

.... October 16 Octobre 1990

.... LE TEMPS - Région parisienne: Soleil  
radieux et ciel bien dégagé.  
Température exceptionnelle: 23'.

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AFP: LE MONDE EN BREF

OSLO - Le Président de l'Union Soviétique, Mikhaïl Gorbatchev, a reçu lundi le Prix Nobel de la Paix 1990 pour "son rôle de 1er plan dans le processus de paix qui caractérise aujourd'hui d'importants domaines de la communauté internationale", a estimé le Comité Nobel norvégien.

NEW YORK (Nations Unies) - L'Ambassadeur israélien à l'ONU, M. Johanan Bein, a réitéré lundi auprès du Secrétaire Général de l'ONU, M. Javier Perez de Cuellar, le refus de son gouvernement de recevoir une mission d'enquête du Conseil de sécurité sur les incidents de Jérusalem, ayant fait 21 morts parmi les Palestiniens.

BEYROUTH - Le ministre libanais des Ressources hydrauliques et électriques, M. Nabih Berri, chef du mouvement chiite Amal, a affirmé lundi que son gouvernement a "décidé d'interdire" au général Michel Aoun de quitter le Liban. Le Président François Mitterrand a souligné lundi que le général Aoun "s'est réfugié à l'Ambassade de France, a demandé l'asile politique à la France et la France le lui a accordé", et que sa sécurité "est une question d'honneur" pour la France.

BUDAPEST - Les libéraux de l'alliance des démocrates libres, principal parti d'opposition, et les Jeunes démocrates (Fidesz) ont obtenu la majorité des sièges dans les Assemblées autonomes des grandes villes hongroises.

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GATT: SUBVENTIONS AGRICOLES

LES ECHOS: USA et CEE toujours éloignés

"... Hier Washington, dans ce qui peut apparaître comme un petit pas vers Bruxelles, a proposé au GATT un nouveau plan qui prévoit une réduction de 75% des soutiens internes et de 90% des subventions à l'exportation en 10 ans. Cette offre est en retrait par rapport aux revendications américaines initiales qui demandaient l'élimination de tous les soutiens à l'agriculture en 5 ans."

FINANCIAL TIMES: US wins support on farm subsidies

GENEVA - "Twelve leading farm-produce exporting nations yesterday lined up behind the US in asking for slashing cuts in subsidies for agricultural products. A 13th country, Canada, called for the elimination of export subsidies but took a more moderate line towards reductions in internal support... Like the US, the 12 wanted all non-tariff border barriers converted into tariff equivalents and reduced by no less than 75%, ending with a maximum customs duty of 50% on any product at the end of the 10 years."

EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM

THE GUARDIAN: Pöhl says sterling risks rocking EMS

BONN - "Sterling's entry into the Exchange Rate Mechanism of the European Monetary System could destabilise the EMS and lead to high unemployment in Britain unless employers and unions agree on low wage settlements, Karl-Otto Pöhl, president of the German Bundesbank, warned yesterday. He told a Federation of German Industry symposium: 'Britain's access to the EMS was welcomed by us. We realise that life will not become easier for the Bundesbank because we have another elephant in our boat and it might start to rock more quickly because of this'... Mr. Pöhl voiced his dislike of the wide margin of fluctuation in the exchange rate - plus or minus 6% - chosen by John Major."

AFP: Poehl pour une participation de l'Autriche ou de la Suède

BONN - "Le Président de la Bundesbank Karl Otto Poehl s'est déclaré favorable à une participation dans le Système Monétaire Européen, sous forme d'adhésion ou d'association, de pays comme l'Autriche, la Suède ou la Norvège. M. Poehl s'est demandé pourquoi l'Autriche, 'un pays très conscient de la nécessité d'une politique de stabilité', n'était pas membre du SME, alors que d'autres pays de la CEE n'ont pas entrepris les efforts d'ajustement nécessaires."

#### AIR TRANSPORT

HERALD TRIBUNE: UAL orders \$22bn of Boeing Aircraft

CHICAGO - "UAL Corp. said Monday its United Airlines subsidiary placed a record aircraft order with Boeing Co. worth more than \$22bn for 128 widebody jets... The order virtually ensured the go-ahead by Boeing on development of a new widebody, the 777, that would put it in competition with models from McDonnell Douglas Corp. of the United States and Airbus Industrie, the European consortium. United placed firm orders for 34 Boeing 777s and 30 Boeing 747-400s, and took options on 34 777s and 30 747-400s, UAL said."

#### OECD ECONOMIES

Greece

HERALD TRIBUNE: Defying the odds, Conservatives win in Athens

ATHENS - "The conservative government of Greece scored an important victory in local elections on Monday, defying predictions of a heavy defeat because of its austerity program and cutbacks in public spending... The politically important post of mayor of Athens was won by Antonis Tritsis, 53, who was allied with conservatives for the local elections. Mr. Tritsis was minister of the Environment in the government of former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou but was expelled from the Panhellenic Socialist Movement 2 years ago... In the second-largest city, Salonika, the conservative candidate was the leader with a substantial margin."

Japan

HERALD TRIBUNE: Rising oil prices trim trade surplus

TOKYO - "Robust domestic demand and higher oil prices helped to trim Japan's trade surplus by 3.9% in September, and economists expect the trend to continue in coming months. Japan's unadjusted trade surplus shrank to \$6.9bn from \$7.19bn in September 1989, the Ministry of Finance said Monday... Imports climbed 10.3%, to \$18.89bn, from \$17.13bn a year earlier."

New Zealand

FINANCIAL TIMES: Inflation rate buoys Labour

WELLINGTON - "The New Zealand Labour government, fighting to avoid defeat in the October 27 election, was buoyed yesterday by figures that show inflation has fallen to 5% and a public opinion poll showing that Labour has cut the lead of the National Party opposition by 11 points... The cost of living index for the September quarter rose only 1 point, the lowest for 15 months."

Canada

FINANCIAL POST: Jobless rate climbs to 3-year peak

OTTAWA - "Canada's jobless rate continued to climb in September, reaching its highest level in 3 years, Statistics Canada said Friday. The unemployment rate hit 8.4% on a seasonally adjusted basis, up from 8.3% in August. It was the unemployment rate's fourth jump in the past 5 months and was the highest jobless level since September 1987. The announcement came only days after the federally funded Economic Council of Canada took the government to task for its single-minded fight against inflation at the expense of Canadian jobs."

Suède

AFP: Excédent commercial de 277 M USD en septembre

STOCKHOLM - "La balance commerciale suédoise a enregistré un excédent de 1,6 mrd de couronnes suédoises ou 277 millions de dollars (1 dollar = 5,76 couronnes) en septembre, soit la moitié des 3,2 mrds de SEK enregistrés pour la même période de 1989, a annoncé lundi un communiqué de SCB, le bureau central des statistiques à Stockholm."

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