and his staff had his full support.

Milan face a crucial week with UEFA to rule on Wednesday on their appeal against two points deducted in the Champions' League for a bottle-throwing incident.

Milan seek to overturn a 2-1 first leg deficit against local rivals Inter in an Italian Cup tie on Wednesday night and then meet Juventus in a crucial league match next Sunday.

AIBA chief in favour

ROME, Oct 25: The president of Amateur Boxing's world governing body announced here on Monday his backing for a women's competition in the 2000 Olympics, reports AFP.

AIBA president Anwar Chowdhury of Pakistan revealed the news in the wake of IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch's confirmation that boxing will remain an Olympics sport.

However, a group of experts will decide on the rules to govern women's fighting. Chowdhury said: "The body of a woman is different to that of a man and women's boxing therefore needs different rules."

"We are ready to support the development of this discipline which will enhance the image of our sport because people will think it is less dangerous if women compete."

Women are already competing in the USA, Canada, and Scandinavian countries. Chowdhury added: "I recently visited a gym in Stockholm and I was surprised to see a greater number of women."

The IOC will make the final decision on the eligibility of women's boxing.

Two Thai WBF champions

BANGKOK, Oct 25: Thailand had two new world champions Saturday with Paprakob Sitkuan-Im and Falan Sakkririn winning the Vacant World Boxing Federation (WBF) bantamweight and flyweight belts respectively, reports AFP.

Paprakob Sitkuan-Im won a points decision against Algerian Mohalim Benkvi with superior skill and a series of good right hooks to the body and left jabs, to which his opponent had no answer.

Judges John Willer (Australia), Willy Lasoud (Indonesia), and Beevan Vier (Fiji) scored the fight 119-106, 120-108, and 120-100 all in favour of the Thai.

In the second fight, Falan took advantage of his greater experience, accuracy, and determination to punish the taller Bulgarian Kazimier Solakov.



Joao Rosario (L) of Vitoria de Setubal skips over a challenge from Brazilian Devenir King of Farense during a Portuguese league encounter on Oct 23. The match ended 1-1. — AFP photo

Ardiles, Valdano dispair

LONDON, Oct 25: Argentine World Cup winners Ossie Ardiles and Jorge Valdano, who both flow coach in Europe, experienced the bleaker side of soccer this weekend, reports Reuter.

Ardiles, successful with Argentina in 1978, watched helplessly on Saturday as his



OSVALDO ARDILES

Tottenham side crashed 5-2 at Manchester City, a result which renews the pressure on him to keep his job, but at least Ardiles played within the rules.

Valdano, who scored a goal in the final when Argentina won the World Cup in 1986, saw his Real Madrid side draw 1-1 with Compostela in the Spanish League — but he committed a major gaffe which could cost him and his club dearly.

Valdano accepted full responsibility for a substitution farce that left his team playing with 10 men for the last eight minutes after he was forced to pull off the player he had just put on because he was a foreigner.

With 10 minutes to play Valdano sent on Slovakian Petr Dubovsky.

But Real already had three foreigners on the field — Denmark's Michael Laudrup, Chilean Ivan Zamorano and Argentine Fernando Redondo — the maximum allowed under Spanish rules. Two minutes after sending on Dubovsky, a red-faced Valdano ordered him back to the bench.

"I'm to blame for bringing Portuguese players were livid at three decisions which went against them during their 2-1 defeat in a Sao Paulo derby with Corinthians.

Portuguese striker Paulinho was controversially sent off in the 37th minute, with Corinthians leading 1-0, for allegedly elbowing an opponent. Paulinho said he was only fighting for the ball.

Dubovsky on," the Argentine said. "It was so concerned with adding a bit of vitality to the team that I forgot about the foreign player rule... it was a serious mistake."

Barcelona immediately went on the attack against their arch-rivals with president Josep Luis Nunez demanding sanctions against Madrid.

"If Madrid have played four foreign players at the same time they should be docked two points. It's the coach's fault," said Nunez.

Barcelona themselves were involved in a controversial substitution when coach Johan Cruyff took off Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov in the 1-0 win over Tenerife, much to the Bulgarian's displeasure.

"He's too eager to score his 100th goal for the club. In football when you strive too hard for something you don't achieve it."

While Ardiles, Valdano and Stoichkov were three foreigners having a miserable time, the long-awaited return to form of another exile prompted French champions Paris St Germain to an unexpectedly inspired 4-0 away win in Nice only three days after their Champions' League victory over Spartak in Moscow.

