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Transitions of Note

This section of the Biographic Review chronicles the most important leadership changes between early April and mid-June 1986. (U)

Austria

Kurt Waldheim

President-Elect

Career diplomat and former UN Secretary General ... will be inaugurated 8 July ... independent but supported by conservative Austrian People's Party (ÖVP)... first ÖVP-backed president ... victory could propel party to chancellorship in 1987 election ... reputation tainted by alleged Nazi past ... controversy impairs ability to represent Austria abroad ... cautious and consensual ... protocol conscious, loves pomp ... 67 years old. (C NF)

Chancellor =

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