

BULLETIN

VOL III NO 02
90-01-12

NORTH ASIA - L'ASIE DU NORD

JAPAN/JAPON

- PM Kaifu's European visit will take him to Bonn, then Brussels (Jan.10), Paris (11th), London (12th), Rome (12-13th), Warsaw (14th-15th), and Budapest (15th-17th).

- Le PM Kaifu a déclaré à Berlin que le Japon voulait jouer un rôle actif sur le plan politique dans la définition d'un nouvel ordre international et qu'il souhaite renforcer la coopération triangulaire nippo-américano-européenne.

- To support socio-economic reform in Eastern Europe, Japan will provide \$US150 million to the Polish Stabilization Fund and \$US25 million in emergency food aid for Poland. Also, the Export-Import Bank of Japan will finance \$US500 million over three years to Poland and Hungary respectively. Japan intends to transfer technology and provide expertise to Hungary and Poland and accept trainees in such areas of business management and the environment.

- PM Kaifu indicated that he would be seeking support from independents in achieving a majority in the upcoming Lower House election. Meanwhile, Komeito and the Democratic Socialist Party, the two opposition parties, asked the Japanese Socialist Party for further policy concessions in discussions concerning the formation of a coalition government.

- Former Liberal Democratic Party Secretary-General Abe will visit Moscow and meet with President Gorbachev. The meeting is construed by Japan as an indication that the Soviet Union is placing a high priority on its relations with Japan.

- Le ministre des affaires étrangères Nakayama a convenu avec son homologue malais de l'importance de ne pas isoler la République Populaire de Chine.

- Japan's unadjusted trade surplus was US\$1.09 billion for the first 20 days in December, down sharply from the US\$3.59 billion surplus recorded over the same period in 1987. Imports, on a customs-cleared basis, rose 15.2% to US\$13.19 billion from US\$11.44 billion a year earlier. Exports fell by 5% from US\$15.04 billion to US\$14.28 billion.

CHINA/CHINE

- Le Premier Ministre Li Peng a annoncé la levée de la loi martiale à Pékin évoquant la stabilité de la situation en Chine et le retour à la normale de l'ordre social. Tout en qualifiant cègeste de "positif", le Canada a néanmoins fait part de son désir de voir d'autres mesures visant au respect des droits de la personne en R.P.C.

- Commenting on a report that France will sell warships to Taiwan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that China is opposed to such sales which would constitute direct interference in China's internal affairs. Reports now indicate that France has withdrawn from the sale.

- China's 48 million Party members are being forced to re-register in a massive bureaucratic exercise designed to purge those who supported last year's democracy movement.

- According to the Department of Energy Resources, the shortage of energy and key raw materials will remain a major problem for the Chinese economy in 1990 as it is expected that industrial growth will hit 6% while that of energy will be 3%.

- Spain released US\$30.3 million in export credits to China which had been suspended after the Tiananmen incident.