

S Korean mutual fund operation suspended after default

SEOUL, Dec 9: South Korea's financial watchdog on Saturday ordered the country's second biggest mutual savings firm to suspend operations for six months after it defaulted on payments to customers, reports AFP.

China to give pvt cos equal export rights

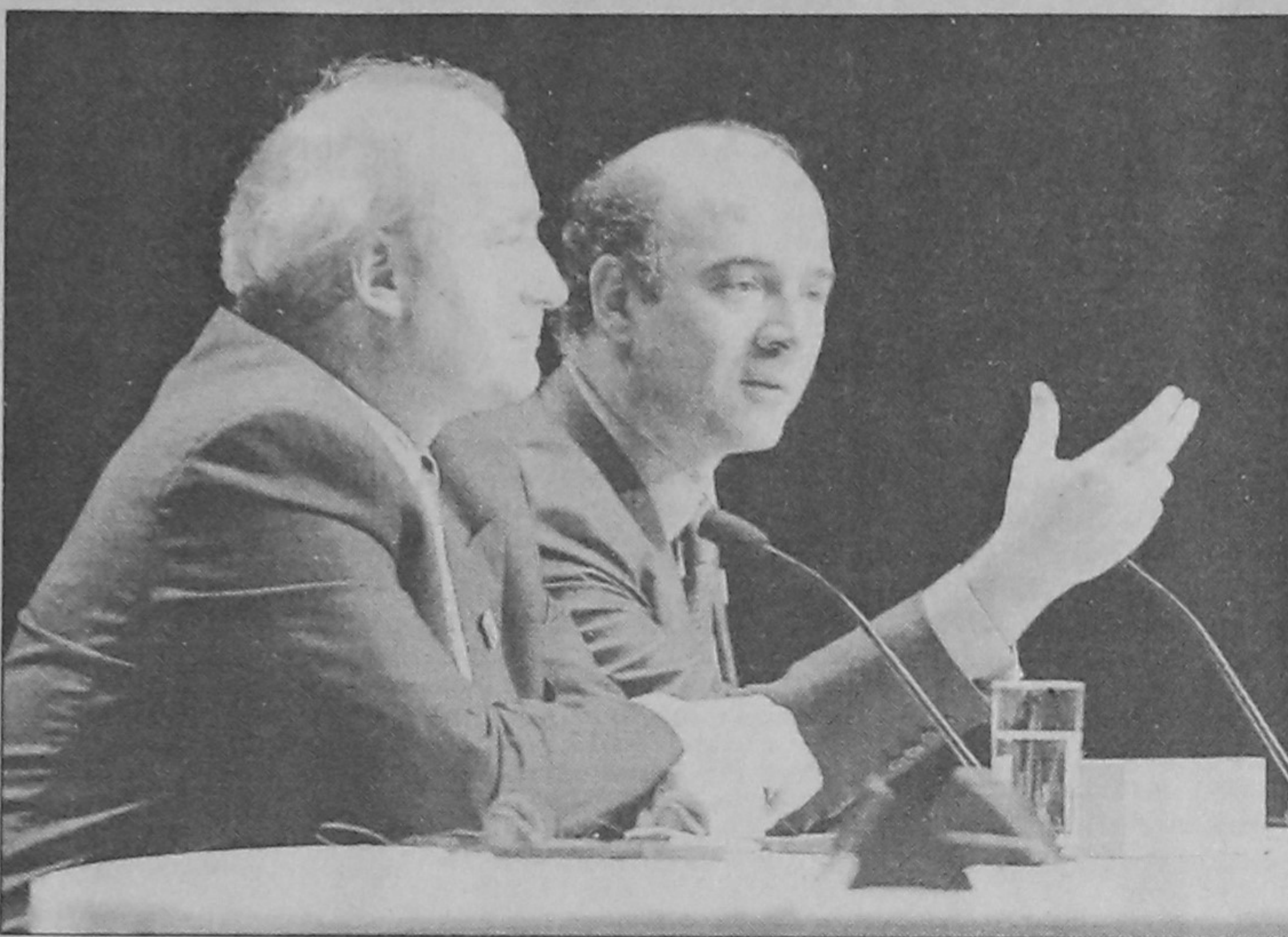
BEIJING, Dec 9: China has promised it will stop discriminating against private companies trying to sell their products abroad and will give them the same export rights as their state-owned counterparts, state media said on Saturday, reports AFP.

