315-dollar fine on MacGill

SYDNEY. Jan 29: Discarded est leg-spinner Stuart MacGill as fined 500 dollars (US 315 ollar) for dissent and using ude language in an Australian terstate cricket match today. ports Reuters.

MacGill, who was recalled to e Australian one-day team afr Shane Warne injured him-If this month, was reported by mpires John Smeaton and aul Mulcahy while playing for ew South Wales against Tas-

ania in Hobart. The incident happened durg the second day of the fourmy game on Friday. MacGill as found guilty and fined 250 allars on each count at a code conduct hearing held before

MacGill's fine took the gloss a fine NSW comeback at Hoart's Bellerive Oval.

nd went on to finish the day

nbeaten on 125. His innings

Queensland wicketkeeper

ade Seccombe made his sec-

ad first-class century to put

is side in a commanding posi-

on against Victoria at the

Seccombe cracked 151, in-

luding 16 fours and a six, in a

thich should be enough to

Victoria were 69 for one at

ne close, still 154 behind with

Windies aim to

travel in style

internet report): The West In-

ies Cricket Board is to appoint

new, enlarged management

taff in an attempt to halt the

eam's recent dismal record on

The group would likely com-

rise à manager, coach, assis-

ant coach, a physiotherapist

nd a sports psychologist and

ould work with the team "on a

ear-round basis", WICB presi-

ent Pat Rousseau said in a ra-

The (management) team we

re putting together and the

ork we expect them to do as a

nit over the next 12 to 18

onth period should turn

rings around when we go over-

The appointments will be

rade before the home series

gainst Zimbabwe, starting

The West Indies have lost all

0 Tests and 14 of their 15 one-

ay internationals in their past

iree series overseas. That con-

asts with one Test series ce-

at at home, against Australia

Meanwhile, Curtly Ambrose

arned that unless Caribbean

itches were prepared differ-

atly, the West Indies' perfor-

sance on tours would not im-

rove. He said: "Some pitches

re too friendly. When our

atsmen bat on flat, slow

itches in regional tourna-

ents and believe they are ady, they find conditions

verseas totally different and

me find it hard to cope.'

India down

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est 50 in Test cricket after

aying seven Tests and 13 in-

Or for that matter, Kapil

imself had his first four-

icket haul in an innings after

ie same number of Tests. The

ss said about the bowling and

re fielding the better. Let us be

ank about one fact. As Jayant

ele, Kapil Dev and Tendulkar

eep fighting over the likes of

zhar, Ajay Jadeja and Mongia,

ie substitutes have failed to

rove that they have the talent

als rut? Former cricketer-

irned-commentator Arun Lal

as a simple answer. "Let it be

nown that for games we lose,

re players will not be paid

ratch fees. You will immedi-

tely see a rise in the level of

Former selector Samabaran

lannerjee is of the opinion that

he team is not being chosen

roperly. "We did away with

est one-day opening combina-

on that we had. We destroyed

he combination between

lachin and Sauray. Out of every

hree matches, they provided a

olid start in one. All our oppo-

ients were wary about this

lowlers should be told that

some runs are expected of them.

n the present Australian series,

nly Kumble had placed a price

in his wicket. The rest just

noney even if the team loses all

Iso put in another clause here.

hat is of not allowing two

players to share the sponsor-

hip of one particular company

r organisation. That will be

nough to stop one WorldTel

player promoting the other or

me Kingfisher-man helping

nother one out. Unless that is

lone factionalism and

avouritism will exist in Indian

ricket. And the paying public

All lose their money support-

ng a team of selfish individu-

"And it is high time that our

But can India come out of

replace them.

erformance.

ombination.

ame and went."

1 1995, in the past 26 years.

eas," Rousseau said.

BRIDGETOWN, Jan 29

elbourne Cricket Ground.

