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1. CITING "POSITIVE PROSPECTS", INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (IDU) CHAIRMAN ALOIS MOCK PROMISED FULL SUPPORT OF THE AQUINO GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES. ALL CONSERVATIVE PARTIES SHOULD CALL ON THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS ON THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK TO "TREAT THE COUNTRY FAVORABLY", MOCK SAID. REGARDING CENTRAL AMERICA, THE IDU CHAIRMAN DEPLORED THE "TREND TOWARDS A TOTALITARIAN REGIME" IN NICARAGUA WHILE NOTING POSITIVE SIGNS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY IN HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA. THE AUSTRIAN OPPOSITION LEADER CRITICIZED THE INFLUENCE OF "LEFTIST IDEOLOGUES IN THE SPO" ON AUSTRIA'S FOREIGN POLICY. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SEPTEMBER 2)

ITALIAN FM FOR SWIFT SOLUTION IN SOUTH TYROL

2. IN A "DIE PRESSE" INTERVIEW, ITALIAN FM ANDREOTTI ENDORSED AUSTRIAN DEMANDS FOR RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BI-LATERAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF THE GERMAN-SPEAKING MINORITY IN SOUTH TYROL. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPTEMBER 2)

WALDHEIM IMPLORES PARTIES TO KEEP AUSTRIAN IMAGE IN MIND

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH AT THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN WELS (UPPER AUSTRIA), PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** CALLED ON ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TO CONDUCT FAIR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS IN THE INTEREST OF AUSTRIA'S INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION. THE PRESIDENT PRAISED THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL PEACE BUT DEPLORED RECENT SCANDALS AS WELL AS AUSTRIA'S DAMAGED IMAGE ABROAD.

--- ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, NO FOREIGN TRAVEL PLANS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE PRESIDENT THUS FAR.
--- IN NEW YORK, THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HAS AGAIN ACCUSED WALDHEIM OF BEING INVOLVED IN NAZI ACTIVITIES IN THE BALKANS. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUGUST 31)

SOVIETS WELCOME CHANCELLOR'S RESPONSE TO GORBACHEV LETTER

4. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, THE USSR WELCOMES CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANTIZKY'S LETTER SEEKING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND A WORLDWIDE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING. THE LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO A JULY NOTE FROM KREMLIN CHIEF GORBACHEV TO VARIOUS EUROPEAN HEADS OF STATE. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, AUGUST 31)

MORE OVP PROPOSALS TO DE-REGULATE NATIONAL BROADCASTING

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5. FOLLOWING RECENT STATEMENTS BY LEADING OPPOSITION SPEAKERS URGING THE RE-PRIVATIZATION OF THE NATIONAL ORF BROADCASTING COMPANY, OVP PARLIAMENTARY CLUB DIRECTOR KURT BERGMANN HAS ADDED HIS PROPOSALS TO DISMANTLE THE STATE-RUN MEDIA MONOPOLY. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, AUGUST 31)

MASSIVE LAY-OFFS IN NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY ANNOUNCED
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6. IN ITS EFFORT TO REFORM AILING NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES, THE NEW MANAGEMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A 25 PER CENT REDUCTION OF THE WORKFORCE. (ALL PAPERS, ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 1,2)

NATO REPORTED SKEPTICAL OF AUSTRIA'S DEFENSE PLANS

7. ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, THE JOINT WEST GERMAN-FRENCH MANEUVERS PLANNED FOR THE FALL OF 1987 IN BAVARIA WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE SCRUTINY BY THE AUSTRIAN ARMY. BASED ON THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE MANEUVERS, NATO DOES NOT RELY ON AUSTRIA'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, THE REPORT SAID. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SEPTEMBER 2)

PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE GRADES IN SCHOOL IS ATTACKED

8. EDUCATION MINISTER HERBERT MORITZ HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY THE OPPOSITION OVP FOR PROPOSING TO ABOLISH GRADES IN AUSTRIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN FAVOR OF VERBAL EVALUATION. THE ISSUE IS RECEIVING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA. (ORF, ALL PAPERS, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2)

FRG ENVIRONMENT MINISTER IN VIENNA FOR IAEA MEETING

9. WEST GERMAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER WALTER WALLMANN IS VISITING THE IAEA IN VIENNA TODAY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF A POST-CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CONFERENCE LATER THIS MONTH. THE WEST GERMAN OFFICIAL IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH AUSTRIAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER FRANZ KREUZER. (ORF NEWS, SEPTEMBER 2)

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AUSTRIAN TRADE UNIONISTS VISIT CHINA

10. A DELEGATION OF AUSTRIAN TRADE UNIONISTS DEPARTED
AUGUST 30 FOR A 10-DAY VISIT TO CHINA AT THE INVITATION
OF THE CHINESE TRADE UNION (ACFTU). (SEMI-OFFICIAL
WIENER ZEITUNG, AUGUST 30). LAUDER

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