The Brazilian midfielder Rai, signed last year but mainly seen on the substitutes' bench after a series of dismal displays, scored twice and made another as the Parisians moved up to fourth, six points behind lead-

ers Nantes.

"I've been feeling good since the start of the season," said Rai, who was dropped by Brazil during the World Cup finals though he started the tournament as captain.

"This time I've had some time to prepare which wasn't the case last season. It was just one match, one competition after another."

Striker Kannan Kunjuran and Ong Kheng Hock, manager of Changi United Club, were arrested Monday by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, which started a probe in August, questioning several national players.

A similar probe is also underway in Malaysia to find out how many players took bribes from bookmakers and soccer officials to influence results of matches in the Malaysia Premier League, which precedes Malaysia Cup matches.

Kunjuran and Ong were charged with attempting to bribe Singapore goalkeeper David Lee, once to reduce the winning margin of a match in May and once to draw another game in July. It was not immediately clear if Lee accepted Singapore 140,000 dollars (96,000 US dollars) offered as bribe.

Kunjuran also was charged with accepting 5,000 dollars (dls 3,500) from a man identified as Rajendra Kiruswamy for making the bribery attempts.

The case comes a week after a FIFA referee, T Raja manickam, was jailed for eight months for accepting 1,000 dollars (dls 690) from a soccer bookmaker.

In August, Michel Van den Broek, a Czech midfielder who played for Singapore's national team, was arrested on charges of accepting bribes to fix matches. He skipped bail and was last week reported to have been seen in Prague.

Kunjuran, 32, played for Singapore in the early 1980s, but shifted to the Kuala Lumpur team in 1989, which won the Malaysia Cup that year.

Judge S. Thangarajah of the District Court set a 300,000 dollars (dls 205,000) bail for Kunjuran and a 500,000 dollars (dls 345,000) bail for Ong.

Singapore soccer authorities get tough on cheats

SINGAPORE, Oct 25: A court on Tuesday charged a former Singapore striker and the manager of a local soccer club in a widening investigation into corruption and match-fixing in a regional soccer league, reports AP.

Striker Kannan Kunjuran and Ong Kheng Hock, manager of Changi United Club, were arrested Monday by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, which started a probe in August, questioning several national players.

A similar probe is also underway in Malaysia to find out how many players took bribes from bookmakers and soccer officials to influence results of matches in the Malaysia Premier League, which precedes Malaysia Cup matches.

Kunjuran and Ong were charged with attempting to bribe Singapore goalkeeper David Lee, once to reduce the winning margin of a match in May and once to draw another game in July. It was not immediately clear if Lee accepted Singapore 140,000 dollars (96,000 US dollars) offered as bribe.

Kunjuran also was charged with accepting 5,000 dollars (dls 3,500) from a man identified as Rajendra Kiruswamy for making the bribery attempts.

The case comes a week after a FIFA referee, T Raja manickam, was jailed for eight months for accepting 1,000 dollars (dls 690) from a soccer bookmaker.

In August, Michel Van den Broek, a Czech midfielder who played for Singapore's national team, was arrested on charges of accepting bribes to fix matches. He skipped bail and was last week reported to have been seen in Prague.

Kunjuran, 32, played for Singapore in the early 1980s, but shifted to the Kuala Lumpur team in 1989, which won the Malaysia Cup that year.

Judge S. Thangarajah of the District Court set a 300,000 dollars (dls 205,000) bail for Kunjuran and a 500,000 dollars (dls 345,000) bail for Ong.

Havelange to advocate for 3 more European slots

NEW YORK, Oct 25: FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange said on Monday he will propose during this week's executive committee meetings that Europe receive three of the hotly coveted eight additional berths for the 1998 World Cup in France.

In an interview at FIFA office in New York, Havelange told Reuters that he favoured each of the other four confederations receiving one additional spot in the World Cup tournament along with Oceania.

"I have had personal meetings with all the presidents of the confederations," said Havelange. "We must forget about passions and political interests when deciding on a matter as important as this."

"Football cannot be governed by passion and politics," Havelange will meet with all the confederation presidents here on Wednesday.

The 21 voting members of the executive council, which includes the confederation president's of UEFA, Africa and CONCACAF, will meet on Thursday to decide on the allocations that will expand the World Cup field from 24 to 32.

The 78-year-old Havelange.

Jansen's new job in J-league
HIROSHIMA, Oct 25: Former Dutch international midfielder Wim Jansen was announced as the new coach of leading Japanese J-League football team Sanfrecce Hiroshima today, reports AFP.

