

65.7pc people happy with Taiwan's econ performance

TAIPEI, Feb 13: Tensions with China were a major factor behind a decline in the number of people satisfied with Taiwan's economic performance in 1995 compared to previous years, a survey published on Monday showed, reports Reuters.

Foreigners flood into Iraq for business

BAGHDAD, Feb 13: Arab and foreign businessmen have been flooding to Baghdad in a frantic bid to win contracts ahead of the competition as the prospect looms of a partial lifting of a UN oil and trade embargo, reports AFP.

Iraqi companies for basic materials mainly in the areas of electricity, food industry, pharmaceuticals and textiles. The head of the delegation Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, quoted by the press, said: We hope the next time we come to Iraq the embargo will have been lifted and the situation will be back to normal.

pany Lyonaise Des Eaux, Jerome Monot, told Iraqi Television his firm had won a UN dispensation to carry out a project to clean up Baghdad waters. Russia, which was one of Iraq's major trading partners before the invasion and the subsequent 1991 Gulf War, has also stepped up efforts in the past two years to ensure it has foothold in Iraqi markets.

EU denies seeking to link trade to labour rights

BRUSSELS, Feb 13: European Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan yesterday attempted to dispel fears, particularly in Asia, that the EU intends to make the observance of minimum social rights a condition of deepening trade ties with developing economies, reports AFP.

The commission's strategy document emphasises that, in raising the issue of social standards the EU should be aware of concerns that this may be seen as a tactical ploy designed to deny developing economies access to European markets. But it also identifies the use of child or forced labour, or the denial of workers rights to form free trade unions, as practices which "cannot be justified in terms of the level of economic development."

Dhaka Stock Prices Index increases

The Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index rose slightly in an improved trading on Tuesday. The index reached 780.44 from Monday's 779.77, showing a rise of 0.09 per cent. Total market capital increased to Tk 5085.48 cr from Tk 5081.08 cr.

Table with columns: DSE All Share Price Index, Market Capital Tk, Transaction in volume Tk, Total issues traded, Issues gained, Issues incurred losses, Issues unchanged.

Table with columns: Company name, Change (per share), Number (of shares traded), Price (Tk). Lists various companies like National Bank, Apex Spinning, etc.

PIB training course on financial reporting

A ten-day training course on financial reporting for the journalists of the newspapers and news agencies ended at the press institute of Bangladesh (PIB) auditorium here yesterday, reports BSS.



Former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University and Bangladesh Ambassador to Senegal Prof Moniruzzaman Miah giving away certificate to Zainul Abedin, Instructor of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), at the concluding ceremony of the 10-day training course on financial reporting jointly sponsored by Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA) and PIB yesterday.

