

US-EC dispute over textiles solved

GATT talks closer to completion

GENEVA, Dec 13: A dispute over textiles between the United States and the European Community has been resolved, but India and Pakistan still cause 'problems', a US Congressional aide said Sunday, reports AFP.

The US Congressional aide said Sunday, reports AFP. They want a speeding up of the phase-out with higher percentage increases in market access in the initial periods of the transition period, rather than the proposed increments towards its end.

Foreign rice enters Japan AP from Tokyo says: The first shipment of foreign table rice arrived from California Monday as the government continued fierce debate over the opening its long-closed rice market.

He and other officials argue that in view of Iraq's continued hostility following its 1990-91 occupation foreign involvement in the economy would increase the international community's stake in Kuwait's continued existence.

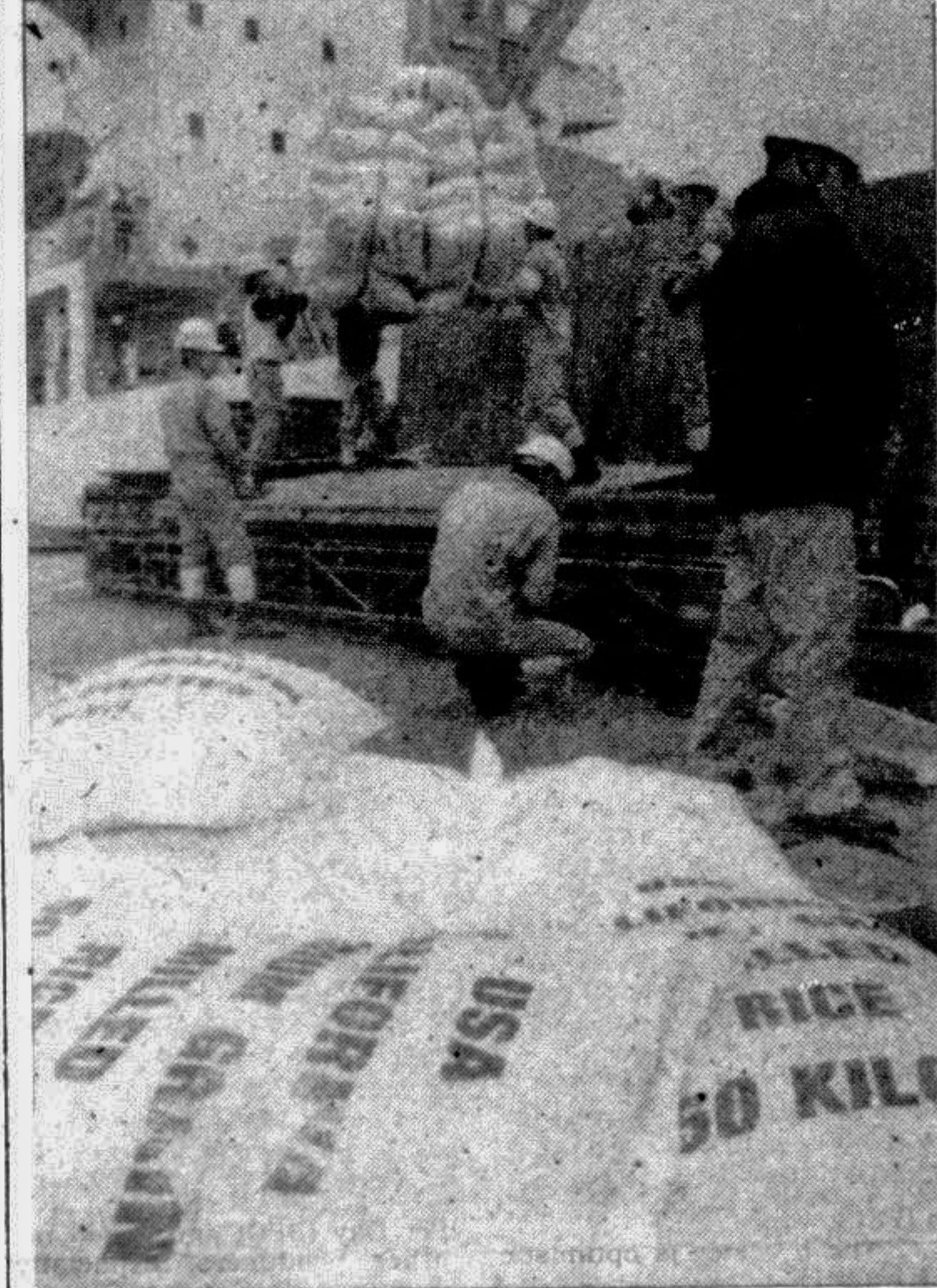
Kuwait may allow foreign investment in oil sector

