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SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER ON SITUATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

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1. IN TALKS WITH HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART, LEOPOLD GRATZ, VISITING SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER SUPPIAH DHANABALAN CALLED FOR A CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA TO OFFSET INCREASED SOVIET ENGAGEMENT IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO DHANABALAN, AN INDEPENDENT CAMBODIA WOULD REPRESENT THE ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT. DHANABALAN ARGUED THAT THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD NOT BE COMPARED TO EVENTS IN SURROUNDING NATIONS, WHICH, HOWEVER, IS EXACTLY WHAT THE U.S. IS DOING CURRENTLY IN THE CASE OF SOUTH KOREA. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, APRIL 12,13).

MOSCOW REACTION TO SINOWATZ VISIT

2. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL SOVIET WIRE SERVICE TASS, THE SOVIET POLITBURO WAS GRATIFIED BY THE RESULTS OF THE SINOWATZ-GORBACHEV MEETING IN MOSCOW APRIL 2. IN A MEETING OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS AND STRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DEEPEN RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA IN THE INTEREST OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATIONS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, APRIL 12).

SOUTH TYROL PARTY APPEALS FOR AUSTRIAN INTERVENTION

3. IN AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION AT THE END OF THE SOUTH TYROL PEOPLES PARTY'S (SVP) CONVENTION, THE DELEGATES APPEALED TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO URGE THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE BILATERAL ACCORDS WHICH REGULATE THE PROVINCE'S AUTONOMY STATUS. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF BETTINO CRAXI WAS SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR ITS UNRESPONSIVENESS TOWARDS THE DEMANDS OF THE SVP. SHORTLY AFTER THE OPENING, THE CONVENTION WAS DISRUPTED BY INTRUDING "GUARDS" SHOUTING SLOGANS CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE IMPASSE OF THE AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM SENIOR AUSTRIAN SPO AND OVP OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ITALIAN HANDLING OF THE ISSUES AND CONFIRMED THE "TOP PRIORITY" STATUS OF SVP DEMANDS FOR AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, APRIL 12,13).

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA REPORTEDLY LEAVING

4. AUSTRIAN AND SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SOURCES INDICATE UNOFFICIALLY THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA MIKHAIL EFREMOV WILL "SOON" RELINQUISH HIS POST IN VIENNA. ALEKSANDER PAVLOVICH BONDARENKO, LONG-TIME DIRECTOR OF

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THE 3RD EUROPEAN SECTION IN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE).

ANTI-NAZI DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA

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5. AN ESTIMATED 2,500 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED AGAINST NEO-NAZISM AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF OTTO SCRINZI IN VIENNA APRIL 12. MEANWHILE, ELECTION AUTHORITIES REVEALED THAT BOTH SCRINZI AND "GREEN-ALTERNATIVE" CANDIDATE FREDA MEISSNER-BLAU HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A VALID CANDIDACY. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, APRIL 12,13,14).

WALDHEIM CASE

6. CONTROVERSY OVER THE ALLEGED NAZI PAST OF FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM** CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND. WHILE THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AND JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN GREECE PRODUCED MORE ACCUSATIONS, MR. WALDHEIM CONTINUED TO CATEGORICALLY DENY ANY INVOLVEMENT. WALDHEIM REITERATED HIS BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SLANDER HIM. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-INDEPENDENT WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, APRIL 12,13,14).

SPO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ON NUCLEAR TEST BAN

7. SPO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY PETER JANKOWITSCH RECENTLY CONDEMNED THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SUPERPOWERS REGARDING A NUCLEAR TEST BAN. HIS STATEMENTS PROMPTED AN EDITORIAL WRITER OF AN AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY PAPER TO CALL HIM A LIAR. (COMMUNIST DIE VOLKSSTIMME, APRIL 13). BLOCH
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