

US dollar falls against most major currencies

NEW YORK, Sept 29: The US dollar fell against most major currencies Thursday as continued uncertainty about European monetary union strengthened the German mark and the Swiss franc, says AP.

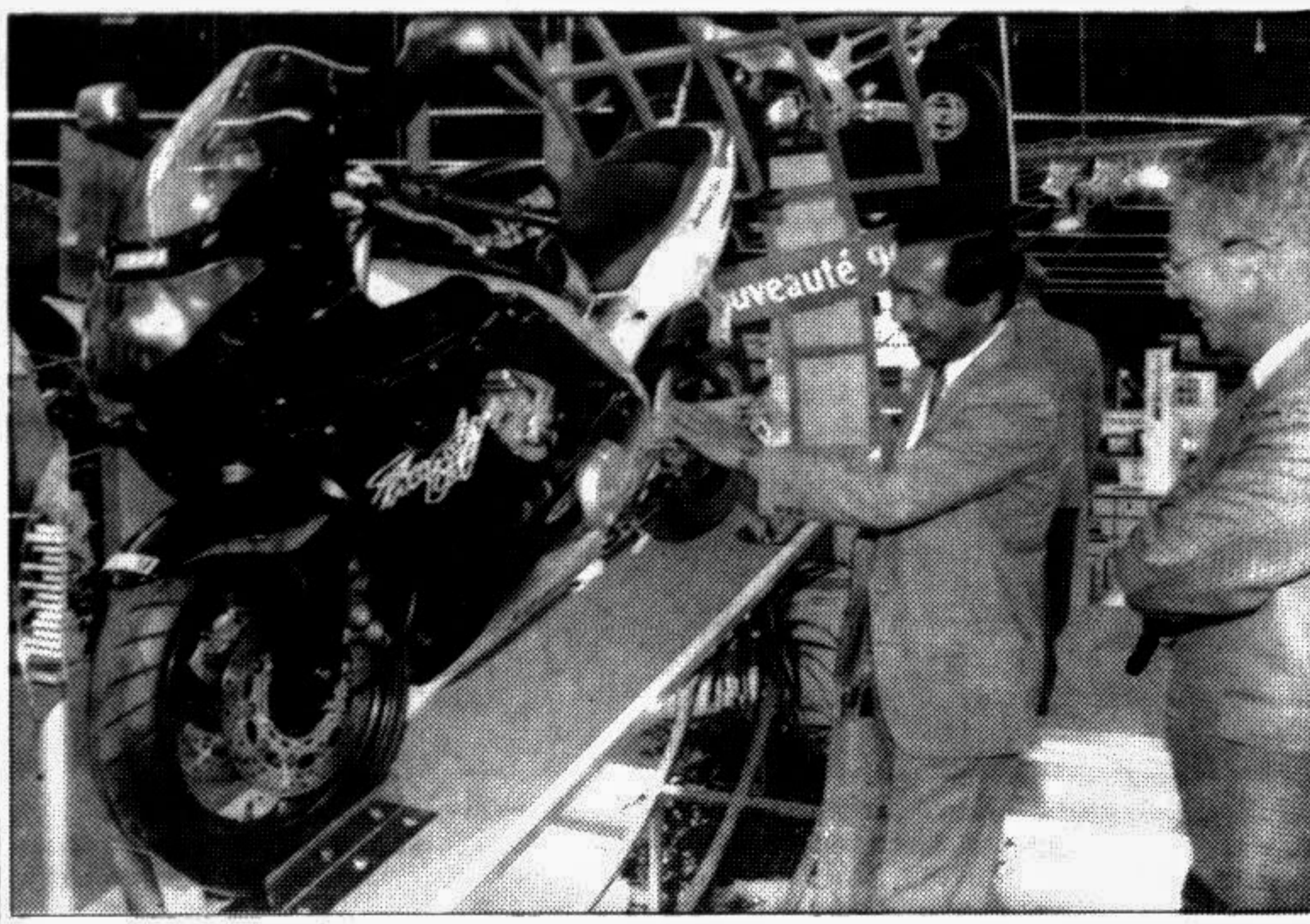
disappointment with Italy's budget, which fell short of requirements for a common European currency.

