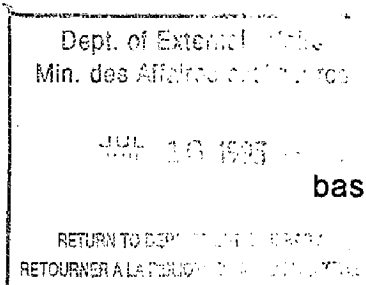


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JAPAN

- Following the Government's fall, the General Election was set for July 18th. 39 members of the LDP voted for the opposition-sponsored no-confidence motion against the Miyazawa cabinet, while another 18 did not attend the session.

- 44 members of the LDP's Hata-Ozawa Group that bolted from the party formed a new party, called the Shinsei Party (meaning new life) on the 23rd. In a separate development, 10 junior LDP members, led by Masayoshi Takemura, formed their own new party, called Sakigake (meaning pioneers) on the 21st.

- The Tokyo metropolitan assembly election campaign officially began on the 18th. Voting will take place on the 27th. 258 candidates are vying for 128 seats. The election is receiving nationwide attention since the results are expected to be a preview of the Lower House election

HONG KONG

- The Sino-British Joint Liaison Group held its 26th meeting in Hong Kong 21-23 June 1993. The Joint Liaison Group discussed various issues including the future of lands currently used for defense purposes, franchises and contracts extending beyond 1997, mutual judicial assistance in criminal matters between Hong Kong and certain countries, adaptation of laws, transitional arrangements for Hong Kong travel documents, investment protection agreements

between Hong Kong and other countries, as well as matters relating to Hong Kong's international rights and obligations. The next meeting of the Joint Liaison Group will take place at a time and place to be agreed by the two sides.

CHINA/CHINE

- The June 23 arrival of Australian PM Paul Keating in Beijing for an official four day visit was prominently reported by all official media. Keating is the first Australian PM to visit China for over four years.

- Suite à la récente annulation de 43 catégories de taxes, impôts et corvées imposés aux paysans, le gouvernement chinois se montre toujours très préoccupé par la grogne des paysans, et a annoncé cette semaine l'annulation immédiate de 37 autres fardeaux de ce genre.

- The Peoples Daily reports that in the past year, over five million cadres have attended classes organized to study how to implement a socialist market economy. Over a hundred senior party members have attended seminars presented by Hong Kong experts in finance, marketing, personnel management and real estate law.

- The Peoples Daily of June 20 briefly noted the signature in Toronto of a long-term cooperation agreement between Northern Telecom and the Chinese government. The