

White House seizes NAFTA momentum on eve of vote

WASHINGTON, Nov 17: Seizing the momentum on the eve of a House showdown, President Clinton won a rush of converts Tuesday for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Opponents accused the White House of doling out billions of dollars to line up support, reports AP. An Associated Press survey showed more than 200 House members were supporting the pact or likely to do so — a gain of roughly two dozen since the weekend.

Senate, where Democratic and Republican leaders issued fresh predictions of passage. "Let me make it clear and unmistakable: The Senate will pass the North American Free Trade Agreement," said Majority Leader George Mitchell.

"I'm confident and I'm not in it to lose," said Republican leader Michel, part of an unlikely coalition of democrats and Republicans working to surmount stiff opposition from labour-backed democrats.

World gold body to open office in Indonesia next week

JAKARTA, Nov 17: The Geneva-based World Gold Council said on Tuesday it would open a branch in Indonesia, hoping to woo inhabitants of the fourth most populous nation to buy more of the precious metal, reports Reuters.

Council members told a news conference that while Indonesia was South East Asia's largest gold market last year, with consumption of 70 tonnes, they were still hopeful of expansion.

Indonesia, which produced about 24 tonnes of gold in the first eight months of last year, is considered important in the council's push to raise gold consumption generally.



Albert Mehr, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Switzerland seen opening the second export oriented garments industry of Rhine Group at Banani in the city on Monday.

China to lower import tariffs on 3,000 items

BEIJING, Nov 17: China will lower import tariffs on nearly 3,000 items starting Dec. 31, an official newspaper said Tuesday, reports AP.

Ethnic Chinese traders to face more competition in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17: Malaysia will continue to pursue its policy of positive discrimination to help its indigenous people compete with ethnic Chinese who have traditionally dominated the business sector, Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday, reports Reuters.

Delors urges UK business leaders to help E European competitors

HARROGATE (England), Nov 17: European Commission president Jacques Delors urged British business leaders to provide technical and practical help to the competitors of eastern Europe, in a speech here on Monday, reports AFP.

US industrial output up 0.8 in Oct

WASHINGTON, Nov 17: Industrial production shot up 0.8 per cent in October, the biggest jump in nearly a year and the fifth consecutive monthly increase, the government said Monday, reports AFP.

Israel-PLO meet to discuss economic status of WB, Gaza

PARIS, Nov 17: Israeli and Palestinian delegates met here on Tuesday to discuss the economic status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip under the Israeli-PLO accord on autonomy for the occupied territories, reports AFP.

aimed at breaking a deadlock over security measures to be taken in the territories and the scope of an Israeli military withdrawal. In a speech at the Paris meeting Tuesday, Abu Ala proposed "removal of all obstacles and constraints" to development so as to encourage Arab and international investment.

Exchange Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US Dollar, Pound Sterling, DM, F Franc, C Dollar, S Franc, Jap Yen, Indian Rupee, Pak Rupee, and Iranian Ryal. Includes columns for Selling and Buying rates.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Table showing berth position and performance of vessels at Chittagong port on 17.11.93. Columns include Berth No, Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival, and Date of leaving.

VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Table listing vessels due at outer anchorage with columns for Name of vessels, Date of arrival, Last port, Local agent, Cargo, and Loading port.

VESSLS AT KUTUBDIA

Table listing vessels at Kutubdia with columns for Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

VESSLS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Table listing vessels at outer anchorage with columns for Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

VESSLS NOT READY

Table listing vessels not ready with columns for Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 18.11.93

Table showing movement of vessels for 18.11.93 with columns for OUTGOING, INCOMING, and SHIFTING.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on November 17, 1993. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) All Share Price Index plunged and both the turnovers declined moderately on Wednesday.

Index plunges

The index lost by 12,660 points decreasing to 356.90869 from 369,56897.

Trading at a glance

Table showing trading at a glance with columns for DSE Share Price Index, Market Capitalisation Tk, Turnover In Volume, and Turnover In Value Tk.

Issues gained (16)

Table listing issues gained with columns for Company name, Previous Price, Closing Price, Change (absolute), Change (% over), and Number of shares traded.

Issues lost (13)

Table listing issues lost with columns for Company name, Previous Price, Closing Price, Change (absolute), Change (% over), and Number of shares traded.

Issues traded at previous rates (12)

Table listing issues traded at previous rates with columns for Company name, Previous Price, Closing Price, Change (absolute), Change (% over), and Number of shares traded.

DSE Shares and Debentures

Large table listing DSE Shares and Debentures with columns for Company, FV/ML, Closing Rate, and other details.

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