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A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT.
2. ISRAEL AND **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ALLEGED NAZI RECORD.
3. THE TOKYO SUMMIT.

B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT:

--ALL MEDIA FRONTPAGED THE VISIT OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD TO AMMAN, WITH CORRESPONDENTS SPECULATING ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEETING. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT PM PERES DOWNPLAYED THE SUMMIT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ASSAD AND HUSSEIN, AS WELL AS ASSAD'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

--MAARIV COMMENTATOR ZAK SAID THAT ASSAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS VISIT NOW AFTER HEARING PM PERES' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT QUIET CONTACTS WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN. MAARIV EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THE VISIT WAS CONCENTRATING ON BILATERAL ISSUES.

2. ISRAEL AND **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ALLEGED NAZI RECORD:

--PRESS FEATURED EXTENSIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON WALDHEIM'S FIRST ROUND VICTORY IN AUSTRIA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ISRAELI-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT PM PERES COMMENTED THAT IF "WALDHEIM'S NAZI PAST IS PROVED, ISRAEL WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY." MINISTER MOSHE ARENS IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE SHOCKING."

--AN HA'ARETZ EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE YET ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION THAT THE IDEA THAT AUSTRIA WAS OCCUPIED BY THE NAZIS AGAINST ITS WILL WAS A MYTH, AND THAT THE AUSTRIANS WERE IN FACT "ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS" OF NAZI RULE. DAVAR COLUMNIST BEN NER CALLED ON THE GOI TO "IMPOSE A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC BOYCOTT ON AUSTRIA IF WALDHEIM IS ELECTED PRESIDENT."

THE TOKYO SUMMIT:

--ALL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED THE DECISION ON COMBATING TERRORISM AND SECRETARY SHULTZ' COMMENT ON GADDAFI FROM HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT "JERUSALEM WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE SUMMIT'S DECLARATION, STRESSING THAT IT REINFORCES ISRAEL'S LONG-STANDING POLICY THAT TERROR SHOULD BE FOUGHT IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY."

C) HEADLINES:

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1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT:

"PM PERES: SYRIA FACES ECONOMIC DISASTER" (ALL MEDIA),
"ISRAEL TO HUSSEIN: DON'T LET SYRIAN MISSILES INTO
JORDAN" (HA'ARETZ), "ARAB SOURCES: HUSSEIN PROMISED
ASSAD TO OPEN JORDAN'S AIR SPACE TO SYRIAN JETS"
(MAARIV), "WARM RECEPTION CANNOT HIDE GAPS" (YEDIOT),
"ASSAD IN JORDAN ON ICE-BREAKING VISIT; NO POLITICAL
ACCORD EXPECTED" (JERUSALEM POST).

2. ISRAEL AND **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ALLEGED NAZI RECORD:

"WALDHEIM WINS 49.6 PCT OF VOTE IN AUSTRIAN
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS" (ALL MEDIA), "MINISTER ARENS:
SHOCKING OUTCOME" (YEDIOT), "ISRAEL CONSIDERS
DOWNGRADING DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN VIENNA (HADASHOT),
"PERES: IF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WALDHEIM PROVE CORRECT,
ISRAEL WILL DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS" (DAVAR),
"PM'S OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO REACT WITHOUT DAMAGING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA" (AL HAMISHMAR), "PM
PERES: WALDHEIM CASE NOT AUSTRIAN DOMESTIC ISSUE"
(JERUSALEM POST).

3. THE TOKYO SUMMIT:

"SHULTZ TO GADDAFI: YOU'VE HAD IT, PAL. YOU ARE
ISOLATED; YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AS A TERRORIST" (ALL
MEDIA), "ANTI TERROR DECISIONS AT TOKYO SUMMIT"
(HA'ARETZ, MAARIV AND YEDIOT), "TOKYO SUMMIT ENDORSES
PLAN TO CURB WORLD TERROR" (JERUSALEM POST) "A JAPANESE
TERROR ORGANIZATION: WE WILL BLOW UP SUMMIT" (HADASHOT).

D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

1. HUSSEIN-ASSAD SUMMIT:

I. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT IN A BRIEFING
YESTERDAY TO THE KNESSET DEFENSE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, PM PERES DOWNPLAYED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
SUMMIT. HE EXPLAINED THAT ASSAD WAS TOO BUSY RIGHT NOW
KEEPING HIS CHAOTIC ECONOMY ABOVE WATER, HIS INTERNAL
ENEMIES IN CHECK AND THE SITUATION IN LEBANON FROM
GETTING OUT OF HAND TO BE ABLE TO TAKE TIME OFF FOR
OTHER ISSUES. AS FOR JORDAN, PERES REPORTEDLY NOTED
THAT AMMAN'S TIES WITH BAGHDAD WERE TOO VITAL FOR
JORDAN'S OWN SECURITY TO BE TRADED OFF FOR BETTER
RELATIONS WITH DAMASCUS.

