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- Secretary General Jiang Zemin has reiterated that China welcomes back Chinese students and intellectuals who "went too far in their words and deeds" last year. He said those who "joined reactionary organizations" would also be welcomed back as long as they showed repentance, broke away from these organizations and ended "subversive" activities.

- Au cours des cinq premiers mois de l'année, les exportations chinoises ont augmenté de 14%, tandis que les importations ont chuté de 16,9%. La principale cause de cette baisse que les observateurs qualifient de sérieuse serait une importante diminution des importations de biens courants de consommation, d'équipement de bureau et de véhicules automobiles.

- The Director of the Tibet Tourism Administration announced changes will be made to the rule that foreign tour groups have to be composed of at least three persons. All "groups" (including individual tourists) will now be allowed to travel to any open area in Tibet, so long as they have "arranged for comprehensive services with a travel agency officially registered in Tibet, and their entry is affirmed by the Tourism Administration of Tibet".

- Media reports from Hong Kong indicate that students in Lhasa demonstrated for independence and waved outlawed Tibetan flags. Ten student activists were taken in by the Police.

- The Chinese Government has formally stipulated fixed periods for the use rights over state-owned land by domestic or foreign users. Maximum use of land-use rights for housing is set at 70 years, that for commercial, travel and recreational business, 40 years.

- Media reports indicate foreign exchange reserves at the end of May were up US\$ 3.93 billion over the end of 1989.

- Nissan ouvrira un réseau de 36 magasins en Allemagne de l'Est. La société japonaise cherche ainsi à prendre de vitesse les autres fabricants japonais et à s'installer en Allemagne de l'Est avant l'unification monétaire prévue pour le 1er juillet prochain.

- Japan and the USA have agreed to undertake a number of measures aimed at encouraging greater use of US parts in cars built by Japanese companies, both in Japan and in the United States.

- According to the US Department of Agriculture, farm exports to Japan, the largest single market for American farm exports, are likely to increase 1.8% in fiscal 1990, to US\$ 8.3 billion.

- Le Conseil de sécurité, ce comité interministériel présidé par le Premier ministre Kaifu, s'est réuni le 19 juin pour préparer le prochain plan quinquennal d'équipement militaire. Dans son allocution d'introduction, M. Kaifu a souligné que la "situation internationale qui demeurerait toujours instable, appelait une grande vigilance".

- Former Deputy Prime Minister Kanemaru plans to visit Beijing as early as this summer. Kanemaru, a leading pro-Taiwan politician has never visited the People's Republic.

- Selon un sondage récent, la cote de popularité du Président Kaifu est en hausse et a atteint le record de 56,4%.

- In a bid to slash Taiwan's massive trade deficit with Japan, the Taiwanese Ministry of Economic Affairs has decided to regulate imports from Japan. Measures include incentives to discourage purchase of machinery from Japan and a ban on bidding by the Japanese for public works projects.

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