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PRESIDENT WALDHEIM RECEIVES DIPLOMATIC CORPS

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1. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, NEWLY-INAUGURATED PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM STATED THAT AUSTRIA'S FOREIGN POLICY WOULD REMAIN "PRUDENT, STABLE, AND PREDICTABLE" IN PURSUIT OF THE OVERALL GOAL OF PRESERVING AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE. WALDHEIM REJECTED CHARGES THAT AUSTRIA HAD NOT LEARNED FROM HISTORY AND UNDERLINED HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO FIGHT ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.

--- THE AUSTRIAN PRESS NOTED THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR LAUDER AT WALDHEIM'S RECEPTION. THE DAILY "DIE PRESSE" PUBLISHED A FRONT-PAGE PHOTO SHOWING AMB. LAUDER SHAKING HANDS WITH WALDHEIM AND A BRIEF CAPTION DESCRIBING THE EVENT AS A "HIGHLY POLITICAL MEETING". (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 11)

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MORE WALDHEIM REPORTING

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2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRESIDENT WALDHEIM HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM WORLD LEADERS, INCLUDING POPE JOHN PAUL II, CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD. NOTES FROM THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY SIGNATORY POWERS ALSO REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN AUSTRIA WAS SAID TO HAVE ASSURED WALDHEIM OF HIS "FULL LOYALTY". IN A WIDELY COVERED SPEECH, PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA URGED AUSTRIAN POLITICAL LEADERS TO PROMOTE WHAT HE SAW AS FIRST SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES. BENYA SAID SOME OF THE RECENT FOREIGN CRITICISM OF AUSTRIA WAS JUSTIFIED, BUT OFTEN EXAGGERATED IN AUSTRIA. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN ITS MONTHLY "DIE GEMEINDE", THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY SEES LINGERING PROBLEMS REGARDING ITS RELATIONS WITH WALDHEIM AND THE OVP. THE PUBLICATION ALSO ACCUSED LEADING AUSTRIAN DAILIES OF BLATANT ANTI-SEMITIC REPORTING. (DETAILED INFORMATION ON THIS ARTICLE FOLLOWING BY SEPTEL).

--- MEANWHILE, IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, CONSERVATIVE MP ROBERT JAMES REPORTEDLY ACCUSED WALDHEIM OF COMPLICITY IN THE DEATHS OF BRITISH WAR PRISONERS. THE BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTRY IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MATTER. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE ET AL., JULY 11)

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TURKISH FM ATTACKS GREEK STAND ON CYPRUS

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3. IN A VIENNA PRESS CONFERENCE, VISITING TURKISH FM HALEFOGLU ATTACKED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR ITS "UNWILLINGNESS TO SOLVE THE CONFLICT IN CYPRUS". THE FM WARNED THAT "TIME MIGHT RUN OUT" FOR AN UNDIVIDED CYPRUS. HALEFOGLU ALSO ACCUSED BULGARIA OF OPPRESSING ITS TURKISH MINORITY. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 11)

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USSR IS MEETING U.S. DEMANDS, SOVIET DEPUTY FM CLAIMS  
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4. IN A VIENNA PRESS STATEMENT, SOVIET DEPUTY FM ANATOLY ADANYZIN SAID THE USSR HAS ACCEPTED MANY OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 VIENNA 10247

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POSITIONS HELD BY THE U.S. REGARDING ASPECTS OF SDI AND EUROPEAN-BASED INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES. ADANYZIN RENEWED MOSCOW'S DESIRE TO OBSERVE THE ABM TREATY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 15-20 YEARS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 11)

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AUSTRIAN FM PRAISES SWAPO  
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5. AUSTRIAN FM JANKOWITSCH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SWAPO, REFERRING TO IT AS "AN OPEN AND PLURALISTIC ORGANIZATION". A PROVINCIAL OVP PAPER EDITORIALY DENOUNCED THE WIDESPREAD "COURTING OF MARXIST SWAPO" BY PARTICIPANTS OF THE NAMIBIA CONFERENCE AND INTERPRETED THE CONFERENCE AS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR SOVIET INTERESTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. (OVP PROVINCIAL NEUES VOLKSBLATT, ORF, JULY 11)

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AUSTRIAN EX-CHANCELLOR KREISKY MEDIATING PRISONER EXCHANGE  
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6. FORMER AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY IS REPORTEDLY MEDIATING THE EXCHANGE OF PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI WAR PRISONERS. ACCORDING TO KREISKY, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIAN CAPTIVES COMPARED TO ONLY A FEW ISRAELI PRISONERS. (ORF NEWS, JULY 11)

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CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY OFFICIAL VISITS AUSTRIA  
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7. A LEADING MEMBER OF THE CSSR COMMUNIST PARTY, VASIL BILAK, MET WITH CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY FOR TALKS WHICH FOCUSED ON INTENSIFICATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. BILAK WILL ALSO MEET WITH FM JANKOWITSCH, VICE CHANCELLOR STEGER, SCIENCE MINISTER FISCHER AND OPPOSITION LEADER MOCK. DURING A MEETING WITH AUSTRIAN

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COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF FRANZ MUHRI, BOTH SIDES  
CRITICIZED THE U.S. FOR ALLEGEDLY INCREASING THE  
WORLDWIDE NUCLEAR THREAT. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE,  
COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME, JULY 11)

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AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR MEETS HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER  
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8. CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY AND HUNGARIAN PM GYORGY  
LAZAR MET IN THE PROVINCE OF BURGENLAND JULY 11 FOR  
WORKING TALKS.

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RECENT POLLS INDICATE OVP LEADING SPO  
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9. ACCORDING TO AN IMAS POLL CONDUCTED EARLY IN JULY,  
THE OVP WAS FAVORED OVER THE SPO IN VOTER POPULARITY BY A  
MARGIN OF 46 PER CENT TO 44 PERCENT. FPO STRENGTH WAS  
DOWN TO A MERE 3.5 PERCENT AND THE "GREEN-ALTERNATIVE"  
GROUPS DREW 6.5 PERCENT. THE SAME POLL INDICATED  
CHANCELLOR VRANTIZKY WAS LEADING OPPOSITION LEADER ALOIS  
MOCK AND FORMER CHANCELLOR SINOWATZ. (INDEPENDENT  
KRONENZEITUNG, JULY 11)

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AUSTRIAN PROVINCE HAS NEW CAPITAL  
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10. BY AN AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE  
OF LOWER AUSTRIA, WHICH FOLLOWED A PREVIOUS  
REFERENDUM, THE CITY OF ST. POELTEN WAS PROCLAIMED THE  
CAPITAL OF LOWER AUSTRIA. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SOCIALIST  
AZ, INDEPENDENT KURIER, JULY 11)

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CHERNOBYL DOMINATES LAST PRE-SUMMER SESSION OF PARLIAMENT  
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11. IN ITS LAST SESSION BEFORE ADJOURNING FOR THE  
SUMMER, PARLIAMENT DISCUSSED COMPENSATION OF FARMERS  
AFFECTED BY A BAN OF PRODUCE SALES FOLLOWING THE  
CHERNOBYL DISASTER. THE SPO-FPO GOVERNMENT COALITION  
AGREED ON A 75 PER CENT RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR

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FARMERS, WHILE THE OVP HAD DEMANDED A 100 PER CENT  
RATE. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 11).  
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