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SPECULATION ABOUT DELAYED ARRIVAL OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TO  
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1. THE DESIGNATED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, RONALD LAUDER, WILL NOT TAKE UP OFFICE IN AUSTRIA UNTIL THE END OF MAY, AN AUSTRIAN WEEKLY REPORTS. THE DELAY REPORTEDLY COMES AS A RESULT OF INTENTIONALLY PROTRACTED HEARING PROCEDURES IN THE U.S. SENATE. SUCH A LONG ABSENCE CAN BE INTERPRETED AS AN EXPRESSION OF U.S DISSATISFACTION OVER AUSTRIAN POLICIES, THE REPORT SPECULATES. (INDEPENDENT WEEKLY DIE WOCHENPRESSE, APRIL 15).

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POLISH JUSTICE MINISTER VISITS AUSTRIA  
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2. POLISH JUSTICE MINISTER LECH DOMERACKI ARRIVED FOR A 4-DAY VISIT TO VIENNA APRIL 13. IN A MEETING WITH HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART, HARALD OFNER, EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED. IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT, DOMERACKI IS ALSO TO CALL ON CHANCELLOR FRED SINOWATZ AND PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, APRIL 15).

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PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA IN VIENNA  
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3. PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA ARRIVED IN VIENNA APRIL 14 FOR AN INOFFICIAL 3-DAY VISIT. THE COUPLE WAS WELCOMED BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. THE VISIT COINCIDES WITH THE BRITISH CULTURE AND TRADE FESTIVAL IN VIENNA THIS WEEK. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE KRONENZEITUNG, APRIL 15).

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HUNGARIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL OPENS  
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4. AUSTRIAN EDUCATION MINISTER HERBERT MORITZ AND HUNGARIAN MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE BELA KOEPECZI OFFICIALLY OPENED THE WEEK-LONG HUNGARIAN CULTURE FESTIVAL IN VIENNA APRIL 14. THE AUSTRIAN MINISTER FAVORABLY RECALLED THE 1976 BILATERAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND MENTIONED JOINT AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN FILM PRODUCTIONS AS THE LATEST EXAMPLES OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, APRIL 15).

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SOVIET DEFEAT OF NAZI TROOPS IN VIENNA COMMEMORATED  
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5. A DELEGATION OF THE MOSCOW CITY COMMITTEE ARRIVED IN

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VIENNA APRIL 14 TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF "THE LIBERATION OF VIENNA BY SOVIET TROOPS". THE EVENT WAS ALSO COMMEMORATED BY THE AUSTRIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (KPO). (COMMUNIST DIE VOLKSSTIMME, APRIL 15). UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 05728

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WALDHEIM CONTROVERSY  
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6. THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HAS PRESENTED MORE EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM U.S.ARCHIVES WHICH ALLEGEDLY PROVE THAT FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM** PARTICIPATED IN NAZI "CLEANSING OPERATIONS" DURING HIS WARTIME YEARS IN YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE. IN SEVERAL INTERVIEWS FOR THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS, MR. WALDHEIM ASSERTED THAT ALL ACCUSATIONS WERE UNSUBSTANTIAL AND ABSURD. MEANWHILE, THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (OVP) WILL CALL A SPECIAL SENIOR LEVEL MEETING TO DISCUSS STEPS IN THE WAKE OF GROWING EVIDENCE THAT FALSE AND MANIPULATED DOCUMENTS ON MR. WALDHEIM'S PAST WERE GIVEN TO AUSTRIAN AND FOREIGN MEDIA. A HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET DEFECTOR STRESSED IN AN INTERVIEW THAT BOTH THE KGB AND YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE HAD KNOWN ABOUT WALDHEIM'S PAST BUT NEVER CONSIDERED HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES CRIMINAL. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, APRIL 15).

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EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN  
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7. AN EDITORIAL IN AN AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER APPLAUDS THE DECISION OF MOST NATO NATIONS NOT TO JOIN U.S. ACTIONS AGAINST LYBIA. REFERRING TO U.S. POLICY AS A "COURSE OF UTTER MADNESS", THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR OF THE "ARBEITER ZEITUNG" CALLS ON EUROPE TO CONTINUE TO RESIST U.S. PRESSURE AND PRESENTS AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO BOMBS A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LIBYA. (SOCIALIST AZ, APRIL 15). BLOCH  
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