41-minute innings.

his season's final.

ist a day to go.

verseas tours.

io interview.

larch 16.

atured 14 fours and a six.

spectable total. Olonga claimed his first vic-Trailing by 426 on first intim in the fifth over when he ings after being bowled out for trapped Nick Knight for five. ist 84. NSW gave themselves a Two balls later, he had Graeme rong chance of forcing a draw Hick caught behind for a duck reaching 333 for three at the by wicketkeeper Andy Flower. ose on the third day, still 93 The Zambian-born fast

ans behind with a day to go. bowler then took a wicket in Matthew Phelps and Corey each of the 11th, 13th and 15th ichards shared a partnership overs, when he had Vikram 195 before Richards, whose Solanki caught by Murray 11 included 15 fours, was Goodwin at point for 14, yorked apped leg before wicket by aniel Marsh. Nasser Hussain off the edge for 15 and induced Chris Adams, Phelps reached his maiden on one, to steer a delivery to rst-class hundred after tea

Johnon at second slip. That left England floundering on 47 for five, and an over later they were 47 for six when swing bowler John Rennie had Mark Alleyne caught behind for

29: Zimbabwe

paceman Henry

Olonga sent

England to a hefty

104-run one-day

defeat on Friday,

reports Reuters.

Olonga ripped through the

top five in the England batting

order and finished with a per-

sonal best six for 19 - the finest

figures by a Zimbabwean in the

overs in a forlorn attempt to

Zimbabwe opener Neil

Johnson narrowly missed scor-

ing his country's first one-day

century against England, but

his 97 guided them to a re-

beat Zimbabwe's 211 for seven.

England fell for 107 off 34.2

limited overs format.

Six overs after that England's dismal performance reached a new low when Mark Ealham was nonsensically run out for two by Heath Streak from the square leg boundary in attempting to take a third run. Queensland were eventually

The rest of England's batsowled out for 455, giving them men held on for 13 more overs, lead of 233 on first innings with Chris Read making Engnd earning the two points land's top score of 23 before he was last out after heaving the uarantee them the right to host second ball of Olonga's second spell to Guy Whittall at deep

Johnson's 97, the highest score in one-day internationals at Newlands, punctuated an otherwise lacklustre Zimbabwe batting display.

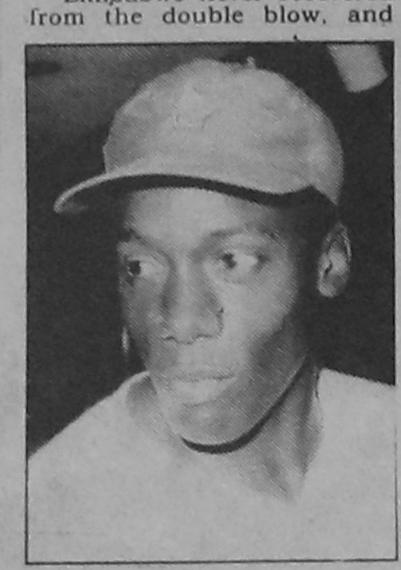
He faced 131 balls and hit five fours and a six before pulling a ball from medium

CAPE TOWN, Jan pacer Ealham to deep square leg, where Hick took a fine run-

ning catch. The tall left-hander and Grant Flower put on 56 for the first wicket, but Flower, on 23. skied a ball from medium pacer Alleyne to Hick at backward

square leg in the 11th over. Four balls later and with the total unchanged, Alleyne sprinted from his fielding position at mid-off to mid-on to collect Johnson's drive and run Alistair Campbell out for a duck with a direct hit at the striker's

Zimbabwe never recovered



OLNOGA ... m-o-m

Johnson's composed performance was the sole reason they managed to post a respectable total at a ground where batting after dark is made more difficult by the ball's exaggerated movement through the air.

The result left Zimbabwe and England level on points behind South Africa in the trlangular tournament. Zimbabwe have a game in hand. England and Zimbabwe meet

again in Kimberley on Sunday. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the one-day triangular series match between Zimbabwe and England

at Newlands on Friday: ZIMBABWE Johnson c Hick b Ealham G Flower c Hick b Alleyne

Campbell run out (Alleyne)

Henry humiliates England Goodwin e Read b Hick A Flower c Solanki b Caddick Carlisle c Alleyne b Gough G Whittall not out Streak b White J Rennie not out Extras: (lb-4; w-3; nb-1) Total: (For seven wickets in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-56; 2-56; 3 111; 4-151; 5-163; 6-181; 7-210 Did not bat: A Whittall, H Bowler Gough 30 Caddick