Jansen has been contracted for two years in a deal reportedly worth around 70 million yen (700,000 US dollars).

Jansen, the former manager of Dutch champions Feyenoord, takes over from Englishman Stuart Baxter, who will continue in the job for the rest of this season.

"We reached basic agreement with Wim when Sanfrecce were in France last July in a training camp," Sanfrecce general manager Kazuo Imanishi said at a press conference today.

Jansen, assistant manager of the Saudi Arabian national team, said he saw great potential in Japanese and Asian football.

"When I played here in the Kirin Cup in 1980 I could see that soccer had a future here," said Jansen.

"I was very impressed with the organisation of the J-League when I came back here six months ago."

Jansen, who played in the crack Dutch team of the seventies with grand masters, Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens, will take charge of the powerful Sanfrecce Hiroshima next year.

Sanfrecce, who won the first stage of this season's J-League, have South Korean international Noh Jung-Yoon, Czech Republic's Pavel Cerny and Ivan Hasek and Norwegian Tore Andre Tedesens on their books.

in his 21st year at the helm of the International Soccer Federation, seemed confident of his proposal's acceptance, but said he would know for sure on Wednesday.



HAVELANGE

"When I will present this proposal at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning I will know exactly what the chances are," he said.

Havelange said under his proposal, UEFA would get 15 World Cup berths, Africa would get four, South America four, Asia three, CONCACAF three and Oceania one, with one automatic spot going to the host country and another to the defending champions.

The FIFA president said he formulated his proposal after an analyses of the last four World Cups.

"We have reached a percentage from a technical point of view based on all teams that were capable of reaching the finals of the World Cup," he said.

While UEFA figures to be satisfied with Havelange's proposal, the plan will probably disappoint the African and Asian confederations, both have said they want two more places for their own teams and only two more for European sides.

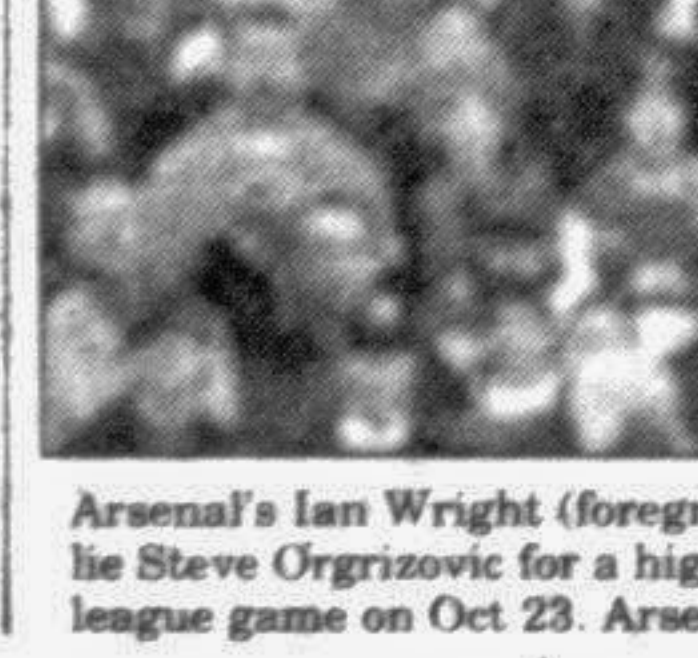
The South American confederation had said it favoured one more berth for each confederation, with the top three teams from the World Cup — Brazil, Italy and Sweden, this year — qualifying automatically.

Havelange praised the U.S. organisers for last summer's World Cup on Monday and said the International Soccer Federation's share of the proceeds would be about 60 million dollars.

"We should congratulate the U.S. Organising Committee for the success that has been reached at World Cup," Havelange said.

Havelange said FIFA's operating budget would be enhanced by about 45 million dollars after deduction for FIFA-sponsored programmes.