II. ISRAEL TV AND ISRAEL RADIO CORRESPONDENTS FOR ARAB
AFFAIRS, EHUD YAARI AND AHARON BARNEA, AGREED THAT
ALTHOUGH THE AMMAN SUMMIT WAS "ALMOST HISTORIC," VERY
LITTLE COULD BE EXPECTED TO COME OUT OF IT IN REAL
POLITICAL TERMS, AS BOTH PARTIES REMAIN WIDELY APART ON
MAJOR ISSUES SUCH AS THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR AND THE M-E
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PEACE PROCESS. CORRESPONDENTS YAARI AND BARNEA POINTED
OUT THAT ASSAD NEEDED HUSSEIN IN ORDER TO GIVE AT LEAST
AN APPEARANCE OF NOT BEING TOTALLY CUT OFF FROM THE
MODERATE ARAB BLOC. AS TO HUSSEIN, HE CONTINUED TO USE
HIS TIES WITH DAMASCUS AS A STICK TO SCARE ASSAD'S
ARCH-ENEMY ARAFAT INTO PLAYING BALL.

III. HADASHOT CORRESPONDENT GUY BECHOR SPECULATED THAT
"KING HUSSEIN IS TRYING TO TALK PRESIDENT ASSAD INTO
MAKING PEACE WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK." MAARIV
COMMENTATOR MOSHE ZAK BELIEVED THAT "ASSAD MADE UP HIS
MIND TO GO TO AMMAN AFTER HE HEARD PM PERES'
ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT HIS QUIET DIPLOMACY WITH HUSSEIN. AS
FOR THE JORDANIAN MONARCH, FOR YEARS NOW HE HAS BEEN
KNOWN TO PLAY A DELICATE, ACTUALLY A LIFE AND DEATH,
BALANCING ACT BETWEEN HIS SECRET CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL
AND HIS RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD."

IV. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAID: "THE VISIT OF SYRIA'S
PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN JORDAN MARKS ANOTHER STAGE IN
THE PROCESS OF RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.
THE PROCESS WAS INITIATED BY SYRIA AT THE END OF 1985,
AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF HOSTILITY, AND WELCOMED BY
HUSSEIN . . . THE VISIT COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE
POLITICAL PROCESS IS DEADLOCKED AND WHEN THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT HAVE NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP.
HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL PROCESS WILL NOT BE ON THE AMMAN
AGENDA. IT SEEMS THAT THE TWO WILL MAINLY DEAL WITH
BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED AND DEEPENED
DURING THE LAST MONTHS, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING THE
POOR STATE OF INTER-ARAB RELATIONS. ASSAD'S CENTRAL
OBJECTIVE WILL PROBABLY BE TO LAY DOWN THE FOUNDATION
FOR FUTURE MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN SYRIA AND
JORDAN. THIS SHOULDN'T ALARM US, ONLY CALL FOR GREATER
ALERTNESS ON OUR PART."

2. ISRAEL AND **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ALLEGED NAZI RECORD:

I. YEDIOT CORRESPONDENT SHLOMO SHAMGAR REPORTED: "PM
PERES ASKED THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND
ANALYZE ALL EVIDENCE CONCERNING **KURT WALDHEIM'S** PAST,
SO THAT THE GOI CAN FORM A SERIOUS OPINION BASED ON
FACTS. 'I DO NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTRIAN
ELECTIONS OR TO SPECULATE ON THEIR OUTCOME,' SAID THE
PREMIER, 'IF WALDHEIM'S ACTIVE NAZI PAST IS PROVED, WE
WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY'." PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE
KNESSET SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WATCH OVER
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONTINUING AUSTRIAN PRESIDENTIAL

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ELECTIONS.

II. ALL MEDIA FEATURED MINISTER MOSHE ARENS' COMMENTS THAT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN AUSTRIA WERE "SHOCKING" AND THAT "IF AUSTRIA CHOOSES A WAR CRIMINAL FOR A LEADER, NOT ONLY ISRAEL BUT THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL HAVE TO END OF MESSAGE
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RECONSIDER THEIR RELATIONS WITH VIENNA."

III.

VPARIV CORRESPONDENTS RAPHAEL MANN AND YOSEF

ZURIEL REPORTED: "POLITICAL SOURCES SAID THAT ISRAEL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, WHO IS TO BE APPOINTED THIS SUMMER, WILL NOT PRESENT HIS LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION TO **KURT WALDHEIM**, IF HE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR'S STATEMENT IN NEW YORK, THAT IF WALDHEIM IS ELECTED, ISRAEL WILL DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ITS RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA. THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT SHAMIR SHOULD HAVE ADHERED TO THE WAIT-AND-SEE POSITION ISRAEL DECIDED TO TAKE FOR THE DURATION OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN."

