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WALDHEIM

1. IN A LETTER TO CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY, THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE "RUSSELL TRIBUNAL", YUGOSLAV HISTORIAN
VLADIMIR DEDIJER, ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO EXAMINE
ARCHIVE DOCUMENTS REGARDING PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM'S
WARTIME PAST. IN ISRAEL, TEL AVIV CITY MAYOR SHLOMO
LAHAT ORDERED GROUPS OF BOY SCOUTS AND HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS TO CANCEL A PLANNED VISIT TO AUSTRIA BECAUSE OF

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THE WALDHEIM AFFAIR. AN EDITORIAL IN THE PROVINCIAL OVP ORGAN "NEUES VOLKSBLATT" DEPLORED THE CONTINUATION OF THE ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN, CHARGING THAT LAHAT'S DECISION WAS MOTIVATED BY "BLIND HATRED". (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OVP PROVINCIAL NEUES VOLKSBLATT, LINZ, JULY 16)

GOVERNMENT APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF NEW VIENNA ARCHBISHOP

2. FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURAL RULES LAID DOWN IN THE 1933-34 CONCORDAT BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE VATICAN, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION OF BENEDICTINE FATHER HANS GROER AS THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF VIENNA. ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS, THE NOMINATION IS IN LINE WITH SIMILAR RECENT APPOINTMENTS BY THE POPE OF CONSERVATIVE CHURCHMEN IN EUROPE. THE CHOICE OF GROER REFLECTS THE VATICAN'S FOCUS ON THE INNER RENEWAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 16)

FRG MINISTER SUPPORTS RETURN TO NORMALCY IN AUSTRIAN-FRG RELATIONS

3. WEST GERMAN MINISTER FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS, RITA SUESSMUTH, SAID IN A MEETING WITH AUSTRIAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTER FRANZ KREUZER IN VIENNA THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RAPID ELIMINATION OF THE "IRRITATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND WEST GERMANY" OVER THE CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR FACILITY NEAR WACKERSDORF. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, JULY 15,16)

DISCUSSION OVER POSSIBLE PROLONGATION OF LEGISLATIVE PERIOD

4. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW JULY 15, CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY SAID HE FAVORED A NATIONWIDE REFERENDUM REGARDING A POSSIBLE 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE 4-YEAR LEGISLATIVE PERIOD. (ORF NEWS, JULY 15)

CHERNOBYL AFTERMATH

5. IN A JULY 15 STATEMENT, THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DECLARED THAT MUCH OF THE GRAIN AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IN AUSTRIA WERE NO LONGER AFFECTED BY THE NUCLEAR FALLOUT FROM THE DAMAGED CHERNOBYL PLANT. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 16)

AGRICULTURE MINISTER FAVORS ALTERNATIVE CROPS TO CUT

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GRAIN SURPLUS

6. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, AGRICULTURE MINISTER ERICH SCHMIDT PLANS TO PROMOTE THE CULTIVATION OF OIL SEED, PROTEIN FODDER PLANTS AND FAST-GROWING TREES AS PART OF THE MINISTRY'S EFFORT TO REDUCE FEDERAL SUBSIDIES
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FOR THE EXPORT OF THE DOMESTIC GRAIN SURPLUS.
(INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JULY 16)

AUSTRIA TO ATTAIN FULL MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

7. IN ITS REGULAR CABINET MEETING JULY 15, THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO QUICKLY RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE AUSTRIA A FULL MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA) AFTER THE END OF ITS CURRENT STATUS AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER LATER IN 1986. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JULY 16). LAUDER
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