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.... LE TEMPS - Région parisienne: Ciel
généralement variable avec de belles
éclaircies. Vent d'est faible. 15'.

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REUTER - WORLD NEWS SUMMARY

JERUSALEM - Leaders of the Palestinian revolt have ordered the killing of all Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories after police shot dead at least 19 Arabs in the bloodiest civil unrest for 23 years. In WASHINGTON, the United States implicitly criticised Israel's handling of the civil unrest and urged Israeli authorities to use restraint in handling disturbances.

MOSCOW - President Mikhail Gorbachev, warning the Soviet Union could disintegrate into Lebanon-style chaos, urged his Communist Party to stand firm against separatism in the country's restive republics.

TOKYO - A Tokyo court handed down a 2-year jail sentence, suspended for 3 years, to the former chairman of Japanese telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp for his involvement in the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal.

OCDE DANS LA PRESSE

LA LETTRE DIPLOMATIQUE: Entretien avec Jean-Claude Paye

PARIS - "... L'OCDE est principalement une constellation de comités, composés de représentants des gouvernements, de hauts fonctionnaires spécialistes d'un domaine particulier de la politique économique de leur pays, qui se réunissent ensemble pour discuter de leurs problèmes, avec l'aide du Secrétariat... C'est donc une sorte de club de réflexion où chacun est invité à se pencher sur les améliorations qu'il pourrait apporter à la politique économique de son pays... Aujourd'hui on commence à disputer l'éventuelle accession de certains 'Dragons' du Sud-Est asiatique ou de tel ou tel pays de l'Europe de l'Est."

FINANCIAL TIMES: OECD tries to boost Uruguay Round talks

"The world's trading nations must redouble their efforts to reach a substantial package of agreements in the faltering Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the OECD said. In a rare statement following a special session of its executive council, the OECD warned: ... 'At a time when the uncertainties generated by the Gulf crisis are affecting world economic prospects, it is vital that all participants, and the OECD countries in particular, should be ready to make the requisite moves to complete the round', the statement said... 'What are incorrectly termed 'negotiating concessions' are in fact steps forward to a stronger and more prosperous world economy', the statement said."

HERALD TRIBUNE: Current oil supply sufficient says IEA

LONDON - "With oil-producing countries and refineries running at peak levels, there is no critical shortage of oil supply now, the IEA's executive director said Monday. But Helga Steeg, the IEA director, told a conference on the Gulf crisis that if there were a very severe winter or an industrial accident 'we may well run into shortages at the end of the year'. Her comments came as oil rose back above \$38 a barrel... Ms. Steeg rejected a suggestion of direct cooperation between oil producers and consumers... Ms. Steeg said any attempt by producers and consumers to devise a price formula would not work. She also opposed intervention in the oil markets if prices went too high or too low."

LA CRISE DU GOLFE

AFP: La CEE aide les pays victimes

LUXEMBOURG - "Les ministres des Finances de la CEE ont voté lundi soir une rallonge budgétaire de 500 millions d'écus (516 millions de dollars),

pour aider l'an prochain la Turquie, la Jordanie et l'Egypte à appliquer l'embargo contre l'Irak, a-t-on appris de sources diplomatiques. Cette enveloppe s'ajoutera à des contributions individuelles des 12 pays de la CEE d'un montant total d'un milliard d'écus (1,2 milliards de dollars)."

HERALD TRIBUNE: Iran applies embargo, won't join US troops

PARIS - "The President of Iran, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said his country is strictly applying a United Nations embargo against neighboring Iraq but, in an interview published Monday, he opposed Iranian participation in the international military force in the Gulf... He told an interviewer, from LE MONDE, 'You surely do not imagine that our troops would fight in the same trenches as the Americans, above all in Arabia, which gave Baghdad massive aid during the atrocious conflict that Saddam Hussein imposed on us for 8 years'. But he said Iran would closely guard its border with Iraq and strongly oppose any territorial concession to the Iraqis in occupied Kuwait, as an inducement to its withdrawal."

EC MONETARY UNION

FINANCIAL TIMES: Sterling: Caution replaces euphoria on markets

LONDON - "... A spectacular start to trading, marking the first full session after Britain's entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, gave way to caution yesterday as markets reassessed the effect of entry on economic fundamentals in the UK... Yesterday's trading on financial markets began with fireworks. The start of frenetic trading saw the FT-SE 100 share index surge 134.7 points, or more than 6%... The pound opened at about DM3.05 in hectic activity, reflecting early gains in the Far East after its pre-weekend jump to DM3.0125 from DM2.93 during Friday... The pound closed at DM3.03 in London, about 2 pfennigs below its early highs."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: EC Ministers near accord

LUXEMBOURG - "EC Finance ministers appear to be heading toward a compromise on economic and monetary union. The compromise would delay the start of a new treaty and set tough conditions for the move toward a single currency. At a meeting here, a growing number of ministers expressed support for a Dutch proposal setting Jan. 1, 1994 as the beginning of 'stage two' of monetary union, subject to several 'objective criteria'... Entry of all EC countries into full membership of the European Monetary System was one of those conditions."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Portugal won't be rushed into ERM

LISBON - "Bank of Portugal Gov. Jose Tavares Moreira said Portugal won't be rushed into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System despite Britain's entry... Of EC members, only Portugal and Greece remain outside the ERM. Mr. Tavares Moreira said lowering the 13% inflation rate remains Lisbon's top economic priority."

SIDERURGIE

LE FIGARO: Baisse de la consommation mondiale

"Les difficultés économiques de l'Union Soviétique et des pays de l'Est pèsent sur la consommation mondiale d'acier. Celle-ci devrait baisser de près de 1% cette année et à nouveau en 1991, estime l'International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI), ajoutant qu'il s'agissait d'une hypothèse optimiste tenant compte d'un règlement pacifique et rapide de la crise du Golfe... La consommation d'acier d'Union Soviétique et d'Europe de l'Est sera en recul de 3,3% cette année... Le dynamisme des économies occidentales, qui devraient consommer un montant record de 497 millions de tonnes (+0,5%), en dépit des conséquences de la hausse des prix du pétrole, ne suffira pas à tirer la demande mondiale vers le haut."

OECD ECONOMIES

United States

REUTER: Congressional leaders announce compromise on US budget

WASHINGTON - "President George Bush and bipartisan congressional leaders have struck a deal that would avert a full-fledged interruption in US government services on Tuesday. Senate Majority leader George Mitchell said late on Monday the compromise would fund government operations, which

were shut down Saturday, until October 19, when Congress aims to complete work on a 5-year, 500-billion-dollar deficit reduction plan... Minutes after announcement of the compromise, the Senate passed a stopgap spending measure that would fund government operations until October 19 and sent it back to the house for final action."

Germany

FINANCIAL TIMES: Germany signs treaty to clean polluted Elbe

"Germany yesterday signed its first international treaty since unification last week, agreeing with neighbouring Czechoslovakia to clean up the Elbe river... Highly pollutant industries in Czechoslovakia and what was East Germany dumped 160 tonnes of mercury, cadmium and lead into the river each year."

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