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COVER: The European Space Agency's Ariane launcher, on its pad at the Guiana Space Center in South America, is scheduled for a December launch. Intended to meet the launch needs of the European community, it will also be in competition with the U.S. space shuttle. See story p. 250. (Photo: Sygma ESA)

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The People's Republic of China has selected SCIENCE NEWS as one of the tools it will use in its attempt to build a scientifically and technologically modern society. "SCIENCE NEWS meets the needs of the people," says Kang Shijing, Vice Director of the Shanghai Scientific and Technological Literature Publishing House, which began distributing a Chinese edition of SCIENCE NEWS on a test basis in July of this year. More than 50,000 copies of the Chinese SCIENCE NEWS are now distributed throughout China on a weekly basis.

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Having just returned from a tour of scientific institutions, universities and hospitals in China, I am pleased to report that SCIENCE NEWS is well received and highly regarded there. Scientists, engineers, teachers and physicians were quick to acknowledge SCIENCE NEWS and to express their reliance on it.

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—Robert J. Trotter