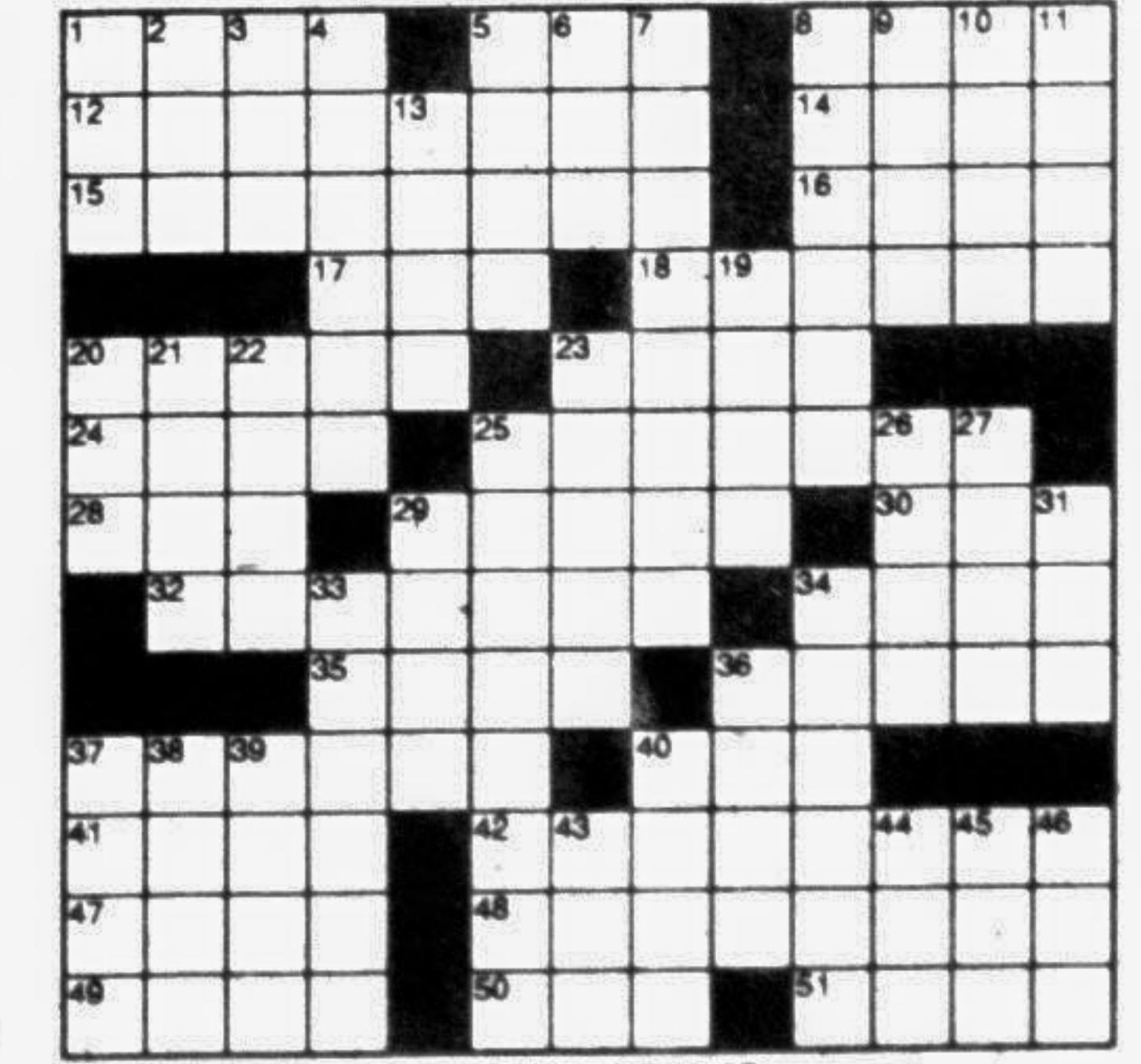
FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni said that FIFA's haul represented a 20 per cent gain over the funds generated at the previous World Cup in Italy.



Arsenal's Ian Wright (foreground) challenges Coventry's goalie Steve Orgrizovic for a high ball during an English Premier league game on Oct 23. Arsenal won 2-1. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Blueprint, 5 Fluffy accessory, 8 Hamlet called it 'the thing', 12 They taste bloody good, 14 Puerto —, 15 Fireplugs, 16 Honolulu's island, 17 Finch, formerly, 18 Talk, talk, talk, 20 Crowd?, 23 Jant, 24 Use the bookmobile, 25 Tip, 28 Capone and Capp, 29 Mr. Chips' portrayer, 30 Namely: abbr., 32 Wool extract, 34 Take cover, 35 Grand- scale, 36 Major fracas, 37 D.C. airport, 40 Patriotic org., 41 Mimics, 42 Lightest element, 47 Forbidden act, 48 Waste away, 49 Any moment now, 50 Rotation duration, 51 Takon DOWN, 1 Bat wood, Solution time: 25 min.



CRYPTOQUIP
B W N V D B G U Z V E P
X B S H S C A Z V E W H
X B E I N L P H X R I B W
Q V Z I D A L P C B G U B I
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF THESE ARE YOUR MODEL TRAINS, COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF THEM?
Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals B
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.