Top retailers gathering in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Sept 29: Top retailers from around the world are gathering in Singapore to explore investment opportunities in Asia's shopping industry.

While some traders sold lira and bought marks, others moved into Swiss bonds and francs. The attention to Italy's budget follows remarks last week by German monetary officials who said Italy and France were the countries that might not meet the criteria for a single currency.

The mark also was aided by remarks by the French premier, Alain Juppe, who said that France's financial state was in "national peril." Traders moved from the French franc to the relative safety of the mark.



Visitors take a look at Yamaha's Thunder Cat motorcycle at the cycling world show in Paris on Thursday.

Japan displeased with US decision to extend Super 301

TOKYO, Sept 29: Japan's trade minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, on Friday expressed his displeasure over a US decision to extend its Super 301 trade law for another two years, says AP.

Kantor designated Japan's paper and wood products market among items to be monitored for two years under the law.

Japan's jobless rate remains at record high

TOKYO, Sept 29: In another sign that Japan's economy has stalled, the unemployment rate remained at an historic high of 3.2 percent for the third month in a row in August, the government announced Friday, reports AP.

US-ROK auto accord worries tax collectors

SEOUL, Sept 29: The last-minute auto agreement between Washington and Seoul left rich consumers and foreign car dealers happy Friday, but government tax collectors fretted over losing revenue, reports AP.

South Korean automakers, which had been protected from competition by a host of trade barriers, tried to play down the deal aimed at opening the domestic market wider to outsiders, especially Americans.

Consumer prices up in Vietnam

VIETNAM, Sept 29: Consumer prices rose by 0.5 percent in September, due largely to seasonal floods that made rice more expensive in Vietnam's biggest granary, an official report disclosed Friday, reports AP.



Airbus huge cargo aircraft "Beluga" is loaded with helicopters during its stop-over at Frankfurt Main Airport in Germany on Thursday.

Asian stock markets close higher

HONG KONG, Sept 29: Asian stock markets ended the week generally higher Friday, but share prices fell in Tokyo after the US dollar slid against the Japanese yen, reports AP.

Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 109.8 points, or 0.61 per cent, to 17,913.06 points at the end of the day's session.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed generally mixed in the absence of market-moving news. The 30-share Straits Times Industrials (STI) Index rose 12.73 points to 2,120.03.

Researchers propose new way of calculating US economic growth

WASHINGTON, Sept 29: A new way of calculating the nation's economic growth was proposed Thursday by researchers who said the current system treats crime, divorce and natural disasters as economic gain, reports AP.

Redefining Progress suggested an alternative — the genuine progress indicator, or GPI — with 20 categories. Many of the components subtract growth by measuring depletion of natural resources and the cost of pollution, crime and family breakdown.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Intelligence table showing Chittagong port berth position and performance of vessels as on 28/9/95. Columns include Berth No, Name of vessels, Cargo, L port, Local call agent, Date of arrival, and Leaving.

Vessels due at outer anchorage table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L port, Local call agent, Cargo, Loading port.

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Vessels ready table with columns: Name of vessels, Cargo, L port, Local agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels awaiting instruction table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L port, Local agent, Cargo, Loading port.

Vessels not ready table with columns: Name of vessels, Cargo, L port, Local agent, Date of arrival.

Movement of vessels for 29/9/95 & 30/9/95 table with columns: Outgoing, Incoming, Shifting.

Advertisement for Daka City Corporation (ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন) regarding urban renewal and infrastructure projects. Includes contact information and details of the project.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Gas Fibre Co. Ltd. (বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস ফাইব্রিস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড) featuring a logo and text about gas supply services.