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THE WALDHEIM CASE

1. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAILY "DIE PRESSE", THE CURRENT DELIBERATIONS ABOUT POSSIBLY BANNING **KURT WALDHEIM** FROM ENTERING THE US MIGHT END FAVORABLY FOR THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ, IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ, REPORTEDLY CLAIMED WALDHEIM'S CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL FUCTIONS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY, SINCE WALDHEIM HAD NEVER BEEN "DENAZIFIED". THE DAILY

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"KURIER", IN A COMMENT ON THE CURRENT US DELIBERATIONS ON THE ISSUE, MAINTAINED THAT PRESSURE ON ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE (TO IMPOSE AN ENTRY BAN ON WALDHEIM) IS MOUNTING.

--- A SEPARATE REPORT STATED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD TERMINATED ITS INVESTIGATIONS OF WALDHEIM'S WARTIME PAST FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. THE SAME REPORT ALSO SAID THAT OFFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND ISRAEL REMAINED COOL DESPITE INITIAL SIGNS OF AN IMPROVEMENT. CONTRARY TO EARLIER SPECULATION, WALDHEIM'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD NEXT YEAR WOULD NOT TAKE HIM TO SWITZERLAND, BUT TO IRELAND. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUG 9-11, INDEPENDENT KURIER, AUG 11)

IDU CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA AND CENTRAL AMERICA

2. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRAT UNION, WHICH IS HEADED BY OVP CHIEF ALOIS MOCK, APPEALED TO SOUTH AFRICA TO IMMEDIATELY END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTRY. THE IDU ALSO EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN CHILE AND CONDEMNED THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN AFGHANISTAN. THE IDU ALSO WARNED OF INCREASED CUBAN INFILTRATION OF "CENTRAL AFRICAN POLITICAL GROUPINGS" AND DEPLORED THE CONTINUED VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUG 9)

FM JANKOWITSCH ON FOREIGN POLICY

3. REVIEWING THE FIRST 50 DAYS OF HIS TERM, FM PETER JANKOWITSCH REPEATED HIS COMMITMENT TO A MORE ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON SUCH AREAS AS EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, DETENTE AND DEVELOPMENT AID. WITH REGARD TO SOUTH AFRICA, THE FM ADVOCATED A TOUGHER AUSTRIAN STAND TOWARDS THE PRETORIA REGIME. JANKOWITSCH JUSTIFIED CONTINUED AUSTRIAN AID TO NICARAGUA, BUT ALSO EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS CRITICISM OF THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT. DESPITE RECENT INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES, THE FM CONCEDED THAT DAMAGE TO AUSTRIA'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE HAS NOT BEEN OVERCOME SO FAR. IN THIS CONTEXT, JANKOWITSCH STRESSED AUSTRIA'S COMMITMENT TO FIGHT NAZISM. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUG 9/10)

AUSTRIAN-BAVARIAN CONTROVERSY OVER WACKERSDORF CONTINUES

4. POLITICAL BICKERING BETWEEN BAVARIAN GOVERNOR FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS AND AUSTRIAN VICE CHANCELLOR NORBER STEGER OVER THE CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT AT WACKERSDORF CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND. SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER "DIE ZEIT", WEST

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GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL SAID HE REJECTED THE PROTEST OF "CERTAIN CIRCLES IN AUSTRIA". (ALL PAPERS, E.G INDEPENDENT KURIER, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SOCIALIST AZ, AUG 9-11)

SOUTH TYROLIAN GOVERNOR DISSATISFIED WITH CRAXI GOVERNMENT
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5. IN AN INTERVIEW ON AUSTRIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION AUGUST 10, SOUTH TYROLEAN GOVERNOR SILVIUS MAGNAGO CRITICIZED ITALIAN PM BETTINO CRAXI FOR THE SLUGGISH IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORDS GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF THE GERMAN-SPEAKING SOUTH TYROLEANS. (ORF NEWS, AUG 10)

ANTI-U.S. AD BY LIBYAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA

6. IN ITS AUG 9 EDITION, SOCIALIST DAILY "ARBEITERZEITUNG" RAN AN ANTI-U.S. AD PLACED BY THE LIBYAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA. IN THE AD, LIBYA ACCUSED THE U.S. OF REPRESENTING "ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. THE U.S. WAS CALLED UPON TO PRESENT ITS CHARGES AGAINST LIBYA BEFORE AN INTERNATIONAL COURT. (SOCIALIST AZ, AUG 9) LAUDER
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