China, WTO make major advance in entry talks

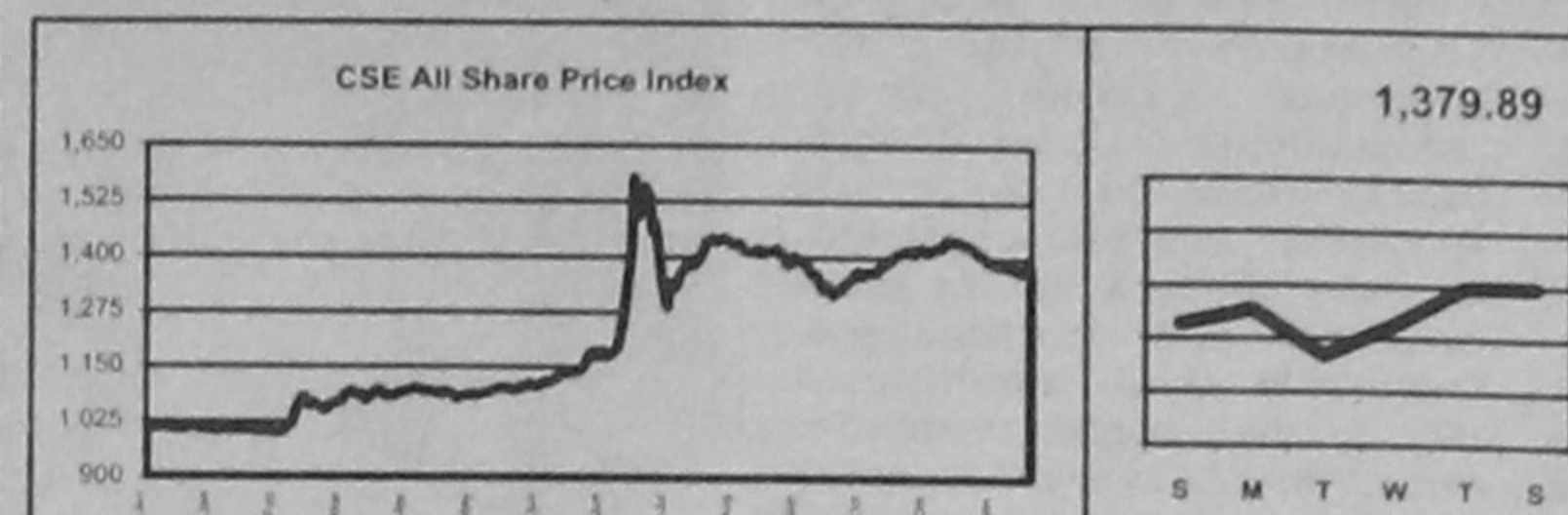
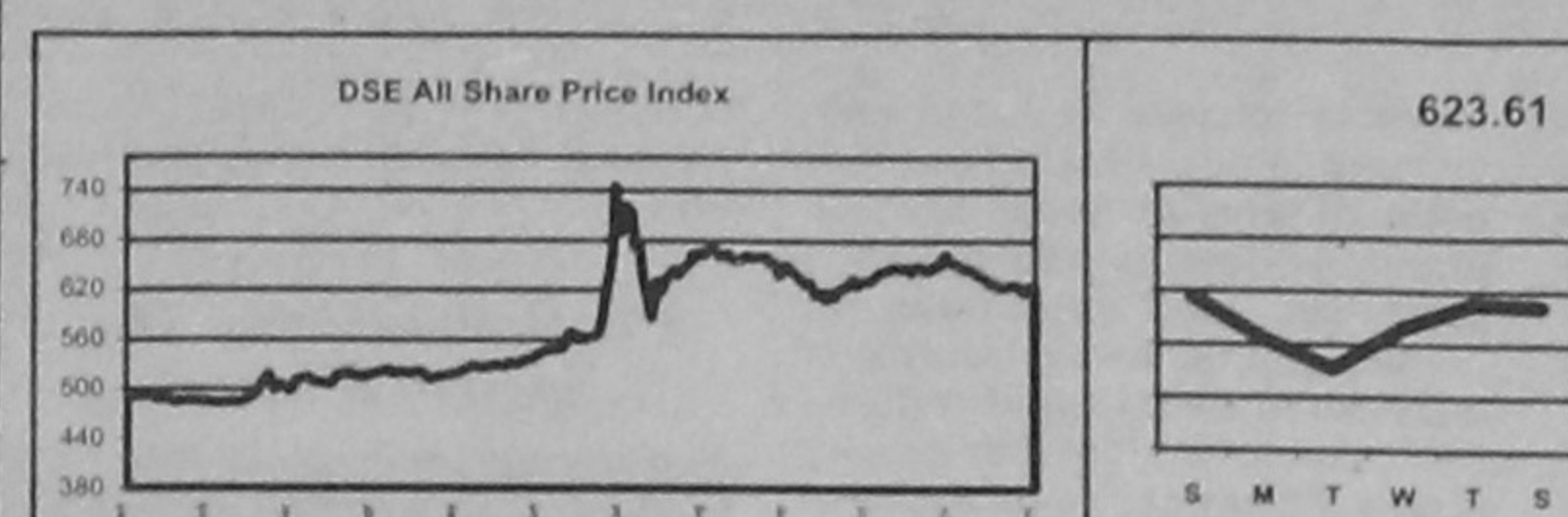
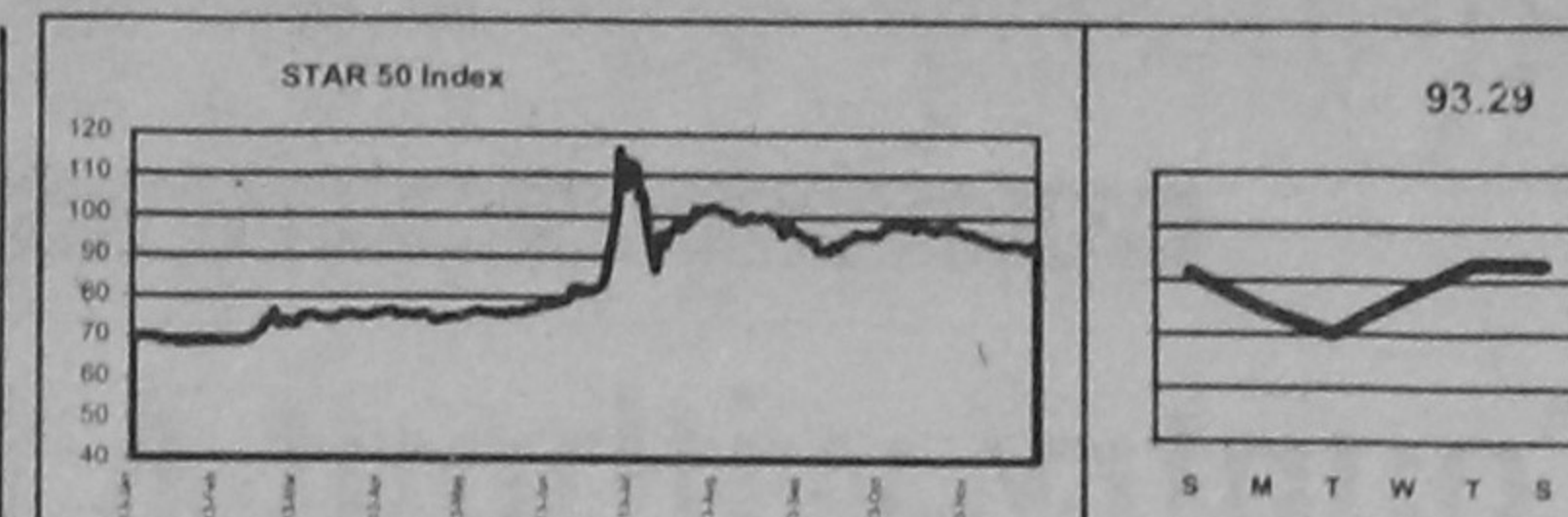
GENEVA, Dec 9: Chinese and World Trade Organisation officials said yesterday they had made major advances in key areas in talks in the past week towards Beijing's admission to the WTO, says Reuters.

China's veteran negotiator Long Younghu hailed a draft pact on copyright or intellectual property protection known in WTO jargon as TRIPS - for years a hot issue between Beijing and its trading partners - as a major breakthrough.

Since then, many target dates have come and gone, and Long said on Friday he would not predict when the process would be completed and the world's most populous nation brought under the umbrella of global trade rules.



French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine (L) and Minister for European Affairs Pierre Moscovici give a press conference during the EU summit in Nice yesterday. European leaders began their third day of talks at the EU summit in Nice, discussing draft proposals on EU reform drawn up overnight by the French presidency.



DAY'S MARKET December 9, 2000. Table with columns for DSE and CSE, listing share prices and market statistics.

TURNOVER LEADERS. Table listing top performing stocks and their turnover values.

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Miscellaneous section of the league table, listing various other companies.

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