35 Ealham Alleyne Hick 0 45 White ENGLAND

Hussain b Olonga Knight Ibw b Olonga Hick c A Flower b Olonga Solanki c Goodwin b Olonga 1 Adams c Johnson b Olonga Alleyne c A Flower b Rennie White c Campbell b Johnson 18 Ealham run out (Streak) Read c Whittall b Olonga Gough c Carlisle b A Whittall Caddick not out Extras: (b-4; lb-1; w-13) Total: (All out in 34.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-11; 3-

37; 4-42; 5-47; 6-47; 7-63; 8-73; Bowler Olonga Rennie Streak Johnson G Whittall A Whittall Result: Zimbabwe won by

104 runs Man-of-the-match: Henry Olonga (Zimbabwe).

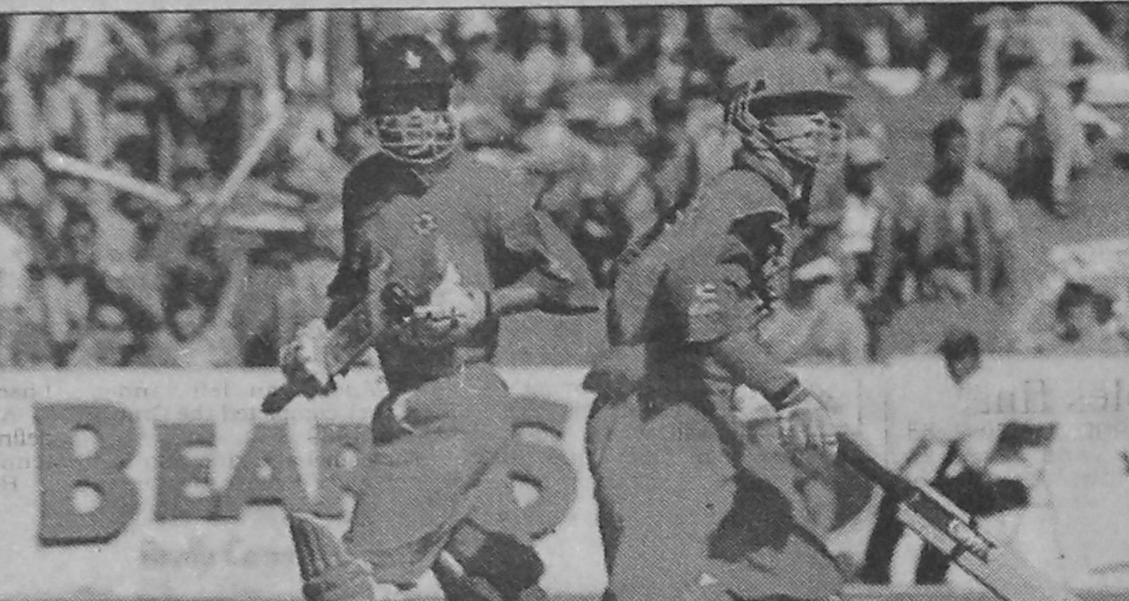
STANDINGS

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babwe, Kimberley. Feb 2: South Africa v Zimbabwe, Durban (d/n). Feb 4: South Africa v England, East London. Feb 6: South Africa v Zim-

babwe, Port Elizabeth (d/n). Feb 9: England v Zimbabwe, Centurion (d/n). Feb 12: Final (reserve day

13th), Johannesburg (d/n).



Zimbabwe opener Neil Johnson (R) and Andy Flower keep their eyes on the ball while taking a single in their match against England in Cape Town on January 28. -AFP photo

Primera Liga preview

Barca's chance to go atop



BARCELONA, an 29 (Reuters/Internet): Barcelona make the short trip up Montjuic to face Espanyol on Saturday with the Spanish league leadership

in their sights for the first time since October. Louis van Gaal's side have

been playing catch-up in the league title race ever since a run of four successive defeats in a bleak period in November allowed cu rent leaders Deportivo Coruna to break clear. Fourteen points from their

last six games have seen Barca close back to within three of the leaders, however. And with Deportivo not in

action until Sunday, victory in Saturday's match (kick-off 2000 GMT) will take Barcelona back to the top of the table, at least for 24 hours. Barca hopes of getting the

win the need will be boosted by the ret rn of Patrick Kluivert, who is available after serving a five-ma ch suspension.

