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PRESIDENTIAL RACE

1. AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER IS EXPECTED TO COMMENT ON THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE **KURT WALDHEIM** TODAY IN A NATIONWIDE TV BROADCAST. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, **WALDHEIM'S** OPPONENT, **KURT STEYRER**, CALLED FOR A "MORAL RENEWAL" IN THE FUTURE AND PRESENTED HIS IDEA OF A "MARSHALL PLAN" FOR 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES. RECENT POLLS SHOW A RELATIVE MAJORITY FOR WALDHEIM, WHILE STEYRER IS CREDITED WITH GOOD CHANCES IN CASE OF A RUN-OFF. AN ESTIMATED 23 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS ARE STILL UNDECIDED, ACCORDING TO POLLING EXPERTS.

--- IN FRANCE THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER HAS REPORTEDLY CALLED ON THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE FRENCH DOCUMENTS ON MR. WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ACTIVITIES. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, APRIL 22).

U.S. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LAUDER TO ARRIVE IN VIENNA SHORTLY

2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO AUSTRIA, RONALD LAUDER, WILL ASSUME OFFICE IN VIENNA THIS WEEKEND. U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ REPORTEDLY CITED THREE REASONS FOR MR. LAUDER'S APPOINTMENT: INCREASED IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-AUSTRIAN ECONOMIC TIES; MR. LAUDER'S SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS TO PROMOTE BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS; AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, APRIL 22).

AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY PRESENTS FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

3. OVP LEADER ALOIS MOCK PRESENTED HIS PARTY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT TO THE AUSTRIAN PUBLIC APRIL 21. MOCK UNDERScoreD AUSTRIA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN SECURING WORLD PEACE, ESPECIALLY THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SPEAKING OUT AGAINST TERRORISM, MOCK SUGGESTED "PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION" BETWEEN NATIONS. THE OVP CHIEF EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ADVOCATED A SERIOUS AND THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST BAN PROPOSALS. MOCK DENOUNCED SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID POLICY AS WELL AS THE MOVEMENT OF NICARAGUA TOWARDS A TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM. OF SPECIAL NOTICE WAS MOCK'S PROPOSAL FOR A "SMALL CSCE CONFERENCE" TO PROMOTE THE IDEA OF A CENTRAL EUROPE. THE PROPOSED JOINT VIENNA-BUDAPEST WORLD EXHIBITION WAS MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR SUCH ENDEAVORS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER

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ZEITUNG, APRIL 22).

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4. ON THE OCCATION OF BISHOP DESMOND TUTU'S PLANNED
VISIT TO AUSTRIA MAY 14, VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
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