tions about security at the

Garden, which has been trying

to revive a sport that once

flourished in New York. There

were no bouts in the Garden

from March 6, 1993 to

controlling the fight and had

Bowe, the former undisputed

heavyweight champion, in

trouble several times. He had

already been penalised three

points for low blows before

landing the low blow that led

ing his punches and Bowe kept

pulling his hands down," said

Roger Bloodworth, one of

Golota's cornermen. "He

(Bowe) hit Andrew behind the

head three or four times and

was warned only one time. ...

I'm not going to argue who

started it. It happened. This is

with a low left hook that

caused an 81-second delay and

cost Golota a point in the sec-

ond round. Golota also was pe-

nalized a point in the sixth

when Golota landed another

low left hook. Bowe didn't go

down but he was given a break.

Golota knocked Bowe down

"Andrew has a habit of loop-

The Polish-born Golota was

December 15, 1995.

to his disqualification.

a diagrace."

BASTAD, Sweden, July 12: Stefan Edberg stayed on course to win one of the few titles to elude him during his illustrious career when he downed compatriot Lars Jonsson in three sets Thursday to advance to the last eight of the Swedish Open tennis championships, reports AFP.

Top-seeded Edberg downed

qualifier Jonsson 6-2, 6-7(2/7), 6-3 and admitted he was angry with himself after dropping the second set.

Edberg, who will retire at the end of the year, will play his sometime practice partner Thomas Johansson in an all-Swedish quarterfinal after Johansson downed another Swede, Thomas Nydahl, 7-5,

In other second-round matches, fifth-seeded Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine beat Magnus Norman of Sweden 6-4. 6-4 and Gallo Blanco of Spain ousted Swedish wild card Patrik Federiksson 4-6, 6-3. 6-4.

Gullit gives Vialli tips

LONDON, July 12: Gianluca Vialli, the Italian superstar signed from Juventus by Chelsea on a free transfer, was warned by player-manager Ruud Gullit on Thursday that he will have to quickly adapt to the more physical English game, reports AFP.

"It's important that Vialli adapts to life in England and the Premiership," 'Gullit said. "In Europe, you cannot make tackles with your studs showing, but it is different in England - the referees tend to al low it. Vialli has to look after himself."

Vialli admitted that he felt like the new kid in town at Chelsea's first training session. "This is like the first day at school for me and I feel like a young boy arriving at a new place," he said

"I am ready to play football now. I know the fans expect a lot from me but I think there will be less pressure here than there was in Italy, both on and off the field.

Gullit is also demanding that Vialli studies the English language and housing market.

"It is vital that he speaks the language - and he has a month and a half to learn," he said. "It is also important that he finds a house as soon as possible.

Gullit confirmed that Vialli and fellow Europeans Franck Leboeuf and Roberto di Matteo are his last major signings this summer. "I have all the players I need and there will be no more coming in," he said.

Lim's hopes dashed

STOCKHOLM, July 12: Lim Xiao Qing, one of Europe's rare medal hopes in the Olympic badminton championships. announced today she is pulling out with a knee injury, reports

The China-born Swede, who left her native country following the riots in 1989, has not recovered sufficiently from two operations to her left knee one in January the other in

She has not played in competition since but hoped to be fit for her Olympic challenge. "It's sad, but I don't want to

make the trip to Atlanta to get a poor result. In that case, would rather stay at home. Lim said. Lim gained Swedish nation-

ality in 1992 but China prevented her from competing in the Barcelona Olympics the same year.

Reporters in a stew

ATLANTA, July 12: An alleged million-dollar housing scam has left some of the nation's largest media organisations and numerous foreign news agencies scrambling for accommodations at the Olympics with the Games to begin in less than two weeks. reports AP.

While police were trying to sort out the matter, journalists from Latin America were trying to make housing arrangements with local residents.

The Los Angeles Times and the Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service were among the US media groups facing lastminute snags.

