

## *Editorial Note*

Since these papers were written, minor changes have occurred in some of the topics studied. They do not affect the general content of the articles concerned but need to be mentioned.

Since the suspension in 1992 of French nuclear testing in the Pacific, the Tahitian economy has required strong and sometimes unpopular fiscal measures in order to maintain the current standard of living of the population.

Thus the local government, based on a ten-year programme of economic and social development called the "*Pacte de progrès*", felt compelled to raise the ceilings of some of the current indirect taxes and notably has, for the first time, instituted an income tax on wages.

A VAT is expected to be applied in 1995. Until then the present indirect taxation system will remain in force.

Due to the economic problems in France, the French Government has a close interest in these reforms and sees them as a natural corollary to the fervent request of the local government for further financial help.

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