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VIENNA MEETING

1. SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER R.F. BOTHA MET WITH HIGH-RANKING U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ROBERT MCFARLANE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE CHESTER CROCKER FOR CONFIDENTIAL TALKS IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA ON AUGUST 8. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN SOURCES, THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. AN EARLY MORNING RADIO NEWSCAST SAID THAT WHILE IN VIENNA BOTHA ALSO MET WITH A BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SDCIALIST AZ, ORF MORNING NEWSCAST, AUGUST 9)

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WALDHEIM-KOHL TALKS

2. FORMER U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM** MET WITH WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL AT KOHL'S ST. GILGEN VACATION RESIDENCE NEAR SALZBURG AUGUST 8. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUGUST 9)

REFUGEE DATA

3. A TOTAL OF 1133 PERSONS APPLIED FOR ASYLUM IN AUSTRIA DURING JULY, COMPARED WITH 954 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. 594 CZECHOSLOVAKS LED THE LIST, FOLLOWED BY 260 HUNGARIANS, 83 ROMANIANS AND 44 YUGOSLAVS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUGUST 9)

BENYA INTERVIEW

4. SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW, TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA DISCUSSED THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF REDUCTION IN WORK TIME, WAGE HIRES AND INCOME TAX REFORM. BENYA INDICATED THAT INDIVIDUAL UNIONS WILL CERTAINLY AIM FOR CUTS IN THE WORK WEEK AND HIGHER WAGES IN THE BARGAINING TALKS THIS FALL, BUT THEIR DEMANDS WILL BE ADJUSTED TO DIFFERING CONDITIONS IN THE VARIOUS INDUSTRY BRANCHES. BENYA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECTED INCOME TAX REFORM IN 1986, INSTEAD OF 1987. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, AUGUST 9)

WINE SCANDAL

5. AGRICULTURE MINISTER GUENTHER HAIDEN OUTLINED THE STRINGENT PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AUSTRIAN WINE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING LAW TO BE ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENT LATER THIS MONTH. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT TIGHTER CONTROLS AND QUALITY STANDARDS WERE NEEDED FOLLOWING THIS SUMMER'S DISCOVERIES OF WIDESPREAD WINE ADULTERATION. OVP AGRICULTURE SPOKESMAN JOSEF RIEGLER SAID SOME DETAILS OF THE BILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT ADDED HE EXPECTS HIS PARTY TO APPROVE THE BILL IN PARLIAMENT. (ALL PAPERS, E.G., SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUGUST 9)

EDITORIALS

6. DISASTER RELIEF: NOTING THIS WEEK'S DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SEVERAL AUSTRIAN REGIONS, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE OF AUGUST 9 DEPLORES THE LACK OF ATTENTION THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC HAVE GIVEN TO CIVIL DEFENSE NEEDS. VON DAMM-GUERTLER

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