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CRITICAL CSCE REVIEW BY CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY

1. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE CSCE DELEGATES NOVEMBER 4, AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY URGED THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE "MORE PRACTICAL, MORE CONCRETE AND MORE RESULT-ORIENTED PROGRESS, ... FOR THE OVERALL BENEFIT OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS". THE CSCE PROCESS SINCE HELSINKI HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY "HIGH EXPECTATIONS, BUT ALSO BY "DISILLUSION", VRANITZKY SAID. THE CHANCELLOR PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THE HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF THE CSCE. IN THIS CONTEXT, VRANITZKY

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SOVIETS EXPECT MANDATE FOR "SECOND PHASE" OF CDE

2. AT A PRESS BRIEFING SHORTLY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN VIENNA NOVEMBER 4, CHIEF SOVIET CSCE DELEGATE VLADIMIR LOMEYKO SAID THE VIENNA REVIEW MEETING SHOULD MANDATE A PHASE II OF THE STOCKHOLM CDE TALKS. SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE "FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE URAL MOUNTAINS", HE SAID. THE STOCKHOLM TALKS HAD "PROVED THAT A PROCESS INVOLVING ALL OF EUROPE WAS THE BEST FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST", SOVIET CDE SPOKESMAN OLEG GRINEVSKIY SAID. THE USSR DOES NOT ONLY ENVISION AN "ISOLATED" REDUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL SUCH AS IN THE AREA OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE-MISSILES FOR INSTANCE, IT IS ALSO READY TO REDUCE CONVENTIONAL FORCES, BY TAKING A MUTUAL CUT OF TROOPS BY 500,000 MEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DIPLOMAT TOLD REPORTERS. ON REYKJAVIK, GRINEVSKIY SAID "THE SUMMIT HAD OPENED NEW HORIZONS AND CREATED NEW POSSIBILITIES".

--- THE REPORT FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS OBVIOUSLY PLANNING TO MERGE MBFR INTO THE CSCE PROCESS. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, NOVEMBER 5, ORF NEWS, NOVEMBER 4)

SOVIET OUTLOOK FOR SHULTZ-SHEVARDNADZE MEETING

3. THE SOVIET UNION WILL ENTER BOTH MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO FMS "WITHOUT RESERVATIONS", THE SPOKESMAN OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, GERASSIMOV, TOLD REPORTERS. HOWEVER, WITHOUT U.S. CONCESSIONS - ESPECIALLY ON SDI - THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE FOR PROGRESS, GERASSIMOV SAID. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, NOVEMBER 5)

ON THE MARGIN OF CSCE

4. IN A BRIEF MEETING, CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY AND BRITISH FM SIR GEOFFREY HOWE DISCUSSED BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
--- AUSTRIAN FM PETER JANKOWITSCH MET WITH HIS FRENCH COUNTERPART TO PRESENT AUSTRIAN DEMANDS THAT FRANCE EXEMPT AUSTRIA FROM THE VISA REQUIREMENT RECENTLY INTRODUCED BY FRANCE. FRENCH FM RAIMOND REPORTEDLY TOLD JANKOWITSCH THAT FRANCE WILL NOT CHANGE ITS VISA REGULATIONS.
--- SOVIET FM SHEVARDNADZE MET WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN FMS. THE "UNEXPECTEDLY LONG"

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MEETING BETWEEN SHEVARDNADZE AND GENSCHER IS AN INDICATION OF MOSCOW'S CONTINUED "HIGH INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH BONN", A REPORT NOTED.

--- AFTER MEETING WITH SOVIET FM SHEVARDNADZE, BRITISH FM SIR GEOFFREY HOWE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL MOST LIKELY PARTICIPATE IN A PLANNED EXPERTS MEETING ON TERRORISM IN LONDON LATER THIS YEAR. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, NOVEMBER 5)

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WALDHEIM AND CSCE

5. SOVIET FM SHEVARDNADZE'S "SURPRISE CALL", ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM YESTERDAY HAS PUT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ INTO A "COMPLICATED POLITICAL SITUATION", AUSTRIA'S NUMBER ONE MASS-CIRCULATION TABLOID "KRONENZEITUNG" SAID TODAY. WHILE SHULTZ WANTS TO EMPHASIZE EXISTING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS, HE PROMISED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. THAT HE WOULD "NOT SHAKE HANDS WITH WALDHEIM", THE PAPER REMARKED. (INDEPENDENT DIE KRONENZEITUNG, NOVEMBER 5)

CSCE SPECTRUM

6. YESTERDAY SAW THE CONTINUATION OF THE VARIED EVENTS ORGANIZED BY NGOS IN VIENNA. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE SOVIETS CHARGED THAT MOST OF THE NGO ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES WERE SPONSORED BY THE U.S.

--- IN A WIDELY NOTED APPEAL, IPCC REPRESENTATIVES DEMANDED THE ABOLITION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES, SCRUTINY OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE AND RELAXED HUMAN CONTACTS ACROSS EUROPEAN BORDERS.

--- ALSO IN VIENNA YESTERDAY, "RESISTANCE INTERNATIONAL" OPENED A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBIT, DOCUMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EASTERN COUNTRIES.

--- AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY THE "SAKHAROV INSTITUTE", FRIENDS OF THE IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE ONGOING PERSECUTION OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS IN THE EAST BLOC. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, NOVEMBER 5)

--- IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, EXILED SOVIET WRITER VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY CALLED FOR THE TERMINATION OF CSCE.

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THE PROCESS HAS BENEFITTED ONLY THE SOVIETS, CHARGED BUKOVSKIY, SINCE IT OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED SOVIET TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN EUROPE. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, NOVEMBER 5)

AUSTRIAN-ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

7. ISRAELI FM SHIMON PERES, QUOTED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "KOL ISRAEL", REPORTEDLY SAID ISRAEL WILL NOT SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA. THE ISRAELI JUSTICE MINISTRY IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING "ARCHIVE MATERIAL" REGARDING WALDHEIM, PERES SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, NOVEMBER 5)

ITALIAN NEO-FASCISTS PROTEST AGAINST SOUTH TYROLEAN AUTONOMY

8. NOVEMBER 4 SOME 2,500 PREDOMINANTLY YOUNG ITALIANS PROTESTED AT A RALLY OF THE ITALIAN NEO-FASCIST MSI PARTY AGAINST THE AWARDED OF (LIMITED) AUTONOMY TO SOUTH TYROL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITALY'S ANNEXION OF THE REGION. THE DEMONSTRATORS ALSO CLAIMED THAT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** HAD RECENTLY BEEN "DEMASKED BOTH AS A NAZI AND AS A COMMUNIST AGENT." (ORF NEWS REPORT, NOVEMBER 5).
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