

Général du Parti, Jiang Zemin, mettant l'emphase sur l'importance que la Chine accorde à sa relation avec les États-Unis. Bien que la rencontre ait eu lieu le 23 février, les commentaires de Jiang n'ont été rapportés que le 10 mars.

TAIWAN/TAÏWAN

- A Recent poll indicates that 34% of people in Taiwan believe the KMT will be driven from power by the opposition DPP win in February election in Penghu Island, considered a KMT candidates would lose in election for mayors and county magistrates slated for late 1993.

- According to Taiwan government statistics, 62% of Taiwanese broke the law in 1992, and crime has risen by an annual rate of over 40% over the last three years. Of Taiwan's 16 million people over the age of 14, 10 million were either incarcerated, issued traffic tickets, fined for environmental pollution or charged with tax evasion last year. 70% of motorists were charged with traffic violations.

- Des accusations ont été portées contre 27 personnes suite à la fraude électorale lors des élections législatives de décembre à Hualien. Parmi les accusés se trouve le candidat du KMT Wei Mu-tsun qui est présentement maire de Hualien.

- Le Canada a signé une entente avec les États-Unis permettant à l'uranium canadien d'être enrichi aux États-Unis puis expédié à Taiwan pour être utilisé dans des réacteurs nucléaires. Ceci permettra à l'uranium canadien d'entrer maintenant sur le marché taiwanais.

KOREA/CORÉE

- President Kim Young Sam replaced three cabinet ministers - Justice, Construction and Health-Social Affairs - 8 March in a bid to calm the controversy over past illegal or unethical activities by some of his top government appointees. Health and Social Affairs Minister Mrs. Park Yang-Sil was dismissed as early as 08 March following suspicions that she had amassed a huge undisclosed fortune through real estate

speculation. This, along with other scandals related to other recent appointments, has led the government to decide to conduct thorough background checks on all Cabinet and other senior appointments. Kim also sacked Seoul Mayor, Kim Sang-Chul

- US and South Korean troops began 10 days of joint military exercises 09 March with a large pre-dawn mock amphibious assault near Pohang on the West Coast, as North Korea placed its entire army on full alert. The exercises are amongst the largest held anywhere involving more than 120,000 U.S. and South Korean troops.

- D'après des sources occidentales, la Chine tente maintenant de convaincre la Corée du Nord d'accepter les inspections spéciales de ces deux installations nucléaires par l'Agence Atomique Internationale, et ce avant l'échéance du 9 Mars. Entre temps, la Corée du Nord s'est maintenant retirée du Traité de non-prolifération.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING/ A VENIR 1993

- Exhibition "Selected Treasures of Canadian craft" (Taipei); February 13-March 21

- Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting (Manila); May 4-6

- CONSUMER CHINA 93 (Guangzhou); June 8-13,

- World Economic Forum: Europe/East Asia Conference (Hong Kong); October 13-15

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