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REVIEW OF WALDHEIM BOOK

1. ANDREAS UNTERBERGER, FOREIGN POLICY EDITOR OF INDEPENDENT "DIE PRESSE", IN HIS REVIEW OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK "THE CAMPAIGN: KURT WALDHEIM - VICTIM OR CULPRIT; SETS AND SCENES OF MEDIA JUSTICE", PRAISED IT AS SO FAR THE BEST DEFENSE OF WALDHEIM. UNTERBERGER

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CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE BOOK'S AUTHORS HAVE AN EVIDENT LEANING TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S PARTY (ON WHOSE TICKET WALDHEIM RAN) AND THAT THEIR OBJECTIVITY HAS BEEN AFFECTED THEREBY. HE ALSO CRITICIZES THE BOOK'S FAILURE TO ENGAGE IN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF TOPICS CENTERED AROUND WALDHEIM'S APOLOGIA: "I DID MY DUTY", OR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "MORAL IMPERATIVE" AND COMPULSORY SERVICE. "BY THEIR OWN LIGHTS, BOTH SOLDIERS AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS DID THEIR DUTY." UNTERBERGER FINDS IT INTERESTING THAT ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTORS CONCLUDED IT WAS LONGTIME ANTI-UN CIRCLES IN THE U.S. WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST AMERICANS TO COME OUT AGAINST WALDHEIM. UNTERBERGER ALSO APPARENTLY AGREES WITH THE AUTHORS ON WHAT WAS BEHIND THE ANTI-WALDHEIM CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. HE CHARACTERIZES THE U.S. MEDIA ATTACKS AS "MALICIOUS, DISTORTED, HYPOCRITICAL" AND DRIVEN BY A "MURDEROUS INSTINCT." (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE)

"ANTI-AUSTRIAN" BROADCASTS ON SWISS RADIO AND TV

2. LEO SCHUERMAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SWISS TV (SRG), DENIED THAT HE HAD GIVEN AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR WERNER SAUTTER ANY ASSURANCE SWITZERLAND WOULD STOP ITS ALLEGEDLY "ANTI-AUSTRIAN" BROADCASTS ON THE SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM. IN AN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN THE ZURICH "TAGES-ANZEIGER", SCHUERMAN USED A PUNGENT SWISS-GERMAN EXPRESSION, VARIOUSLY TRANSLATED BY THE VIENNESE PAPERS AS "STUPID BULLSHIT" AND "NONSENSE". (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ET AL.)

AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TV (ORF) TO CUT BACK ON BROADCAST
INFORMATION FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CITIZENS

3. THE ORF REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED TO INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE THAT, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1987, IT WILL CUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TV PROGRAM GUIDE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CITIZENS. IN THE FUTURE ONLY CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MASS MEDIA WILL RECEIVE ORF GUIDES. THE ORF EXPLAINED THAT THE ABOLITION OF THIS SERVICE WILL SAVE THE ORF AS EIGHT MILLION PER YEAR. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE)

VOEST ARMS DEAL WITH IRAN

4. FOLLOWING "BASTA'S" INTERVIEW WITH GERNOT PRESCHERN ABOUT AN ALLEGED VOEST ARMS DEAL WITH IRAN, A SPOKESMAN OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN LINZ ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD QUESTION PRESCHERN ABOUT THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE INTERVIEW. THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WOULD ALSO EXAMINE WHETHER THE ACCUSATIONS CONTAINED ANYTHING NEW COMPARED TO THOSE PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE

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SPOKESMAN SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG). BLOCH

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