Meggen Mills was arrested Monday on seven counts of theft by deception. At least seven news and broadcast agencies said they gave her dollars 1 million for apartments, rental cars and cellular phones only to arrive in Atlanta to some or none of what they

needed. This woman has had a good record with some fairly large companies in the past," said Mike Duggan, managing editor for Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service, a Washingtonbased service, which paid Mills

for three apartments. "I checked them out and they had nothing but praise for her efforts. I just think she got in over her head.

Bill Dwyre, Los Angeles Times sports editor, said he researched Mills before making accommodations for 19 "She had a very good repu-

tation," Dwyre said. "She did a lot of work with the World Cup. It all checked out. I was He declined to say precisely how much he paid Mills, but it

was "pretty darn close" to six figures.

Dwyre said that instead of covering stories his Olympic writers are looking for hous-

Kafelnikov in semis



3. 7-6 (7/4) to reach the semifinals of the 560,000dollar Swiss Open, report agencies. The top-seeded Russian. who claimed his first career

clay title with a victory here one year ago, will face another Iberian threat on Saturday when he takes on sixth seed Alberto Costa.

The Spaniard advanced 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 past Italian Renzo Furlan, now packing his bags for a flight to North America for next week's ATP tour event in Washington followed by the Atlanta Olympics.

Three more Spaniards were involved in later competition on the fast courts.

Treble title holder Sergi Bruguera, battling back from a world No. 49 ranking, was playing Bohdan Ulihrach. Spanish compatriots Al-

berto Berasategui and Felix Mantilla were competing for the last of the semifinal places at the Alpine resort located 1.000 metres above sea level.

Kafelnikov, fifth in the world on the ATP tour has vet to drop a set this week and has been faced with only one The 22-year-old said, how-

ever, that he would have preferred to have saved some energy against Costa, losing finalist against Thomas Muster at the Monte Carlo Open in April.

"I broke for 3-2 in the second set and thought that I'd be off the court in the minutes." said the Russian. "Instead, I let him back into the match. played a few bad points and it took another 40 minutes to

"I think the match against Costa will be much tougher." Kafelnikov said he did not want to play a deciding set. "That could have ended up an

entirely different story. Costa is the highest ranked of the ten Spanish players who



His victory over world No. 26 Furlan was a one-way affair. I broke him early in the second set and got a lot of confidence," said the 21-year-old winner, ranked No. 18 on the computer.

"Maybe I started just a little

bit sleepy. I had two difficult singles and two doubles. But I picked up my pace soon

enough. Earlier on Thursday. Yevgeny Kafelnikov and number six Alberto Costa were the only sees to reach the quarter-

Still stinging from his first round loss at Wimbledon. Kafelnikov took out his frustration on Karim Alami, disposing of the Moroccan 6-3, 6-3 in just 57 minutes.

Spaniard Costa, a finalist in Monte Carlo earlier this year. had to work a little harder to reach the last eight, beating Argentina's Hernan Gumy 6-3,

4-6, 6-4. "After you lose in the first round of any tournament your confidence goes down," said French Open champion Kafelnikov, who took advantage of his early exit from Wimbledon to acclimatise to high altitude at this glitzy ski resort.

A rejuvenated Alberto Berasategui of Spain, looking for his fourth title in as many weeks, extended his winning streak to 17 matches by beating eighth seeded compatriot Carlos Moya 7-5, 6-2.

Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic added to the seed scrapheap by upsetting fifth seed Cedric Pioline of France 7-6, 6-3.

Twice French Open champion Sergi Bruguera took another step towards claiming his first title for almost two years by beating fellow Spaniard Emilio Sanchez 6-2,

Francisco Clavet of Spain, who beat Wimbledon runnerup Malivai Washington in the opening round on Wednesday overcame Swiss wild card Alexandre Strambini 6-4, 6-2, while Italy's Renzo Furlan beat German qualifier Oliver Gross 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.



