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BRIEFING

■ **BILL EMMOTT**, the editor of The Economist, stepped down after 13 years as editor and 26 years at the weekly publication. Under Emmott's tenure, the publication doubled its circulation, to 1.057 million copies for the most recently audited period from about half a million in 1992. A company statement said that Emmott felt that the time was right to hand over the job to new hands and that he intended to write books, including one under way on the growing rivalry between China and Japan. He said he would remain in charge until a new editor is chosen by Economist Group's board of directors, the company said. (IHT)

