

thousand police officers, and arrested two for beating a suspect to death.

- A deputy governor of the People's Bank of China has promised more loans will go to the technical renovation of large- and medium-sized state enterprises in the new year.

KOREA/CORÉE

- On Dec. 31, North and South Korea initialled the Inter-Korean Agreement on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. It is to be signed by the prime ministers of both countries on Jan. 20, and is subject to ratification by both sides. It provides that neither side will test, manufacture, produce, introduce, possess, store, deploy or use nuclear weapons, nor possess nuclear reprocessing and uranium enrichment facilities, and that nuclear energy will only be used for peaceful purposes. In order to verify the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, Seoul and Pyongyang will implement inspections of installations selected by the South-North Joint Committee for Nuclear Control. This Joint Committee will be created within one month after the declaration goes into effect.

- As expected, South Korea and China signed a trade agreement on Dec. 31 granting each other most favoured nation status and removing tariffs which discriminate against some Korean goods. Trade is expected to increase in 1992 to over \$5 billion, with a surplus of \$2.5 billion for China.

- The head of South Korea's trade office in Beijing, former Korean Ambassador to Canada Roh Jae-won, predicted that aviation and investment guarantee pacts will follow in late 1992 or early 1993. Sea links have recently been enhanced with the addition of Incheon-Tianjin service five times a week, to the existing thrice-weekly service between Incheon and Qingdao/Weihai.

HONG KONG

- Fisheries and Oceans Minister John Crosbie will visit Hong Kong, Japan and England Jan. 5-17, accompanied by representatives of the fisheries industry in Atlantic Canada and British Columbia. The purposes of the trip are to promote markets for Canadian seafood, particularly underutilized species, in Hong Kong and Japan, and to address the foreign overfishing issue at a conference on boundaries sponsored by the Royal Institute on International Affairs in London. While in Hong Kong, Crosbie will promote trade and investment in Atlantic Canada, highlighting services provided by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Atlantic Canada Chinese Business Association. ACOA is emphasizing Hong Kong as a gateway to Asian and Pacific markets, and as a source of new investment for Atlantic Canada.

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