IOC head Juan Antonia Samaranch (2nd from L) receives an honourary key to the Olympic Village from village Mayor Russ Chandler (2nd R) on July 11. Most of the athletes, officials and some of the media will make the village their home during the Atlanta Games beginning in a week's time. - AFP/UNB photo

Atlanta taking nothing for granted



Hoaxers kept the Atlanta Olympics security chiefs on the move in the runup to the Games, but so far no

real threat to the event has been uncovered officials said Thursday, reports AFP

"We have no indication of any terrorist threat against the Games at this point," said Woody Johnson of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one of about 100 agencies working to provide security for the games.

Bill Rathburn, managing director for security of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, acknowledged that ACOG had received some threats.

But he said investigations by the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and other law-enforcement agencies found them to be insubstantial

We have had some threats. but at this point we have had no credible threats." Rathburn said. "I don't think we should say any more about the nature of threats, but there has been nothing that has caused us great concern.

Rathburn, Johnson, Atlanta police chief Beverly Harvard. Richard Fox of the ATF and Gary McConell of the Georgia State Olympic Law Enforcement Agency Solec, discussed Games security at a briefing Wednesday, eight days before the opening ceremonies.

"We're well into our operational phase now, but we will add people and systems over the next few days," Rathburn

He said the Olympic Villages, where athletes and officials are housed, had been 'sanitized," that is swept for explosives or any other security threats and then secured.

Competition venues were expected to be samutized in the coming days, after which access to them would be through secure entrances only, with Xray checks, metal detectors and in some cases the use of sophisticated hand geometry identification.

Johnson said the FBI, one of the key agencies involved in evaluating threats, said the

truck bomb attack 19 Ameri cans in Dhahran last month had not caused officials to change their security strategy.

"Certainly, we're going to be attentive to that." Jonson said. It doesn't necessarily change our approach - we've been thinking about those kinds of things for four years

Rathburn said tens of thou sands of security officers, in cluding ACOG-hired officers. Atlanta city police, Georgia State police and soldiers would be on duty during the Games.

He would not discuss how many of them would be armed. The state of Georgia bud

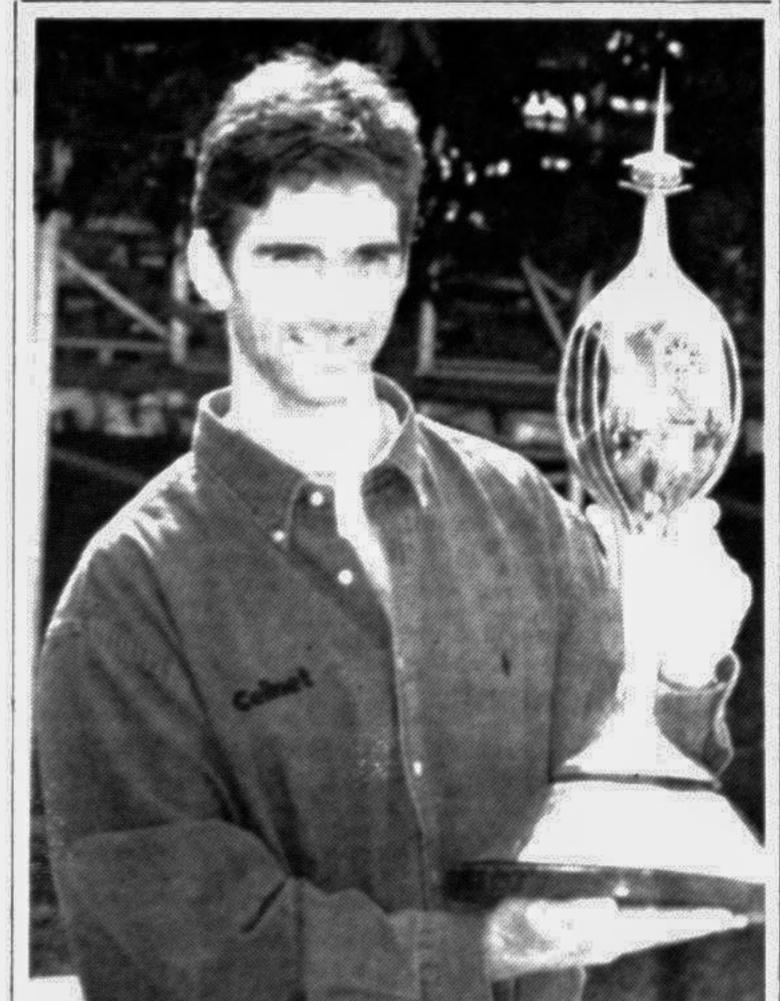
geted 26 million dollars for the Olympic security effort Rathburn said he had not added up the total cost of se curity, but believed it is in the hundreds of millions of dollars

