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WALDHEIM AFFAIR

1. LEADING POLITICIANS OF THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLES PARTY (OVP) REACTED SHARPLY TO THE LATEST ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS (WJC) AND THE ISRAELI DECISION NOT TO APPOINT A NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA. OVP LEADER ALOIS MOCK SAID HE WAS "OUTRAGED" OVER THESE "SCANDALOUS" DEVELOPMENTS. "WE WILL HAVE TO ASK OUR PRESIDENT IF AUSTRIA SHOULD MAKE A SIMILAR MOVE IN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI DECISION", MOCK

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STATED. SHAMIR'S OPPOSITION TO DISPATCHING A NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA REFLECTS THE POSITION OF ONLY "SOME FANATICS", MOCK SAID IN A HIGHLY CRITICAL COMMENT ON THE NEW ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. OVP MP WENDELYN ETTMAYER, REACTING TO THE LATEST WJC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT, CALLED THE NEW YORK-BASED JEWISH ORGANIZATION A "DISGRACE" TO ALL JEWISH PEOPLE. (LAST WEEK THE WJC HAD SAID IT HAD EVIDENCE THAT WALDHEIM HAD PROPOSED REPRISALS AGAINST CIVILIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA).

--- IN A PAGE-3 STORY TODAY, THE MASS DAILY "KRONENZEITUNG" SAYS THE OVP IS NOW TURNING THE ISRAELI DECISION INTO AN ELECTION ISSUE. AN EDITORIAL IN THE SOCIALIST DAILY AZ CRITICIZED OVP MP ETTMAYER FOR HIS "ANTI-SEMITIC TIRADES". (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, SOCIALIST AZ, OVP PROVINCIAL NEUES VOLKSBLATT, LINZ, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, OCTOBER 19,20)

NATO CHIEF ROGERS ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE

2. EVEN IF THE SOVIETS WITHDREW ALL INTERMEDIATE AND SHORT-RANGE MISSILES, IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" TO ELIMINATE ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE, NATO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BERNARD ROGERS TOLD THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF "DIE PRESSE", GEORG POSSANNER. ROGERS' VIEW CONFLICTS WITH THE POSITIONS HELD BY PRESIDENT REAGAN AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, POSSANNER NOTED IN HIS ARTICLE. ACCORDING TO ROGERS, THE INTEGRATION OF THE MBFR TALKS INTO THE CSCE PROCESS IS "POSSIBLE" BUT NOT "DESIRABLE". (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 20)

INTERIOR MINISTER BLECHA ON TERRORISM

3. RECENT INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FACILITIES IN AUSTRIA HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIATED, INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA TOLD AN AUDIENCE OCTOBER 18. BLECHA UNDERLINED AUSTRIA'S READINESS TO COOPERATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM "IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE". IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTER REPEATED HIS SUGGESTION THAT A COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES BE CONVENED. --- A "KRONENZEITUNG" REPORT TODAY SEES A "SENSATIONAL CONNECTION" BETWEEN LAST WEEK'S TERRORIST ALARM IN VIENNA AND THE ARREST OF A SUSPECTED ABU NIDAL COMMANDO GROUP IN LONDON. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OCTOBER 19, INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, OCTOBER 20)

SOVIET CHARGES D'AFFAIRES ON AUSTRIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

4. ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE SOVIET

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EMBASSY IN VIENNA, VASSILIIY KUPZOV, AUSTRIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE AN EXAMPLE OF "A HIGHER FORM OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE". KUPZOV TERMED AUSTRIA'S STATE TREATY AN "INDISPENSIBLE ELEMENT OF THE POST-WAR ORDER IN EUROPE." THE DIPLOMAT WAS SPEAKING ON "THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY". --- SOVIET CAREER DIPLOMAT SHIKIN WILL REPLACE RETIRING AMBASSADOR YURI EFREMOV AS NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 15637

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AUSTRIA, THE REPORT SAID. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 18)

GREEN PEACE AUSTRIA CONDEMNS NUCLEAR TEST IN U.S.

5. THE AUSTRIAN CHAPTER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH-DOG ORGANIZATION GREEN PEACE HAS CONDEMNED THE RECENT NUCLEAR TEST IN THE U.S. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, OCTOBER 18)

NEW POLITICAL MOVES BY QADHAFI

6. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE DAILY "DIE PRESSE", LIBYAN LEADER MUAMMAR QADHAFI HAD ENDED HIS POLITICAL ISOLATION AND IS NOW WOOING INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN STATES. IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SUDAN AND LIBYA'S ROLE IN NORTHERN CHAD ARE HIS ISOLATED SUCCESSES SO FAR, THE ARTICLE NOTED. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 20)

ELECTION STATEMENTS BY TRADE UNION PRESIDENT BENYA

7. IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT THE SPO WILL FORM A SO-CALLED GRAND COALITION WITH THE OVP, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (ATUF) ANTON BENYA SAID. THE PROMINENT SPO POLITICIAN, WHO IS RETIRING FROM HIS POST AS PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT, ATTACKED THE OVP'S TAX REFORM PROPOSAL AS "SOCIALLY UNJUST". IN A CRITICAL COMMENT ON FPO CHAIRMAN JOERG HAIDER, BENYA CALLED THE NEW FPO PARTY CHIEF A "POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST". (SOCIALIST AZ, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, OCTOBER 20). BIZIC
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