IV. HA'ARETZ EDITORIAL SAID: "THE WALDHEIM AFFAIR UNDERSCORES THE FICTION THAT AUSTRIA WAS 'OCCUPIED BY THE NAZIS'. IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES WHAT HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME: THAT MOST AUSTRIANS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTED GERMAN RULE AS 'A RETURN TO THE HOMELAND'. THAT FALSE VIEW (OF 'OCCUPATION') SPARED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AUSTRIANS THE DUTY OF ACCOUNTING FOR THEIR WARTIME ACTIONS AND IMMEDIATELY MADE THEM PART OF THE NEW, POST-WAR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. THE AFFAIR ALSO SHOWS HOW EASILY ANTI-SEMITISM SURFACES IN AUSTRIA, WHICH UNLIKE WEST GERMANY HAS DONE VERY LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, TO UPROOT THAT RACIAL DISEASE . . . THE QUESTION IS, OF COURSE, WHERE WERE ALL THE ANTI-NAZI FIGHTERS, ALL THE COUNTRIES WHICH FOUGHT AGAINST HITLER AND THEIR INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS - INCLUDING THE ISRAELI MOSSAD, WHEN WALDHEIM WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N.? HOW COME NO ONE BOTHERED TO CHECK ON HIS PAST? ANOTHER QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WAS WISE FOR THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO START ITS CAMPAIGN RIGHT NOW."

V. DAVAR COLUMNIST YITZHAK BEN NER WROTE: "IF WALDHEIM IS ELECTED, A CHOICE WHICH WILL PORTRAY HIS

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COUNTRYMEN'S DEPLORABLE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL STATE ...
AUSTRIA SHOULD BE MADE TO PAY VERY DEARLY. IF ISRAEL
WISHES TO MAINTAIN WHAT IS LEFT OF ITS MORAL VALUES AND
SELF-RESPECT, IT OUGHT TO SEVER ITS TIES WITH THAT
COUNTRY AND CALL ON OTHER NATIONS TO DO THE SAME.
JERUSALEM MUST IMPOSE A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC BOYCOTT
ON THE COUNTRY WHICH IS TRYING TO MAKE THE BLOOD STAINS
ON ITS FACE AND HANDS PASS FOR BEAUTY SPOTS."
VI. HADASHOT EDITORIAL SAID: "ON THE EVE OF ISRAEL'S
HOLOCAUST AND HEROISM REMEMBRANCE DAY (MAY 6), THE
AUSTRIAN CITIZENS MADE A DECISION CONCERNING THEIR
COUNTRY'S MORAL FABRIC. 49.6 PERCENT OF THE VOTES ARE
ENOUGH TO PROVE THAT A NAZI PAST IS NO STIGMA IN
AUSTRIA SOME OF YITZHAK SHAMIR'S STATEMENTS IN NEW
YORK MIGHT BE IN DISPUTE, BUT HE WAS RIGHT IN SAYING
THAT 'WE HAVE NO WISH TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO A NAZI
PRESIDENT, WE CAN'T REMAIN INDIFFERENT.'"
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VII. ISRAEL TV NOTED THAT WHEN COMING TO REASSESS ITS
RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA, ISRAEL ALSO HAS TO BEAR IN MIND
THE INSTRUMENTAL ROLE VIENNA HAS BEEN PLAYING IN
ARRANGING THE EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS AND IN HELPING
RELEASE ISRAELI POWS HELD BY TERRORISTS.

3. THE TOKYO SUMMIT:

I. ALL MEDIA FEATURED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON THE
SUMMIT'S "UNANIMOUS" DECLARATION ON TERRORISM.

SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ' WARNING TO GADDAFI: "YOU
HAVE HAD IT, PAL," IS WIDELY QUOTED THROUGHOUT THE
MEDIA.

II. YEDIOT, MAARIV AND HA'ARETZ CARRIED ON THEIR INSIDE
PAGES WIRE SERVICE STORIES FROM TOKYO, SAYING THAT "THE
WESTERN POWERS HAVE YESTERDAY DECLARED WAR AGAINST
INTERNATIONAL TERROR. ADOPTING THE U.S. PROPOSAL, THE
LEADERS OF THE SEVEN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DECIDED ON
A COORDINATED, UNRELENTING STRUGGLE TO UPROOT 'THE
CANCER OF TERRORISM.' THE DECLARATION WAS DESCRIBED AS
A SMASHING VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN." YEDIOT ALSO
REPORTED THAT "JERUSALEM WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE
SUMMIT'S DECLARATION, STRESSING THAT IT REINFORCES
ISRAEL'S LONG-STANDING POLICY THAT TERROR SHOULD BE
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III. JERUSALEM POST WROTE IN A FRONTPAGE STORY:
"ALTHOUGH THE SUMMIT DECLARATION DIDN'T ENDORSE THE USE
OF FORCE OR NEW ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, U.S. OFFICIALS WERE
EXULTANT OVER THE COMMON STAND AGAINST TERRORISM.
SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ SAID IT WAS 'WONDERFUL' AND
CALLED IT 'A LONG AND VERY GOOD DAY FOR DEMOCRACY'
ALSO YESTERDAY, THE TOKYO SUMMIT CALLED ON THE SOVIET
UNION TO 'URGENTLY' PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ITS APRIL 26
NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND TO JOIN IN INTERNATIONAL TALKS TO
ANALYZE THE DISASTER'S CAUSES AND EFFECTS. A STATEMENT
EXPRESSED 'DEEP SYMPATHY' FOR VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER
AT CHERNOBYL."
MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR BEIRUT. LANE
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