KUWAIT, Dec 13: Kuwait is contemplating opening its oil and banking sectors to limited foreign participation to boost an economy depressed by security worries over Iraq, reports Reuter.

The official said foreign involvement would improve Kuwait's access to the latest oil technology and to project financing. The official said last month he would view favourably foreign equity participation of up to 40 per cent in the Kuwaiti-only commercial banking sector as a way of boosting sluggish activity.

India will export fruit juice to West soon

NEW DELHI, Dec 13: India's Agra, about 164 km southwest of New Delhi, will soon be exporting juice from the tropics to the western world, the official sources quoted Pepsi-Cola International as saying here yesterday, reports Xinhua.



Workers unload rice imported from California upon its arrival at a pier in Kobe, central Japan, yesterday as part of Japan's emergency imports to make up for a poor harvest. It is the first time in 26 years that Japan has imported US rice.

Members plan to delay deadline for each country

GENEVA, Dec 13: GATT members plan to delay the deadline for each country to present its market access proposal in order to give more time to resolve continuing problems between major trading powers, a diplomat said yesterday, reports AFP.

French GATT Envoy Jean Marie Metzger confirmed that the deadline is to be postponed from Monday to 4:00 pm (1500 GMT) Tuesday. Offers on access to markets and services must be submitted by the deadline but could still be changed after December 15, although they will only be able to be opened further and not tightened, a diplomat said.

Cuba's parliament to examine economic plans

HAVANA, Dec 13: Cuba's parliament late this month will examine plans to improve state finances, including making state enterprises more self-sufficient and introducing new taxes, finance officials said yesterday, reports Reuter.

Wide-ranging currency reform

China to start phasing out FECs from next year

BEIJING, Dec 13: China will start phasing out money it issues to foreigners from next year as part of a wide-ranging currency reform that includes unifying different exchange rates, the official media said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

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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, Buying, and Transfer rates.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping intelligence table with columns for Name of Vessels, Date of Arrival, Last Port, Local Agent, Cargo, and Loading. Includes sections for CHITTAGONG PORT, VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE, TANKER DUE, and VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA.

দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি (Notice of Invitation for Bidding). A detailed notice regarding the bidding process for the construction of a road in the area of the Bangladesh National University.

Filipino economy remains fragile despite gains

MANILA, Dec 13: President Fidel Ramos said today the Philippine economy remained fragile despite gains this year, and vowed to press on with reforms to hold interest and inflation rates down and entice foreign investment, reports Reuter.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on December 13, 1993 Index plunges The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) All Share Price Index plunged on Monday while the turnovers showed mixed note.

Table titled 'Trading at a glance' showing DSE Share Price Index, Market Capitalisation Tk, Turnover in Volume, and Turnover in Value Tk.

Table titled 'Issues gained (12)' and 'Issues lost (17)' listing various companies and their share prices, including Al-Baraka Bank, B Thal Aluminium, Singer BD, Padma Oil, Dulamia Cotton, etc.

DSE Shares and Debentures

Large table listing various shares and debentures available on the Dhaka Stock Exchange, including companies like Alhaj Textile, Arbee Textile, Ashraf Textile, etc., with their respective prices and market status.