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.... LE TEMPS - Région parisienne: Ce matin
ciel nuageux mais au fil des heures les
éclaircies deviendront de plus en plus
fréquentes. 23°.

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HOUSTON - Les 7 pays les plus industrialisés du monde occidental (G7) entament lundi à Houston (Texas) leur 16ème sommet annuel qui devrait être consacré essentiellement aux négociations commerciales de l'Uruguay Round, à l'aide économique à négociations commerciales de l'Uruguay Round, à l'Est et au Tiers-Monde et aux changements en Europe de l'Est.

TIRANA - Quatre mille à cinq mille Albanais réfugiés dans les ambassades européennes de Tirana attendaient toujours dimanche un départ vers l'étranger désormais accepté par les autorités albanaises mais dont les modalités ont été tout le week-end au centre d'intenses tractations diplomatiques.

ROME - La RFA a enlevé pour la 3ème fois la coupe du monde de football en battant, dimanche soir à Rome, l'Argentine, tenante du titre, sur le score de un à zéro.

GROUP OF SEVEN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

THE GUARDIAN: Farm policy may spark summit clash

HOUSTON - "The United States and the European Community appeared to be on a collision course yesterday over farm subsidies as leaders of the 7 main industrialised nations gathered for the 16th World Economic Summit. While the US has been saying that 4 years of trade-liberalisation talks would be jeopardised if the EC fails to scale down its subsidies, Brussels has shown no willingness to do so. The vice-president of the European Commission, Frans Andriessen, called at the weekend for more understanding of the Common Agricultural Policy, and said there was no question of it being scrapped. The EC had 4 times as many farmers as the US on a quarter of the acreage, he added."

TIMES: Thatcher to bridge Houston gap

HOUSTON - "With the Houston economic summit of the world's 7 richest nations heading for deadlock over agricultural subsidies, Margaret Thatcher is trying to bridge the gap between President Bush and the European Community. As the keenest advocate of an outward-looking, free-trading EC, the Prime minister is prepared to urge the other European leaders at the summit to move some way to meet US demands for a sharp cutback in export subsidies."

HERALD TRIBUNE: US tells Kaifu it won't block China aid

HOUSTON - "President George Bush has told Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu that the administration will not oppose Japanese plans to resume its multibillion-dollar program of aid to China. But he urged Mr. Kaifu to slow down the aid plan and limit its scope. Mr. Bush's meeting Saturday with Mr. Kaifu, coming a day after the NATO summit meeting at which the alliance declared it no longer viewed Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union as adversaries, reflected the approach the US intends to adopt at the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations that begins today. Administration officials said that while the US would encourage its industrial partners to seek changes in China and the Soviet Union, it accepted that each country must pursue its own foreign-policy objectives without interference from Washington."

CHANGING RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE

FINANCIAL TIMES: NATO offers peace declaration to Warsaw pact

LONDON/WASHINGTON - "Western leaders yesterday offered to forge a new relationship with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, formally ending decades of East-West hostility and tension. Heads of State and government of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation proposed signing a joint declaration with their former Warsaw Pact adversaries and to build a new European security framework based on a new era of friendship and co-operation. A communiqué adopted at the end of a 2-day conference of NATO leaders in London invited Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet president, and other East European leaders to a future NATO meeting."

LATIN AMERICA

HERALD TRIBUNE: Latin trade: Bush's road to Poland

WASHINGTON - "Almost out of the blue, President Bush has offered an olive branch to Latin American and Caribbean nations. And they have seized it as 'a turning point in inter-American relations'. The 3 key elements in the package: a free-trade zone, reduction or cancellation of \$12bn in US government loans to the region, and a new effort to stimulate foreign investment. A high administration official admitted that the timing, coming just before the Houston summit meeting, was no accident. Mr. Bush wanted to signal Latin leaders that they are not being forgotten in the excitement over events in Europe."

OECD ECONOMIES

United Kingdom

THE GUARDIAN: Company failures at highest level for 10 years

"Business failures in England and Wales soared to their highest level for 10 years in the first half of 1990 with small firms bearing the brunt of the government's high interest rate policy and the new uniform business rate, figures released today show. Over 11,600 firms went into liquidation or were declared bankrupt between January and June representing an increase of 30% on the same period last year, according to a survey by the credit reference and business information company Dun and Bradstreet."

France

LE FIGARO: Bernard Tapie chausse Adidas

"Bernard Tapie change de pointure. Le groupe du député de Marseille vient en effet d'avaler d'un trait Adidas, le numéro un mondial du sport, qui, avec un chiffre d'affaires de 15,7 mrds de francs, est 15 fois plus gros que lui!... Avec l'acquisition de 80% du capital d'Adidas, le groupe Tapie change complètement de dimension. Cette fois, il entre de plain-pied dans la cour des grands et vise, à l'horizon de 3 ans, 'la plus grande plus-value jamais réalisée'... Adidas, tout le monde connaît. Présente dans 118 pays, la marque aux 3 bandes réalise le plus gros de ses ventes en Allemagne (23%), aux Etats-Unis (20) et en France (13%). Mais Adidas, c'est aussi les marques Le Coq sportif, Arena et Pony."

LE NOUVEL ECONOMISTE: La démographie suit l'économie

"La démographie française se porte très bien. Avec 58.453.000 habitants, la France (DOM-TOM compris) a gagné 2,2 M d'habitants en 8 ans, (0,5% par an), beaucoup plus que les autres pays d'Europe. C'est ce que montrent les tout premiers résultats du recensement 1990 présentés par le directeur de l'INSEE, M. Jean-Claude Milleron... Le gain est dû pour 1,8 M de personnes à 'l'excédent naturel', surplus des naissances par rapport aux décès. Le solde de 400.000 habitants entre ces 2 chiffres est dû, selon M. Milleron, à la fois à une meilleure qualité des opérations de recensement et au solde des flux migratoires des Français et des étrangers."

France/Allemagne - Nucléaire

LE FIGARO: RFA: 10 mrds de contrats pour la Cogema

"Très beau succès pour le nucléaire français. La Cogema a annoncé hier la signature d'une nouvelle série de contrats de retraitement avec les compagnies d'électricité d'Allemagne fédérale. Ces contrats prendront la suite de la lère vague, conclue dans les années 1977-78. Ils portent sur environ 2.000 tonnes d'uranium-combustible et représentent, en valeur d'aujourd'hui, une commande d'environ 10 mrds de francs... Les 11 sociétés ouest-allemandes qui viennent de signer ces contrats avec le groupe français feront retraiter à La Hague le combustible déchargé de leurs 15

centrales à eau légère avant l'an 2006."

United States

TIME: Getting farmers off the dole

"... The average full-time US farmer boasts a net worth of \$1,016,000 and annual income of \$168,000 - thanks in large part to federal handouts. These averages are somewhat distorted by the high incomes and wealth of a few thousand huge growers. But farm-subsidy payments, which totaled about \$20bn last year, are equally skewed. Most small farmers receive few if any federal payments, 40% of which flow to the wealthiest 60,000 at a cost to the average US family of about \$500 a year in taxes and federally boosted food prices. Few domestic programs have attracted more criticism - or a more ferocious defense - as White House and congressional negotiators try to assemble a \$ 50bn package of new taxes and spending cuts to reduce the federal deficit."

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