**LE TEMPS - Région parisienne: Ciel assez brumeux. Ondées passagères. Il fera 18 .**

**REUTER - WORLD NEWS SUMMARY**

TBILISSI (Soviet Union) - Explosions rocked Georgia’s opposition headquarters and a government ministry as peace talks foundered and the Soviet republic plunged deeper into turmoil.

KINSHASA - Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko, ceding some power after more than a quarter of a century of autocratic rule, has asked opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi to form a crisis government.

**AFP: LE MONDE EN BREF**

BELGRADE - Les combats en Croatie ont fait au moins 24 morts au cours des dernières 24 heures et un nouveau front s’est ouvert dimanche à Bjelovar (70 km à l’est de Zagreb), ville jusqu’alors épargnée par la guerre, où des combats ont opposé militaires fédéraux et forces croates, a indiqué Radio-Zagreb.

BONN - Une manifestation anti-raciste a dégénéré dimanche dans l’est de l’Allemagne, lorsque des affrontements ont opposé des militants autonomes d’extrême-gauche à la police, alors qu’une vingtaine de nouvelles agressions contre des étrangers ont été dénombrées au cours du week-end.

SAN SALVADOR - Deux officiers de l’armée salvadorienne ont été reconnus samedi coupables de l’assassinat en 1989 de 6 jésuites et de 2 femmes, ce qui constitue une 1ère judiciaire dans ce pays, note-t-on à San Salvador.

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**COLD WAR THAW**

**WALL STREET JOURNAL: Bush announces major arms cuts**

WASHINGTON - "... In a speech from the White House Friday, Mr Bush said the US would unilaterally withdraw all US battlefield nuclear weapons from Europe and Asia and would remove all short-range nuclear arms from US sub-marines and ships. He called for Moscow to boldly match his plans and offered to open negotiations to eliminate all long-range ballistic missiles with multiple warheads. ‘It’s the most dramatic change in US nuclear force posture since we went on alert back in the early 1950s’, a senior US official told REUTER. World leaders hailed the president’s plans for as a dramatic step toward making the world a safer place. Soviet President Gorbachev welcomed the reductions but made no immediate reciprocal gesture. China, another of the world’s 5 leading nuclear powers, also welcomed Mr Bush’s initiative. In Europe, French President François Mitterrand said the 4 countries with nuclear arms in Europe will soon convene a summit on reducing their arsenals. British Defense Secretary Tom King said UK naval vessels will follow the US lead and will no longer ‘routinely’ carry tactical nuclear weapons. And German Chancellö Helmut Kohl expressed appreciation that all short-range nuclear weapons and nuclear artillery shells will be pulled from Germany."

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**L’UNION MONETAIRE EUROPEENNE**

**LES ECHOS: Schlesinger prend acte des divergences sur l’UEM**

FRANCORT - "Lors d’un séminaire organisé vendredi à Francfort, Helmut Schlesinger, le président de la Bundesbank, a dressé un véritable catalogue de conditions préalables à remplir par les Etats, avant d’entamer à l’horizon de 1996, les négociations sur la création d’une banque centrale européenne. Son fonctionnement et son rôle seraient alors calqués sur celui de la Bundesbank. Helmut Schlesinger a notamment demandé à ce que les Etats européens enco récalcitrants accordent dès à présent la pleine autonomie à leurs banques centrales et non pas seulement après la création de l’Eurofed car ‘l’indépendance a besoin d’être pratiquée’... Le patron de la Bundesbank a également rappelé que la stabilité des prix
qui doit être l’objectif prioritaire de l’Eurofed, ne peut être réalisée sans une stabilité budgétaire. ‘La création d’une banque centrale européenne implique donc aussi pour les Etats membres une certaine perte de souveraineté dans ce domaine, ce qui ne sera pas facile à accepter pour tous’, a-t-il estimé.

ROMANIA

REUTER: Romanian PM fights back, seeks early elections

BUCHAREST - "Romanian Prime Minister Petre Roman, fighting back after what he called a Communist coup bid, is pushing hard for early elections. ‘I still consider myself prime minister...’, Roman told Romanian television late on Sunday - his first appearance before the nation after 3 days of miners-led riots rocked the government to its foundations. ‘To get out of the crisis we need to change the political configuration. And this can only be done through elections’. The riots, which killed at least 2 people and injured hundreds, forced Roman to submit his resignation to President Ion Iliescu last week. But in a Sunday interview at his Bucharest villa, Roman told REUTER that Romania could not accept the results of what he said was a putsch in which rioting coalminers were used as pawns."

OECD ECONOMIES

France

HERALD TRIBUNE: Farmers jam Paris to protest imports

PARIS - "Warning that France’s rural traditions are threatened with extinction, more than 150,000 French farmers marched through the streets of Paris on Sunday to protest falling incomes and a surge of fresh competition from the new democracies in East Europe. Despite fears about the risks of violence, the huge procession marched past the Place de la Bastille in eastern Paris without serious incident... The rally dramatized the growing political pressure on France’s Socialist government to resist pleas from its European Community partners to open doors to meat and other exports from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary... EC foreign ministers are to meet in Brussels on Monday to try again to surmount French opposition to new trade concessions for East Europe that is an essential part of an offer to grant them associate membership in the Community."

Italy

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Andreotti gets backing for spending cuts

MILAN - "Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti has won the backing of his Christian Democratic Party and economics ministers in the cabinet for a 1992 budget package that should enable his government to remain in power until elections due next June. However, there was still discord over the weekend within his 4-party coalition over what precisely would be in the package... The government has to find more than 50 trillion lire ($40bn) in spending cuts and increased revenue next year to meet its target of reducing the state deficit to 128 trillion lire in 1992 from a planned 132 trillion lire this calendar year. The reluctance of ministers to accept cuts in their departments' budgets, or to impose unpopular tax increases so close to elections, brought Mr Andreotti's administration to the brink of collapse last week... The cabinet ministers with economics portfolios have agreed to a series of deficit-reducing measures that will be discussed in cabinet today, the last day permitted by law for submitting the budget to Parliament. Measures proposed include raising the cost of state-subsidized medicines to save about 4 trillion lire in spending, and limiting public-sector wage increases next year to the targeted inflation of 4.5%."
mainstream parties denounced the vote for the DVU. This extreme right-wing group first entered the Bremen parliament in 1987 with just one seat."

United Kingdom

THE GUARDIAN: Record business failures

"More than 130 businesses collapse every day in Britain as the recession continues to bite into the corporate sector, according to a report out today. The business information group, Dun & Bradstreet, found that London and the South-east have accounted for almost 40% of the 33,000 company failures so far this year. An average of 930 businesses a week were affected by bankruptcy or liquidation in the first 9 months of 1991... Dun & Bradstreet said there had been a 71% increase in business failures this year, the largest since it started to keep records in 1980."