The Dutch international is set to hook up once again with Rivaldo and Luis Figo in a three-man forward line that should prove too strong for Espanyol, despite their decent run of late.

Espanyol coach Paco Flores, who has guided his side to two successive victories since taking over from Miguel Angel True words by both. The | Brindisi, is convinced his side players are now assured of their will be taking on the eventual leag : champions on Saturday, is matches. The BCCI should | alth igh he remains confident his de can make it a hat-trick of was.

Sarcelona will win the league and they'll win it by a long way." Flores predicted on the eve of the derby. "We'll beat them on Satur-

day, of course, but they'll still turn out to be the champions." Other matches being played this weekend (league positions in parentheses, kick-off 1600

GMT unless stated): SATURDAY: CELTA VIGO (4) v ATLETICO

MADRID (15) 2000 GMT

Celta are still struggling for the form that had them earmarked as potential champions earlier in the season but they have carved out two successive wins, against Oviedo and Sevilla despite playing poorly and they should be able to add a third here.

Atletico will be without their talisman Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, who was banned for two games following an off-the-ball incident in his side's 1-1 draw with Real Sociedad last week-

ALAVES (6) v VALENCIA (11) Alaves, sitting pretty in a European place, will relish the chance to deal another blow to Valencia, who are enduring a miserable league run. Hector Cuper's side have taken just three points from their last five games and will need to show a major upturn in form if they are to take something from this

REAL BETIS (14) v MALAGA Betis coach Carlos Griguol

admits anything less than a victory could cost him his job. His hopes of getting that win could be hit by the return of Malaga striker Catanha, who already has 15 league goals to his name this season.

NUMANCIA (10) V REAL MALLORCA (9) Numancia's solid start to the season has been based on an unbeaten home record, bringing the club five wins and five draws from 10 games at Los Pajaritos. Mallorca, fortunate

winners over Rayo Vallecano last week thanks to a disputed lastminute penalty, will be strengthened by the return of goalkeeper Mono Burgos following a 11-match suspension. RACING SANTANDER (18) v

REAL OVIEDO (17) Racing may have the league's leading scorer in their ranks in Salva Ballesta but they continue to look like relegation candidates as they keep throw-

ing away points. Against Oviedo they cannot afford to show the same profligacy in front of goal as in last week's 1-0 defeat to Barcelona when they missed a stack of chances to get something from the game. REAL MADRID (7) v ATH-

LETIC BILBAO (5) (1830 GMT) Real are suffering a renewed injury crisis after a costly 2-1 win over Real Betis in midweek, which saw Brazilians Savio Bortolini and Julio Cesar join the long-term casualty list. They will welcome the return of Fernando Hierro and Raul Gonzalez, however, following their

run-out with the national team. Bilbao were unlucky to be held to a 2-2 draw at the Bernabeu earlier in the season and will be confident of taking advantage of any tiredness in the Madrid ranks.

REAL SOCIEDAD (19) v

RAYO VALLECANO (8) Javier Clemente's side continue to slide down the table, although they will take some heart from a brave performance in last weekend's 1-1 draw with Atletico Madrid, a game they finished with nine men. Rayo are also slipping after their great start to the season and have now gone five away games without scoring a single point.

VALLADOLID (16) v DE-

PORTIVO CORUNA (1) Deportivo got back to winning ways last week with a 2-0 victory over Real Betis, a result that should do their confidence a world of good. Valladolid, who continue to flirt with the relega-

tion zone, will be without Brazilian midfielder Rodrigo Fabri, who was sent off in last weekend's 1-0 defeat to Athletic Bilbao. REAL ZARAGOZA (3) V GEVILLA (20)

Zaragoza will be without their suspended striker Savo Milosevic but should still be able to keep the pressure on Barca and Depor with a win against the league's basement side, who have not managed a victory away from home all

Friends become foes in battle of N Africa

LAGOS. Jan 29 (Reuters/ Internet): Tunisian defender Samir Trabelsi and Moroccan midfielder Hassan Kachloul will put friendship aside when their teams clash in the African Nations Cup on Saturday.

"We must beat Moroco so we don't take the next plane home and I look forward to giving Kachloul a hard knock," Trabelsi told Reuters on Friday. "We're friends off the pitch but enemies on it."

