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CHANCELLOR VRANTIZKY ON GOVERNMENT COURSE

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1. IN SEVERAL PUBLIC INTERVIEWS OVER THE WEEKEND, AUSTRIA'S NEW CHANCELLOR, FRANZ VRANITZKY, ADVOCATED A MUCH STRONGER INTEGRATION OF AUSTRIA INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AN INTENSIFIED INTERNATIONAL COURSE MUST BE PARALLELED BY A FURTHER MODERNIZATION OF THE COUNTRY, VRANITZKY SAID. THE NEW CHANCELLOR FAVORED CLOSER TIES WITH THE EC WITHIN THE LIMITS OF NEUTRALITY. IN HIS VIEW, THE CONTROVERSIAL HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT PROJECT AT HAINBURG WAS STILL "DEBATABLE". VRANITZKY ANNOUNCED CONSULTATIONS WITH DEFENSE MINISTER KRUEENES REGARDING THE INTERCEPTOR PURCHASE AND UNDERLINED HIS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE FREEDOM PARTY (FPO). IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER, VRANTIZKY EXPRESSED THE NEED TO IMPROVE AUSTRIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS. --- THE NEW CABINET WILL BE SWORN IN BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER TODAY, JUNE 16. (ALL PAPERS, ORF NEWS, JUNE 14,15,16)

TASS CRITICIZES DEFENSE MINISTER'S STAND ON INTERCEPTOR

2. A TASS COMMENTARY OF JUNE 13, WIDELY COVERED IN THE AUSTRIAN PRESS, SHARPLY CRITICIZED RECENT STATEMENTS BY AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER HELMUT KRUEENES AND U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CASPAR WEINBERGER. KRUEENES HAD ADVOCATED ACQUIRING GUIDED MISSILES FOR THE AUSTRIAN AIR FORCE AND SECRETARY WEIBERGER HAD CALLED FOR "A STRONG AUSTRIAN DEFENSE SYSTEM". THE ARTICLE REVIEWING AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY POLICY ALSO CONDEMNED KRUEENES'S PRO-MISSILE INTERPRETATION OF RELEVANT PASSAGES OF AUSTRIA'S STATE TREATY. (ALL PAPERS, JUNE 15)

INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM OF WALDHEIM

3. ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER SPADOLINI CALLED PRESIDENT-ELECT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** POLITICAL VIEWS REGARDING THE THIRD WORLD AND ISRAEL "MORE DISTURBING" THAN HIS PAST. IN THE NETHERLANDS, THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE INTERIOR MINISTRY APPEALED TO QUEEN BEATRIX TO BOYCOTT HER TRADITIONAL AUSTRIAN VACATION IN PROTEST AGAINST WALDHEIM. IN A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OF SALZBURG, THE GERMAN POLITICIAN AND SOCIOLOGIST, RALF DAHRENDORF, ANNOUNCED HE WAS CANCELLING HIS APPOINTMENT AS GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SALZBURG FESTIVAL BECAUSE WALDHEIM WOULD BE ATTENDING. (ORF NEWS, JUNE 14)

UN PRAISES AUSTRIA'S ASYLUM POLICY

4. ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND "NATIONAL REFUGEE DAY"

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JUNE 14, THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PRAISED AUSTRIA'S ASYLUM POLICY AS AN "ENCOURAGING MODEL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY". ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 08803

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AUSTRIA WILL CONTINUE THIS ROLE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ITS FUNCTION AS A TRANSIT COUNTRY FOR JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JUNE 14,15)

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5. IN A JUNE 13 MEETING OF AUSTRIA'S 9 PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, THE PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NEAR AUSTRIA'S BORDERS. MEANWHILE, THE MINISTRY FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD FOUND EXCESSIVE RADIOACTIVITY IN ALPINE MEADOWS, WILD GAME AND STRAWBERRIES. (ORF NEWS, JUNE 14)

VIENNA EAST-WEST CONFERENCE ON ENERGY MATTERS

6. A 4-DAY EAST-WEST CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY STARTS TODAY IN VIENNA. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JUNE 16)

DIPLOMATIC NOTES

7. AUSTRIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, HERBERT GRUBMAYR, WAS CO-ACCREDITED AS AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, JUNE 12. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JUNE 15). LAUDER
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