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MISSILE DEBATE

1. THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS PUBLISHED A BROCHURE LISTING THE TYPES OF MISSILES AUSTRIA IS REPORTEDLY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING. AMONG ANTI-TANK MISSILES FAVORED BY THE AUSTRIAN ARMY ARE THE U.S.-BUILT

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"TOW" AND "DRAGON". THE SOVIET "AT-3-SAGGER" AND "AT-4 SPIGOT" ANTI-TANK MISSILES ALSO WERE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE CHOICES. WITH REGARD TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES, THE ARMY IS INTERESTED IN THE BRITISH "BLOWPIPE" OR THE SOVIET "SA-7". DEFENSE MINISTER HELMUT KRUEENES NOTED THAT THE BROCHURE REPRESENTED ONLY A SAMPLE LIST AND THEREFORE DID NOT REFLECT THE ARMY'S CURRENT PURCHASING INTENTIONS. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, AUGUST 12)

MORE WJC CHARGES AGAINST WALDHEIM

2. IN AN AUGUST 11 COMMUNIQUE, THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS (WJC) ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS FOUND EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** WAS A SECRET SERVICE OFFICER IN THE GERMAN ARMY. A U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES DOCUMENT OF JANUARY 18, 1944 CONTAINS WALDHEIM'S PERSONAL NOTES ADDED TO A SECRET SERVICE REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF GREEK RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, THE WJC CLAIMED. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUGUST 12)
--- ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRIAN WEEKLY "PROFIL", A WASHINGTON-BASED AUSTRIAN JOURNALIST HAS APPARENTLY LEARNED THAT THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BAN WALDHEIM FROM ENTERING THE U.S. (INDEPENDENT WEEKLY PROFIL, AUGUST 11)

CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY ON WALDHEIM AFFAIR

3. IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE "INDIANAPOLIS STAR", CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY SAID "BOTH SIDES" HAD MADE MISTAKES DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. VRANITZKY ALSO DEPLORED AUSTRIA'S DISTORTED IMAGE RESULTING FROM THE AFFAIR. VRANITZKY THOUGHT ANTI-SEMITISM ALSO EXISTED IN OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS. (INDEPENDENT PROVINCIAL SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, AUGUST 9)
--- RECENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES INDICATE THAT THERE IS PREDOMINANTLY NEGATIVE REPORTING ABOUT AUSTRIA, ESPECIALLY IN THE WESTERN WORLD. (INDEPENDENT WEEKLY PROFIL, AUGUST 11)

U.S. AMB. LAUDER CRITICAL OF AUSTRIAN AID POLICY TOWARDS NICARAGUA

4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WEEKLY "WOCHENPRESSE", U.S. AMBASSADOR RONALD LAUDER CRITICIZED THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AID POLICY TOWARDS NICARAGUA. THE SAME ARTICLE ALSO NOTED INCREASED CRITICISM OF THE SANDINISTA REGIME WITHIN SPO RANKS. OVP FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN LUDWIG STEINER REPEATED EARLIER OPPOSITION ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOCIALISTS' PRO-SANDINISTA STAND. (INDEPENDENT WEEKLY WOCHENPRESSE, COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME, AUGUST 12)

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UNION CHIEF CONCERNED ABOUT UNION REPRESSION IN PARAGUAY
AND CHILE

5. IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, HERBERT MAIER,
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SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
COMMERCIAL, CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES (FIET),
VOICED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT "REPRESSION" OF UNION
OFFICIALS IN PARAGUAY AND CHILE. MAIER ALSO DEPLORED THE
PROMOTION OF ANTI-UNION SENTIMENT IN THE U.S., GREAT
BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY BY THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS
OF THESE COUNTRIES. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG,
AUGUST 12)

AUSTRIAN-BAVARIAN CONTROVERSY

6. AUSTRIAN FM PETER JANKOWITSCH STRESSED THAT AUSTRIA
WILL STAND UP TO ITS RIGHTS AND INTERESTS WITH REGARD TO
THE WACKERSDORF ISSUE. JANKOWITSCH CONTRADICTED CLAIMS
BY BAVARIAN GOVERNOR FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS THAT THE
AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAD VOWED NOT TO INTERFERE INTO
BAVARIAN ENERGY POLICY. (ALL PAPERS, ORF NEWS,
AUGUST 11,12)

GREENS PROTEST AGAINST CSSR'S NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY

7. IN A LETTER TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN VIENNA,
THE "UNITED GREENS" PARTY PROTESTED AGAINST THE RECENT
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CSSR GOVERNMENT TO SUBSTANTIALLY
INCREASE THE SHARE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN ITS ENERGY
PRODUCTION. (ORF NEWS, AUGUST 12)

NEW CHIEF FOR AILING NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES

8. THE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY
HOLDING COMPANY (OEIAG) HAS APPOINTED HUGO MICHAEL
SEKYRA AS THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL. (ALL PAPERS, E.G.
INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUGUST 12). LAUDER
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