He said the massive pres ence was intended to be reassuring rather than oppressive. We have worked to im-

press on (Security) people that

the Olympics are a sports

event, not a security event.



OVER THE TOP: Damon Hill holds aloft the Hawthorn Memorial Trophy he received at the Silverstone track on July 11 for being the most successful British or Commonwealth driver in the 1995 Formula One World Championship. This is the third time he won the trophy. - AFP/UNB photo

Palestinian Olympians off to Atlanta

GAZA CITY, July 12: The first Palestinian athletes to compete in the Olympic Games left the Gaza strip for Atlanta on Thursday, reports

Majed Abu Marahil, a 10,000-metre runner, and Ihab Salameh, who competes in the 5,000-metre run, were to travel first by road to Cairo for a connecting flight to the United States.

The pair will be joined in Atlanta when they finally arrive Sunday by a Palestinian boxer who has been training in the United States for the past few months.

The Palestinian red, green, black and white flag will appear at the Games opening ceremony for the first time. after the Olympic committee officially allowed the Palestinians to compete as a separate entity following the 1993 autonomy accords with Israel.

The athletes will be accompanied in Atlanta by a 14strong delegation, including doctors, spokesmen and the head of the Palestinian Olympic Committee, Ahmed Kidwa.

IOC officials impressed

ATLANTA, July 12: The International Olympic Committee is convinced that the city of Atlanta will host "top, top Games," reports Reuter.

IOC director general Francois Carrard said after a meeting of the executive board on Thursday that IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and other Olympic leaders were very impressed by a visit to Atlanta's Olympic Village.

They were also pleased with the work being done in Atlanta sprucing up the city to prepare for the Centenary Olympics. which begin on July 19. "We are very impressed by

the progress which has been made and we are deeply convinced that the Atlanta Games will be top, top Games," Carrard said.

The 10-strong executive board, beginning three days of meetings, heard the Atlanta organisers' final report into the Games preparations before competition starts. Carrard said IOC members had expressed no major concerns with the report

Since winning the right to host the 1996 Games six years ago, the Georgia state capital has pulled out all the stops to ensure that they go down as the best - and not just the largest - Summer Games since Athens hosted the first modern Olympics 100 years

Carrard said he personally was impressed by the hospitality of the people of Atlanta, and by their efficiency.

"I was told that the pool for the athletes at the Olympic Village was built in a week. For a European, digging out a swimming pool in a week is an intellectual concept — but saw the water and I saw the athletes in it." he added.

Greece in uproar

ATHENS, July 12: Members of Greece's parliament demanded Wednesday that the government recall the national basketball team from the Olympic Games following reports that team members had disrupted a flight from Athens to New York by refusing to stop smoking, reports AP.

"If the reports are confirmed, we will take strict measures to protect the presuge of Greek sports and our country," Sports Undersecretary Antonis Fouras told Par liament. He did not elaborate.

An opposition deputy who held Fouras post in a former conservative administration demanded that the basketball team be recalled, saying it had made "tatters of our national pride.

"We woke up to the worst news this morning," said Vassilis Papagiorgopoulos. "The government must make these boys - who have made us very proud in the past - return home today already."

