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.... LE TEMPS - Région parisienne: Ciel
variable, avec une alternance
d'éclaircies et de passages nuageux. Il
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BUCAREST - M. Mihai Chitac, ministre de l'Intérieur roumain, a été démis jeudi de ses fonctions et remplacé par M. Doru Viorel Ursu, un juge militaire de 37 ans, dont la lère tâche "sera d'assurer l'ordre et le calme publics". Dans la nuit de jeudi à vendredi, les mineurs arrivés jeudi matin à Bucarest pour "rétablir l'ordre" contrôlaient toujours le centre de Bucarest.

SOFIA - Le Parti socialiste bulgare (PSB, ex-communiste) s'achemine vers la majorité absolue pour les lères élections libres en Bulgarie depuis 44 ans. Après le 1er tour dimanche dernier, le PSB dispose d'ores et déjà de 172 des 400 sièges de la future Assemblée constituante et est en tête dans une cinquantaine des 81 circonscriptions en ballottage.

BERLIN-EST - La police est-allemande a arrêté dans la nuit de jeudi à vendredi 4 nouveaux terroristes présumés ouest-allemands, ce qui porte à 6 le nombre d'arrestations de ce type en l'espace de 10 jours, a rapporté l'agence ADN citant le ministre est-allemand de l'Intérieur Peter-Michael Diestel.

VIENNE - Les 16 pays de l'OTAN et les 7 pays du Pacte de Varsovie se sont mis d'accord jeudi sur un plafond et des définitions communes concernant les chars et les véhicules blindés de combat, relançant ainsi la conférence de Vienne sur le désarmement conventionnel en Europe (CFE), bloquée depuis quelques mois par l'URSS à cause de la question allemande.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

HERALD TRIBUNE: France backs Pöhl's two-speed approach

PARIS - "The head of the French central bank said Thursday that certain members of the EC experiencing economic problems could be allowed to come gradually under the central powers called for in the proposed European monetary union. In calling for a 'transition period' for some countries to come under the full force of monetary union, Jacques de Larosière, governor of the Bank of France, appeared to line up philosophically with Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the West German Bundesbank, and in opposition to Britain's desire for all 12 countries to come under monetary union simultaneously, if at all. However, unlike Mr. Pöhl, who singled out France, Germany and the Benelux countries as a core group that could initiate monetary union, Mr. de Larosière would not indicate which countries should be placed on the fast track."

AELE/EC

LA TRIBUNE: L'AELE s'interroge sur ses rapports avec la CEE

GÖTEBORG - "L'Association européenne de libre-échange a fêté hier ses 30 ans d'existence, le regard fixé sur le 20 juin prochain, qui marquera un rendez-vous décisif: le début des négociations avec la CEE sur la création d'un 'espace économique européen'. Les chefs de gouvernement des 6 pays de l'AELE ont posé, lors du sommet tenu jeudi à Göteborg, une condition à la CEE: ils exigent, en cas d'accord, de participer aux décisions de la Communauté. Jacques Delors, président de la Commission de Bruxelles, ne l'entend pas de cette oreille. Venu souhaiter un bon anniversaire aux 6 chefs de gouvernement (Autriche, Finlande, Islande, Suède, Norvège et Suisse), il leur a rappelé 'qu'il n'y a qu'une seule voie si vous voulez y exercer une influence, c'est de demander le ticket d'entrée dans la Communauté.'"

EC/EAST GERMANY

FINANCIAL TIMES: EC calls for customs union with E. Germany

BRUSSELS/THE HAGUE - "The European Commission yesterday proposed that a de facto customs union should be set up with East Germany to safeguard the EC's external frontier after July 1. It suggested a reciprocal arrangement should be established as soon as possible, under which East Germany would agree not to levy any duties on EC goods and, in return, the Community would give free access to East German goods... Mrs. Christiane Scrivener, the EC commissioner for fiscal and customs matters, said the proposal marked the first time that the Community had become directly involved in the process of putting the 2 Germanys back together."

REUTER: East Germany set to adopt EC farm policies

BRUSSELS - "East Germany will introduce farm policies matching those of the EC, including measures to support prices, under a deal reached on Thursday. The agreement, approved by the EC's executive Commission, smooths the way for the Common Agricultural Policy to be applied to East Germany after unification with West Germany... This means that from July 1 East Germany will offer its farmers prices for their produce equivalent to the EC's intervention prices - its main method of market support."

OECD ECONOMIES

The Netherlands

REUTER: Far-reaching antipollution plan unveiled

THE HAGUE - "The Netherlands launched a multi-billion-dollar anti-pollution plan on Thursday just over a year after a first attempt brought down the government. 'We have put forward a coherent plan which is the most far-reaching in the whole world', Environment Minister Hans Alder told a news conference. 'This sets the pace for efforts to arrive at common European standards'. The plan, devised by the centre-left government which took office last November, aims to double annual spending on the environment to 16bn guilders (\$8.4bn) by 1994."

New Zealand

FINANCIAL TIMES: Telephone utility sold to US regional companies

NEW YORK/LONDON - "The New Zealand government is to sell Telecom Corporation of New Zealand, the country's main telephone utility, for NZ\$4.25bn (US\$2.4bn) to a consortium headed by Bell Atlantic and Ameritech, 2 of the big US regional telephone companies... The disposal is also New Zealand's largest privatisation yet, raising NZ\$1bn more than had been expected there. Mr. David Caygill, Finance minister, described it yesterday as 'the sale of the century'. The high price reflects the fact that the world telecommunications industry is in the throes of restructuring itself on global rather than national lines in response to deregulation."

France

FINANCIAL TIMES: CGE takes majority stake in N-plant company

PARIS - "Compagnie Générale d'Electricité (CGE), the privately-owned telecommunications and engineering group, yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the French government by taking majority control of Framatome, France's supplier of nuclear power stations. The deal, agreed in principle last February but not carried out until yesterday, is a direct challenge to President François Mitterrand, who said at the end of last week that Framatome should stay in the public sector. Framatome is strategically sensitive as the sole supplier of nuclear power stations in France. Eighty per cent of electricity in France comes from nuclear power, more than any country in the world... CGE has lifted its holding in Framatome from 40 to 52% by taking the 12% stake held by Dumez, the French construction group, in a complex share exchange."

LES ECHOS: Hausse des prix de 0,2% en mai

"Bonnes nouvelles sur le front des prix... L'indice du mois de mai est bon. Selon le chiffre provisoire que l'INSEE a publié hier, les prix à la consommation n'ont en effet augmenté que de 0,2%. Un bon chiffre qui survient après le 0,4%, moins satisfaisant, du mois d'avril. Sur 12 mois, le rythme de la hausse des prix en glissement atteint 3%, contre 3,2% en avril et 3,6% à la fin de 1989: 'C'est le meilleur chiffre enregistré depuis novembre 1988', a souligné Pierre Bérégovoy au cours de son point

de presse hebdomadaire."

United Kingdom

THE GUARDIAN: Parkinson rejects £2bn plan to save tunnel link

"The Transport Secretary, Cecil Parkinson, yesterday provoked outrage from MPs and environmental pressure groups as he tried to keep alive the prospect of a controversial Channel tunnel rail link while formally rejecting a £3.5bn proposal from the Eurorail consortium. In a move which represents a humiliating blow to the government's policy of persuading the private sector to put up funds for infrastructure projects, he told the Commons that the government would not meet the consortium's demands for public subsidy. It emerged yesterday that the cash-strapped group was asking for a package involving up to £2bn."

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