Exchange Rates

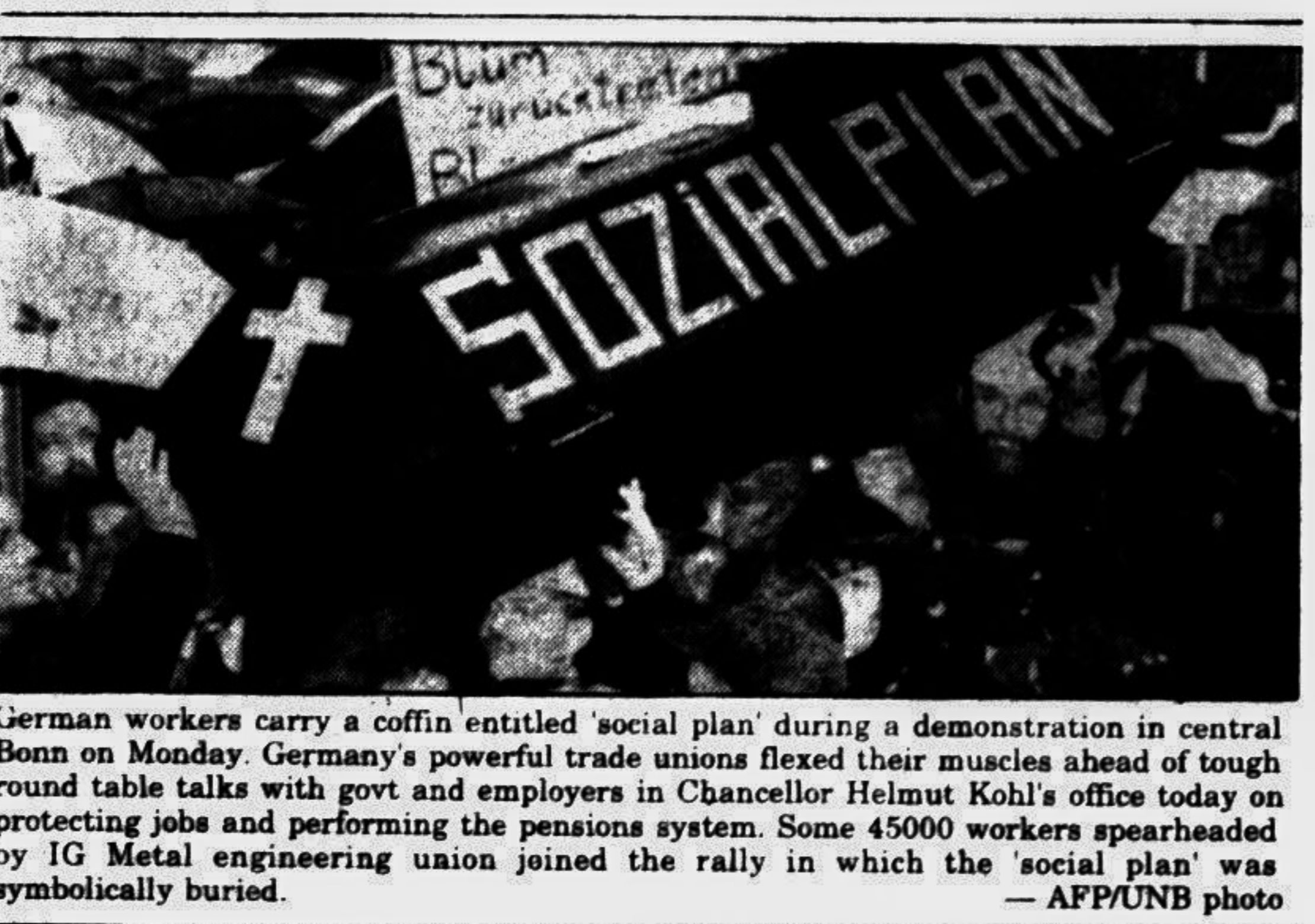
Table with columns: Currency, Selling, Buying. Lists rates for US Dollar, GBP, DM, F Franc, SFR, Jap Yen, etc.

OPEC output surges in Jan

NICOSIA, Feb 13: OPEC oil output surged to 26 million barrels per day (BPD) in January, 1.5 million BPD above the production ceiling fixed by the 12-nation cartel, the Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday, according to AFP.

Police crack down on oil well protest in Mexico

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico, Feb 13: President Ernesto Zedillo lashed out at protesters against the state oil monopoly as authorities arrested 93 demonstrators at oil installations in southern Mexico, reports AP.



German workers carry a coffin entitled 'social plan' during a demonstration in central Bonn on Monday. Germany's powerful trade unions flexed their muscles ahead of tough round table talks with gov't and employers in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's office today on protecting jobs and performing the pensions system.

US telecom reform ushers in new era of competition, economic growth

WASHINGTON, Feb 13: The Telecommunications Act of 1996 will usher in a new era of competition and economic growth, says Larry Irving, assistant secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, according to USA.

industry build the information infrastructure sector in the United States, not government. The Clinton administration has sought to bring the benefits of the information age through a National Information Infrastructure. The assistant secretary made these comments at a briefing, held February 9 at Washington's Foreign Press Centre.

Shipping Intelligence

Large table with multiple sections: Chittagong port, Vessels due at outer anchorage, Vessels at Kutubdia, Movement of vessels for 14.2.96. Includes columns for Berth, Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port, Local call agent, Date of Leaving arrival.