Two deputies of the ruling Socialist party and another conservative also demanded the team's return.

Team coach Makis Dendrinos told Athens private Star television channel that the reports were an exaggeration.

I can say that apart from a puff on a cigarette in the toilet nothing happened," he said This thing was blown out of proportion. I don't know why. Maybe the pilot had a strong imagination." Dendrinos did not name

anyone involved Delta Airlines spokesman

Dean Breest described the athletes behavior on the nonsmoking flight Tuesday as "disruptive to fellow passengers" and said they "refused crew instruction to refrain from smoking. But the team coach assured

crew members that there would be no additional problems and there were none, alpark, or wanted to do vending lowing the players to change planes at John F Kennedy Airport in New York for their connecting flight to Atlanta. Breest said in New York. These are the first Olympic

Games for which Greece's basketball team has qualified. The highest title it has won was the European Championship in 1987, in which four of the present team's members played.

Mayhem in the Garden

lice officers were injured.



With Bowe on the canvas

and the referee raising his

hand to signal victory, the ring

filled with people punching

and kicking while debris and

chairs were thrown from the

scene at Madison Square

Garden on Thursday night

when Bowe — taking a beating

from a heavy underdog _ won

on a seventh-round disqualifi-

old trainer, was carried from

the ring after being hit by a

walkie-talkie. An oxygen mask

was on his face while he was

removed by stretcher. A rela-

tive said he was in stable con-

nouncer, said tensions height-

ened between the sixth and

yelling "You're hurting my

fighter." he said. "When it

ended there was a wave of hu-

manity. I didn't even try to get

in the ring. There was no se-

Dr Andrew Bazos, the

latest incident was the ugliest

heavy underdog Andrew Golota

of Poland on Thursday night

when Golota landed at least

the fifth low blow of the fight.

Already penalised three points

for such shots. Golota was dis-

several bizarre occurrences

against Elijah Tillery. Bowe

scored a first-round knock-

down. After the bell, Tillery

taunted Bowe, who swung

lightly in return. So Tillery

kicked Bowe in the backside

and in the shin as Bowe moved

pushed Tillery to the ropes.

Bowe's manager, Rock New-

man, wrapped Tillery around

the neck and Yanked him over

the ropes. Tillery landed on

Jeffrey Gildenhorn, chairman

of the District of Columbia

climb back into the ring, ref-

eree Karl Milligan signaled his

disqualification for "flagrantly

kicking" Bowe after the bell

Meanwhile, a series of scuffles

broke out in the suddenly full

times, then I lost it." Bowe

said. "I pushed him out of my

face. I was willing to continue.

Once they cleared everyone

out of the ring. I could have

The District of Columbia

Boxing Commission fined Bowe

dlrs 500 and Newman 2,500

dollars. Tillery was fined 2,000

dollars and given a one-year

continued. But I'm not an offi-

"He kicked me about three

As Tillery attempted to

boxing commission.

When Bowe punched and

This was the weirdest of

In 1991, in Washington

qualified, and a riot ensued.

Bowe was being thrashed by

and most dangerous

during Bowe's fights.

in to retaliate.

NEW YORK, July

12 (AP): Strange

things tend to

happen when

Riddick Bowe is

in the ring. The

Michael Buffer, the ring an-

"You could hear people

dition.

seventh rounds.

curity ringside.

Lou Duva, Golota's 74-year-

That was the wild, riotous

Garden physician, said there NEW YORK, July 12: Riddick Bono major injuries and 12 miwe, the winner. nor ones. Police said there were 10 was on his back arrests. In addition, eight powrithing in pain. A friend was

hitting Bowe's none seriously. opponent, Andrew Golota, over Thirty-five minutes after the head with a walkie-talkie. the bout. Garden authorities reports AP.

THE BOWE CHRONICLE



RIDDICK BOWE ordered the crowd of 11.252 to evacuate the building.

