

SPIRITUAL AID IS EASIER TO OBTAIN

A few eyebrows were raised by an unusual private meeting **MIKHAIL GORBACHEV** scheduled during the London economic summit. The Soviet leader took time out from importuning Western leaders for economic help to greet his friend **SRI CHINMOY**, the New Age Indian guru. As French President François Mitterrand watched from the side, Gorbachev accepted a book of praise from the spiritual leader, who is based in Queens, N.Y. Gorbachev, who has been known to sprinkle speeches with terminology about his vision for a "new civilization" that obeys "new laws and logic," first met the guru last year on a state visit to Canada. ■