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NORTH ASIA - L'ASIE DU NORD

JAPAN/JAPON

- Le Japon a reconnu officiellement le nouveau gouvernement roumain et aussi laissé savoir qu'il était prêt à reconnaître le gouvernement panaméen dès qu'il obtiendra la confirmation que l'administration de M. Endara contrôle Panama.

- Tokyo's Yomiuri Shimbun reported that Japan will support the USSR's request for observer status in the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

- According to a report by a major American market research firm, Japanese semiconductor makers increased their market share in North America by 24% in 1989.

- Japan's domestic demand-led economic boom helped reduce the nation's bankruptcies to the lowest level in 17 years.

- The Japan Automobile Dealers Assoc. said that sales in 1989 rose 11.9% over the previous year to 5,561,594 units (excluding minicars), reaching an all-time high for the third consecutive year.

- Fujitsu Ltd. announced the development of a "superchip" that can perform one trillion operations per second by placing five resonant hot electron transistors (RHET) on one chip.

- The Japan Assoc. of Corporate Executives stated that drastic deregulation is required to improve the living standard in Japan.

CHINA/CHINE

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the future of Fang Lizhi, a Chinese dissident resident in the US Embassy can only be solved according to Chinese law. Under the law, Fang Lizhi and must "plead guilty immediately and mend his ways so as not to alienate himself from the people."

- A party memo terms changes in Eastern Europe as a "subversion of socialism" and holds Mr. Gorbachev responsible.

- An article in the Guangming Daily criticized "Zhao Ziyang's theory of remoulding ideological and political work in the Party". It is the first time in months that Zhao has been directly criticized.

- According to the State Statistical Bureau, despite a 13% decrease in total wage expenditures in November, wages for the first 11 months of 1989 rose 16.3% and loan payments were up 12% over the same period last year. Productivity rose only 1.5%.

- Premier Li Peng announced the establishment of a State Council Production Committee to solve key problems in production.

- The State Administration of Import and Export Commodity Inspection has announced new regulations that will grant Chinese and foreign traders the right to refute commodity inspection results and ask for re-examination.

- Trade is to be conducted between China and Poland in free foreign exchange instead of governmental barter trade. Negotiations are also underway with Hungary.

CORRECTION

China item 6 in NAB Vol.II No.52
Should read "Following normalisation of relations" not "Following reestablishment of diplomatic relations".

TAIWAN

- Taiwan a signé un accord avec le Vietnam afin d'établir une zone industrielle dans la province de Dongnai.