This was the product of a few people who acted like criminals," Mayor Rudolph Guiliani said after arriving at the Garden.

Guiliani said he will ask the state athletic commission to investigate and strip the licenses of any guilty parties. The mayhem raised ques-

"He's a decent fighter, Rock Newman, Bowe's pro-

in the seventh round, Golota landed a left hook far below the belt. Bowe went down, his lace a mask of pain.

At that point, referee Wayne Kelly signaled the fight over. As Kelly was doing so, Newman

Bernard Brooks, a friend of Bowe's claimed he approached

Brooks Jr. then attacked Golota, hitting him several times in the head with a walkie-talkie, drawing blood.

the ring. Fights started in about 15 minutes, subsided knocked over. Riot police with helmets and nightsticks arrived but another fight broke out almost

ence.

Nine months later, at At-

"I didn't see his body, only his head, so I just threw a

Referee Arthur Mercante called the punch an intentional foul, and the New Jersey Athletic Control Board ruled the scheduled 10-round bout a nocontest. Many people thought Bowe should have been disqualified.

stranger than that.

Two years later, Bowe's second fight with Evander Holyfield was interrupted when James Miller, identifying I inself as "Fan Man," crashed hun motorised paraglider into the ring ropes in front of a pair of stunned fighters and crowd of 14,242 at Las Vegas.

For 21 minutes, the heavy weight championship of the world was brought to a standstill as pandemonium erupted just outside Bowe's corner. Bowe's pregnant wife

lainted in the commotion and was tended to by the Rev Jesse Jackson, who himself was brushed by the glider's ropes as it swooped in. Bowe's aide. Bernard Brooks Sr. was cut on the head by the glider's cage and needed stitches. Miller just missed hitting any of hundreds of people at ringside. then took a beating from Bowe's security people.

Holyfield went on to win a decision.

lantic City, Buster Mathis Jr was moments away from his first loss when he fell to one knee under a barrage of punches from Bowe. But Bowe said he didn't know his opponent was on one knee, so he delivered a crushing right to Mathis' head, flattening him at 2:11 of the fourth round.

shot." Bowe said.

On Thursday night, it was Golota who was disqualified after dominating the fight. As Bowe was prone on the canvas referee Wayne Kelly was raising his hand in victory.

It doesn't get much

moter, said of Golota, "but he's a dirty and nasty fighter." With about 20 seconds left

climbed into the ring and gestured at Golota.

Golota and said, "Take it easy, take it easy," and went to take hold of the fighter. Golota tried to punch Brooks. Brooks' son, Bernard

Garden security couldn't keep spectators from storming stands. The initial chaos lasted then started again. A young man in a wheelchair was

30 minutes after bout had ended. The boxers scrapped their postfight news confer-It was the first fight in eight months for Bowe, and he showed the effects of the layoff

as well as his weight of 252 pounds (114 kilograms), highest of his career. Bowe. Brooklyn-born and fighting in the Garden for the second time, came out jabbing. but Golota was soon outjabbing

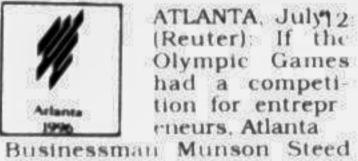
him and he often landed the harder blows. Golota had Bowe in real trouble in the fifth round. He landed a right and left to the head that stunned Bowe. He followed with a hard right and left. Later in the round, he

wobbled Bowe. At the end of six rounds, The Associated Press had Golota ahead by three points, but it would have been five but for the penalty points assessed

against Golota. Bowe, who earned dirs 5 million, has a 39-1 record with 33 knockouts. Golota, 28, who emigrated from Poland to the Chicago area in 1991, lost for the first time after 28 victories, 25 by knockouts.

cised for a lack of experience,

Steed shrewd, successful



would win the gold

suspension.

