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IRRITATION. BUT JERUSALEM MUST NOT GIVE IN TO HOT-HEADED DEMANDS TO SEVER ITS TIES WITH VIENNA. THIS KIND OF STEP WILL HURT ISRAEL MORE THAN IT WILL AUSTRIA."

VI. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAID: "THE CIVILIZED NATIONS SHOULD MAKE THE AUSTRIANS ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR TRAGIC MISTAKE. AS LONG AS AN OFFICER IN THE NAZI ARMY IS THEIR PRESIDENT, AUSTRIA SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF FREE NATIONS. AS FOR ISRAEL - IT HAS A HEAVIER ACCOUNT TO SETTLE WITH TODAY'S AUSTRIA THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND SHOULD TREAT THE MATTER WITH ALL DUE SEVERENESS." VII. JERUSALEM POST EDITORIAL SAID: "PEOPLE ELECT THE LEADERS THEY DESERVE AND YESTERDAY'S DECISION OF THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE TO HAVE KURT WALDHEIM AS THEIR PRESIDENT IS NO EXCEPTION. WALDHEIM'S CLEAR-CUT VICTORY ... IS CERTAINLY A TRUE REFLECTION OF AUSTRIA'S NATIONAL MOOD TODAY IN DECIDING WHAT STEPS TO TAKE IN THE WAKE OF WALDHEIM'S ELECTION, THE GOVERNMENT ... SHOULD HEED PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG'S ADVICE AND NOT RUSH INTO MOVES WHICH IN THE LONG RUN MIGHT HURT ISRAEL'S VITAL INTERESTS."

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