Tunisia, 4-2 losers to Nigeria in the opening group D game, need a win against Morocco to keep alive their hopes of remaining in the tournament. Morocco managed a slim 1-0 victory over under-rated Congo. The all-North African gaine is an eagerly awaited clash.

"I'll weave mazy runs past the Tunisian defence, including Trabelsi, to score," Kachloul, who plays for English premier league Southampton, said with a smile.

"Some of the Tunisian players are my friends but I have told them that on Saturday "Il show no mercy because Morocco need the six points."

The two countries battled to a 1-1 draw when they met in the 1978 Nations Cup in the Ghar.aian city of Kumasi. "This time it's going to be different," said Trabelsi, an experienced defender with local club Sfaxien who played for Tunisia in the 1998 World Cup.

Kachloul, who played for several clubs in France, had a brief spell with Spain's Extremaradura before joining Southampton last season. He was in Morocco's 1994 and 1998 World Cup squads.

While Trabelsi played in the match against Nigeria, Kachloul was on the Moroccan substitutes' bench against Congo.

Diego not interested in Cuban Job

HAVANA, Jan 29: Argentinian football legend Diego Maradona, undergoing rehabilitation for cocaine addiction here in Cuba, is set to kick-off the Cuban Cup Final on Sunday, reports AFP.

The 39-year-old, who arrived in Cuba 11 days ago to undergo treatment for drug addiction after spending a week in a Uruguayan clinic following a cocaine overdose a month ago. played down the rumours that the Cuban Football Federation had offered him the post of national coach.

"Am I going to kick-off the match? Well it would seem churlish to turn the invitation down," the dyed blond said standing on the steps of the clinic where he is being treated. "I will be on the pitch with the ball come kick-off time," the troubled former World Cup winner added.

Maradona, who admitted last week he faced death if he relapsed into cocaine addiction. remained coy about the rumours linking him to the Cuban job.

"I do not want to cost anybody their job and I said that to the Federation's President," said Maradona, who got into further hot water on Wednesday after an altercation with a photographer, whom he punched and whose car window he smashed.

"However, anything I do for Cuba I will do it with love and passion," he added.

Dutch Cup

Peeters strike ousts Ajax

ROTTERDAM, Jan 29: An injury-time goal by Roda JC striker Bart Peeters put defending champions Ajax Amsterdam out of the Dutch Cup in the third round on Friday, reports Reuters.

Ajax lost defender Christian Chivu in the 64th minute when he was sent off after two bookable offences. It was the third time this season that the 19year-old Chivu had received a red card.

On a hard and bumpy pitch Roda were the stronger and they deserved the victory. But it was not until injury time that Peeters hit the net when he deflected a Kevin van Dessel shot with his heel. In the quarterfinals Roda

will face either Utrecht or second division side Go Ahead Eagles Deventer, who play their third-round match on Sunday.



Ivory Coast's Cyrille Domoraud (L) and Pius Ndiefi of Cameroon battle for the ball during their African Nations' Cup game in the Ghanaian capital of Accra on January 28.

-Internet photo

African Nations Cup

Congo keep Super Eagles' on the ground



LAGOS, Jan 29: The Indomitable Lions of Cameroon roared, the Super Eagles of Nigeria were almost floored

and the Pharaohs of Egypt refused to be overhauled Friday on a day of African Nations Cup drama, reports AFP.

Cameroon outclassed Cote d'Ivoire 3-0 in Group A with Patrick Mboma scoring a superb goal, Nigeria could only draw 0-0 with minnows Congo in Group D and Egypt beat Senegal 1-0 in a top-of-the-table Group C showdown.

The results virtually assured Cameroon and Ghana of quarter-finals places, left Egypt needing one point to win their pool and Nigeria facing a possible struggle to reach the knockout stages.

It was a day when Cameroon confirmed they could emulate their 1984 and 1988 cup-winning teams, Egyptian striker Hossam Hassan emphasised he is the leading predator in Africa and Congo once more morked

their lowly status. CAMEROON- COTE D'IVOIRE Cote d'Ivoire made five

changes from the side surprisingly held by little Togo without threatening Cameroon, whose goals came from Raymond Kalla, Samuel Eto'o and Patrick Mboma.

The best came last with Mboma, who was guilty of astonisingly bad finishing against Ghana, rifling a 35 megoalkeeper Alain Gouamene three minutes into injury time tle. in Accra.

It was a business as usual for defensive masters Egypt, who edged ahead when Hassan avoided a flying boot to head a Mohamed Omara across goalkeeper Oumar Diallo into the

A red defensive curtain was erected after half-time in the Nigerian town of Kano and when Senegal did break through in the closing stages.

Nader al-Sayed proved unbeatable.

The Belgium-based goalkeeper conceded only one goal in 570 minutes as Egypt won the title two years ago and he kept a blank sheet against Zambia this week.

NIGERIA-CONGO

Congo, dismissed as whipping boys before the tournament began, held mighty Morocco for 84 minutes in the opening round and reduced title tre shot past veteran Ivorian favourites Nigeria to frustration long before the final whis-

Fans at Surulere Stadium in EGYPT-SENEGAL Lagos flung plastic bottles on the pitch in the closing stages after a dismal showing by the Eagles, whose build-up was marred by customary disputes

with officials over cash. Nigeria came closest to scoring in injury time when midfielder Augustine 'Jay Jay' Okocha had a shot scrambled away and Congo would have won had they possessed a clini-

cal finisher.

CAF penalises Nigeria



(Reuters/AFP/Int ernet): The Confederation of African Football (CAF) fined Nigeria 2,000 dollars

and warned that the teams' future African Nations Cup matches could be played behind closed doors, after fans unhappy with a draw against Congo rioted, reports AFP.

In a statement issued on Saturday, CAF said it had fined the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) "an amount of 2000 dollars for the unruly crowd behaviour after the Super Eagles' match against Congo Braz-

zaville" here on Friday. "CAF issues a strict warning to the public not to repeat such kind of behaviour. In the contrary, the matches concerning Nigeria will be played behind closed doors," the statement

Nigerian fans threw bottles I onto the pitch and besieged

their star-studded team's dressing room after the tournament favourites, who had won their opener against Tunisia 4-2, drew 0-0 with minnows Congo on Friday afternoon. The team were locked inside the chang-

ing-room for their own safety. - Police had to use teargas to disperse the mob who laid siege to the dressing room where the players had taken refuge. Police dispersed the irate local fans with tear gas after they smashed the window of the team bus. The fans had hurled plastic bottles onto the pitch towards the end of the match.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian squad have hit back urging the supporters to be "more civilised"

"You don't win all matches. our fans should understand that and be more cultured and civilised in how they react to our performance," team coach Jo Bonfrere said on Saturday. "We didn't go out there for a

0-0 draw. We always want to

win for our country...our fans. That we drew shouldn't make the fans be unruly," said Tijjani Babangida, a second-half substitute in Friday's match. Team captain Sunday Olisch

said: "I'm disappointed with the attitude of the fans. Why jeer us when we did not lose? Soccer is treated with almost religious devotion by many of

the West African country's 108 million people. The players said they were worried the fans may not give them support in their final Group D match against Morocco

on Thursday. "I think the fans may suoport Morocco when we play them." said defender Furo lyen-

Substitute striker Benedict Akwuegbu, who missed an easy scoring chance against Congo. added: "I won't be surprised if the fans don't show some understanding when we play Morocco."

The Nigerians now have four points from two games. Morocco, with three points, could go top of the group if they beat Tunisia on Saturday.

"Our match against Morocco will be tough and we'll try to exhibit enough mental toughness to win," said Bonfrere. "But the fans must learn to be supportive whatever situation we're in.'

The Nations Cup is being held in Lagos and Kano in Nigeria and Accra and Kumasi in Ghana.

Referee disciplined

LONDON, Jan 29: Rob Harris,

referee in charge of the English FA Cup fourth round match between Tranmere Rovers and Sunderland on January 8, has been suspended until February 29 after a breach of rules, the BBC reported on Friday, reports Reuters. Tranmere played with 11

men for a short period near the end of the game after having Clint Hill sent off. Substitute Stephen Frail went on to the pitch at the same time but none of the match officials noticed. An FA referees' commission

banned Harris as he had "less than proficiently applied the laws of the game relating to a substitution," the BBC said.