ATLANTA, July 2 (Reuter): If the Olympic Games had a competi tion for entrepr eneurs. Atlanta

Steed, president of B G Swing Games Management has netted more than 2.5 million dollars for the city - and a sizeable sum for himself — by persuading the council to give him the right to sell street vending licences during the

B G Swing is overseeing the leasing of 400 stalls to hawk ers paying up to 20,000 dollars each for the privilege. It is an upstart business from a Maverick who has caused a few eyebrows to be raised in Atlanta's deep conservative business world

This is a no risk deal it's a new concept - municipal marketing." Steed told

In a city already overflowing with Olympic related deals. Steed has come from nowhere to carve a lucrative niche to gain his share of an estimated 5.1 billion dollars which the Games will inject into the local

economy

He is a well-dressed, soft spokmen man now living in the fast lane. A connoisseur of music. 34-year-old Steed speaks often and highly of Atlanta, his city of opportunity The idea of licensing ven-

dors struck him after the 1994 Super Bowl, the grand finale of the US football season held that year in Atlanta. He was surprised both at the number of hawkers, and the fact that few of them had permits. "If you wanted to lease a city

on the streets, prior to B G Swing, there was no process in place, no mechanism," he said "All I could imagine (during the Olympics) was the same thing that happened at the Super Bowl, happening again.

Wheeling and dealing is nothing new to Steed. He spent his college days selling T shirts and promoting func

After graduation, he organised a cable TV show called Today's Jazz." Soon he began B G Swing productions, which promoted music festivals beiore expanding into merchandising and retail.

Steed does, however, remember his roots. He talks of the need to help the younger generation in their plight to gain business experience. B G Swing productions offers several paid internships for students

His deals with the city has not been without its pitfalls. Accusations flew that Campbell had favoured Steed in return for help received when the mayor was running

for office.

Steed denied the accusa tions, saving he was not a friend of Campbell's, merely his campaign T-shirt manufacturer

I produced shirts for probably 14 other candidates at that time," said Steed Everybody had the opportunity to bid more than 2.5 mil lion dollars for the (Olympic) contract.

Steed has also been criti-

shot and killed the business manager of the Russian Army Club ice hockey team Friday in what appeared to be a contract murder, reports AP

tacked by several assailants who shot him at point-blank range while he played tennis at the Army Club's courts, the Interfax news agency reported. quoting city police officials Bogach, 46, died instantly

and the attackers escaped in a Mercedes sedan The motive for the killing was not immediately clear. Businessmen are prime targets for Russia's underworld

itable companies.

which often uses violence in attempts to take over prof-

"They're not into it for the In a city where the business community is on first name terms with one another and outsiders are greeted with suspicion. Steed has gatecrashed successfully, doubling the size of his company since

velopment is about," he said.

but he responds by citing the example of Billy Payne, the chief executive of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG). Payne was a lawyer with no Olympic experience until he succeeded in his dream of bringing the

Games to Atlanta

Steed said his scheme will have a particularly strong eflect on Atlanta's non-white population. They are attracted to the hawking idea because of its low up-front costs. He estimates that 68 per cent of the vending slots will

Olympic pie they are likely to Steed sees his plan as the start of a long-term growth in Atlanta's vending industry.

be filled by non-whites, giving

them the only slice of the

"Atlanta is a convention town. I think (it) could sustain a viable vending industry." He predicts the Olympics will generate 400 new businesses. adding approximately 5.000 new jobs to the economy.

While Murray hopes Steed is correct, she does not share his optimism. These are people whose business is vending the only permanent jobs are within Munson's own organisa-

ing sites have been leased to small businesses, the large Olympics sponsors have also got into Steed's act. Coca-Cola, the Atlanta-based soft drinks giant, has coughed up for licences at 50 locations.

sportswear maker Speedo has 11 and film manufacturer Kodak has purchased five. plus the right to hang several banners throughout the city. presence.

I ragic! While the majority of vend-MOSCOW, July 12: Gunmen

Vladimir Bogach was at-

gaining the city contract

"That's what economic de-