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DEFENSE MINISTER PROMISES TO RE-EXAMINE DRAKENS'
TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE

1. IN AN ATTEMPT TO OFFSET WHAT HE CALLED "GROWING PUBLIC UNEASE" ABOUT THE DRAKEN INTERCEPTORS, DEFENSE MINISTER HELMUT KRUEENES PROMISED AN ADDITIONAL STUDY OF THE PLANES' TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE BY AUSTRIAN EXPERTS. WITH REGARD TO THE MISSILE DEBATE, KRUEENES STRESSED THAT THIS QUESTION WAS PRIMARILY A MATTER FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE

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WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE ISSUE DURING HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, SOCIALIST AZ, AUG 13)

WALDHEIM AFFAIR

2. IN REACTION TO THE LATEST ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, OVP SECRETARY-GENERAL MICHAEL SAID THE CHARGES WERE NOT NEW. REFERRING TO THE UPCOMING DECISION BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING A POSSIBLE ENTRY BAN AGAINST WALDHEIM, GRAFF EXPRESSED HIS "FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT".
--- ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN IRELAND HAS EXPRESSED DISMAY AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT WALDHEIM MAY VISIT DUBLIN ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, AUG 13)

ASYLUM POLICY

3. ACCORDING TO INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA, AUSTRIA'S ASYLUM POLICY IS EVEN MORE HUMANE THAN THAT OF SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN. AUSTRIA ACCEPTS NOT ONLY POLITICAL BUT ALSO "ECONOMIC" REFUGEES, BLECHA EMPHASIZED. THE MINISTER DISMISSED OCCASIONAL PUBLIC CALLS FOR A MORE RESTRICTIVE ASYLUM POLICY AS "NONSENSE". BLECHA CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS BY REFUGEES IN TRANSIT AT VIENNA'S SCHWECHAT AIRPORT AND AT THE TRAIISKIRCHEN CAMP WERE JUSTIFIED. (KURIER, P. 5)

OPPOSITION CRITICAL OF NEW NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT

4. LEADING OPPOSITION SPEAKERS SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE AUGUST 12 APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES HOLDING CO. (OEIAG). THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW OEIAG BOARD (FOLLOWING REPORTED MISMANAGEMENT IN THE HEAVILY STATE-SUBSIDIZED VOEST COMPANY) WAS ONLY A "PSEUDO REFORM", SECURING THE SOCIALIST PARTY ALMOST UNLIMITED INFLUENCE IN THE TOP MANAGEMENT, THE OPPOSITION CHARGED. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE)
--- ONE OF NUMEROUS CURRENT NEWS COMMENTARIES ON THE ISSUE ASSERTED THAT AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY REVEALED ALL THE NEGATIVE SYMPTOMS TYPICAL OF EAST BLOC ECONOMIES. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THIS DISASTROUS SITUATION MAY NOT ONLY UNDERMINE AUSTRIA'S CHERISHED SOCIAL PEACE BUT EVENTUALLY ENDANGER THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE. (INDEPENDENT KURIER, AUG 13)

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CALL FOR TOUGHER SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

5. AFTER SIMILAR CALLS BY LEADING POLITICIANS, THE AUSTRIAN ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT (AAM) HAS NOW URGED THE GOA TO APPLY TOUGHER SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. THE AAM SUGGESTED DEPRIVING THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINE OF ITS LANDING RIGHTS IN AUSTRIA, IMPOSING AN IMPORT BAN ON MINERALS AND PRODUCE AS WELL AS CLOSING UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 12093

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AUSTRIAN TRADE OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER Z. AUG 13)

WOMEN'S GROUP OPPOSES NUCLEAR PLANTS IN THE EAST

6. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AUSTRIAN WOMEN'S MOVEMENT HAS CALLED ON "ALL AUSTRIAN WOMEN AND MOTHERS" TO PROTEST AGAINST NUCLEAR PLANTS LOCATED NEAR THE AUSTRIAN BORDER, IN PARTICULAR THOSE IN THE CSSR AND IN HUNGARY. THE MOVE CAME AS A REACTION TO THE CSSR'S RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED PLANS TO GREATLY INCREASE RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY IN ITS ENERGY PROGRAMS. (WIENER ZEITUNG, PP. 2,3)

BERLIN WALL A SYMBOL OF WEAKNESS OF COMMUNIST SYSTEMS

7. IN A PRESS RELEASE, OPPOSITION HUMAN RIGHTS SPOKESMAN MP JOSEF HOECHTL CALLED THE BERLIN WALL "A SYMBOL OF THE WEAKNESS OF THE COMMUNIST SYSTEMS WHICH IMPRISON THEIR OWN PEOPLE. IN HIS VIEW, THE DISMANTLING OF THE WALL CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE MAJOR PREREQUISITES FOR PEACE. (INDEPENDENT PROVINCIAL SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN, AUG 13) LAUDER
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