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CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER "VERY SATISFIED" FOLLOWING NAZIWAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

MEETING WITH GRATZ

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1. FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN AUSTRIAN FM GRATZ AND CSSR FM CHNOUPEK IN VIENNA JUNE 2, BOTH SIDES CONFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE A "POLICY OF SMALL STEPS" IN THEIR COUNTRIES' RELATIONS. GRATZ UNDERSCORED AUSTRIA'S "SENSITIVITY" TO THE NUCLEAR POWER QUESTION. CHNOUPEK WELCOMED INCREASED COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD. ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS, CHNOUPEK WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK CATHOLICS BY CSSR AUTHORITIES DURING HIS VISIT TO THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT TODAY. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 3)

WALDHEIM AFFAIR

2. AN AUSTRIAN WEEKLY QUOTES A FORMER GREEK PARTISAN FIGHTER AS SAYING HE WAS OFFERED 150,000 US DOLS TO MAKE ADVERSE STATEMENTS AGAINST FORMER UN SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM.

--- MEANWHILE IN LONDON, WJC PRESIDENT BRONFMAN SAID WALDHEIM'S ELECTION WOULD CONSTITUTE AN AMNESTY FOR ALL HOLOCAUST ACTIONS.

--- ACCORDING TO A VIENNESE CORRESPONDENT IN CYPRUS, THERE IS WIDESPREAD ANTI-AUSTRIAN SENTIMENT IN GREECE, CYPRUS AND ISRAEL. (INDEPENDENT WEEKLY WOCHENPRESSE, ORF MORNING NEWS, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 3)

AIR FORCE EXPERT CRITICIZES INTERCEPTOR PURCHASE

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, AUSTRIAN AIR FORCE EXPERT GEORG SCHMIDT, WHO RESIGNED IN PROTEST AGAINST THE DECISION TO PURCHASE "DRAKEN" INTERCEPTORS, WARNED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF USING "OBSOLETE, LOW-PERFORMANCE, OVERLY EXPENSIVE" AIR CRAFT. THEIR TECHNICAL SHORTCOMINGS MIGHT CAUSE THEM TO BE PERMANENTLY GROUNDED AFTER A SHORT TIME, THE FORMER OFFICER THOUGHT. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, JUNE 3)

CSCE INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN BONN

4. THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATE AT THE REGULAR CSCE INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN BONN REJECTED THE NOTION OF AN ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN THE WAKE OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER. AUSTRIA HAD CRITICIZED THE LACK OF SAFETY REGULATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY, AUSTRIAN MP HANS HESELE SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 3)

SPO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY CONCERNED ABOUT PLIGHT OF

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KURDS

5. THE KURDS IN IRAQ AND IRAN ARE INCREASINGLY SUFFERING ON ACCOUNT OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, SPO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY PETER JANKOWITSCH STATED. EXTINCTION OF ENTIRE VILLAGES, PERSECUTION, FORCED UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 08037

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RELOCATION AND ABDUCTION OF PEOPLE ARE AMONG MEASURES DESIGNED TO ERADICATE THE MINORITY IN IRAQ AND IRAN, JANKOWITSCH SAID. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON THE WORLD PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE PLIGHT OF THE KURDISH PEOPLE. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 3)

EFTA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL CONVENES IN REYKJAVIK

6. DURING THE EFTA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN REYKJAVIK JUNE 3-5, AUSTRIA WILL SPEAK OUT FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION AT EC RESEARCH PROJECTS BY ALL EFTA MEMBERS, AUSTRIAN DELEGATES SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 3)

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH PRESENTED

7. SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALFRED DALLINGER PRESENTED A LARGE-SCALE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE MODER 25. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR THOSE AFFECTED. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SOCIALIST AZ, JUNE 3) LAUDER END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED