# CHEMICAL & ENGINEERING NEWS



#### **NEWS** OF THE WEEK

- Hopes rise for adoption by early 1993 of a chemical arms treaty calling for destruction of all chemical weapons within 10 years of its ratification.
- Du Pont uses conventional and new recycling technology to convert plastic soda bottles and plastic car fenders into sails for tall ship. Page 5
- Derailed tankcar spills 26,200 gal of benzene solution into Wisconsin river, forcing evacuation of more than 50,000 people. Page 5
- Newly discovered family of cell-surface proteins, found only in brain, may play major role in formation, maintenance of nerve cell junctions. Page 6
- Researchers produce first solid compound of helium, He(N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>11</sub>, held together by van der Waals Page 6

COVER: Conferees at Earth Summit enter plenary hall. Photo courtesy of United Nations

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### **BUSINESS**

Trading of pollution rights for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions provides a model to reduce emissions of other pollutants, such as nitrous oxides, sulfur oxides, and reactive organic compounds.

### GOVERNMENT

House and Senate focus on money and energy bills in push to move key legislation in the few weeks remaining before Congress recesses.

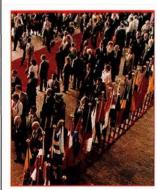
U.S. policy shift to support "green" technologies—those needed to achieve environmental sustainability—is called for in a recent World Resources Institute study. Page 28

# SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Complex images etched in porous, luminescent silicon-retrievable using laser as well as UV and white light—show potential for optoelectronics. Page 30

Mannose-specific cell-surface receptors used to activate bacterial immune systems suggest a way to block pathogens' ability to avoid elimination by host's immune system. Page 31

### **NEWS FOCUS**



UN's Earth Summit concludes with an agenda for action but inadequate funds; delegates hope conference will mark turning point for accepting principles for development and better protection of the environment. Page 7

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