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AUSTRIAN-BAVARIAN CONTROVERSY  
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1. IN A DEMARCHE TO THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AUSTRIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG OFFICIALLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE DECISION BY BAVARIAN BORDER POLICE TO REFUSE ENTRY TO AN AUSTRIAN JOURNALIST, WHO WANTED TO REPORT ON AN ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATION AT WACKERSDORF ON DECEMBER 31, 1986. VIENNA ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE

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INCIDENT AND A GUARANTEE THAT AUSTRIAN CITIZENS WOULD NOT BE REFUSED ENTRY UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JANUARY 9)

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FM JANKOWITSCH PRAISES ROLE OF ANC  
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2. IN A SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), AUSTRIA'S FM PETER JANKOWITSCH PRAISED THE ROLE OF THE OUTLAWED ORGANIZATION. THE FM CALLED ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS ITS BLACK CITIZENS AND TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH THE ANC AND OTHER POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, SOCIALIST AZ, JANUARY 9)

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CHARTER 77 DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA  
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3. AUSTRIAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE CSSR HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION CHARTER 77 HELD A DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA YESTERDAY TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE CHARTER. SEVERAL FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE GROUP PARTICIPATED, THE REPORT SAID. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED PLACARDS WITH THE NAMES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (ORF NEWS, JANUARY 9)

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OVP YOUTH ORGANIZATION FAVORS AUSTRIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC  
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4. IN A DOCUMENT PRESENTED YESTERDAY THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLES PARTY ARGUED FOR AUSTRIA'S FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC "IN THE LONG RUN", PAPERS REPORTED TODAY. AMONG PREPARATORY INITIATIVES TOWARDS THAT GOAL THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "INSTITUTES OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS" AT AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES, AND THE SETTING UP OF AN EC INFORMATION BUREAU IN VIENNA. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, P. 2)

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COALITION DEVELOPMENTS  
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5. SPO-OVP COALITION TEAMS WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATING TODAY IN CLOSED SESSION. POLITICAL OBSERVERS SAY "NEGOTIATION INFIGHTING" IS INCREASINGLY FOCUSING ON THE ALLOTMENT OF MINISTRIES, PRODUCING RAMPANT AND CONFLICTING PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT WHO WILL TAKE OVER WHICH MINISTRY.

--- MEANWHILE, FPO CENTRAL SECRETARY NORBERT GUGERBAUER

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YESTERDAY PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES, SAYING THEIR SOLE CONCERN WAS "BARTERING FOR MINISTRIES". AT THE SAME TIME HE ATTACKED PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM FOR WHAT HE CALLED THE PRESIDENT'S DEMONSTRATED PREFERENCE FOR THE BIG PARTIES AND HIS LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THE OPPOSITION. (ORF NEWS, INDEPENDENT KURIER, JANUARY 9)

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PROMINENT AUSTRIANS CRITICIZE NOBEL LAUREATE WIESEL'S STATEMENTS ON WALDHEIM AND AUSTRIA  
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6. IN A LETTER TO NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE ELIE WIESEL, 4 AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, A FORMER AMBASSADOR AND WRITER FRITZ MOLDEN REJECTED WIESEL'S RECENT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT WALDHEIM AND OF AUSTRIA IN GENERAL AS "UNJUSTIFIED", SEVERAL NEWS REPORTS STATED. (IN DECEMBER WIESEL HAD CALLED ON WALDHEIM TO RESIGN AND HAD TERMED HIS ELECTION "A DISGRACE FOR ALL OF MANKIND"). (INDEPENDENT KURIER, ET. AL., JANUARY 9)

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CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT TALKS LIKELY TO BE HELD IN VIENNA  
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7. BASED ON "INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW", VIENNA STANDS A GOOD CHANCE TO BE CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR CSCE TALKS ON CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT, THE AUSTRIAN MASS DAILY "KRONENZEITUNG" WROTE TODAY. THE PAPER ALSO SAID CHANCES FOR VIENNA TO HOST A LIKELY REAGAN-GORBACHEV SUMMIT THIS YEAR WERE "QUITE GOOD". (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, JANUARY 9)

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"AUSTRIA HAUS" TO OPEN IN NYC  
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8. ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, THE LONG-STANDING PROJECT OF GATHERING AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER ONE ROOF IN NEW YORK WILL BECOME REALITY LATER THIS MONTH WHEN AUSTRIAN INVESTORS ACQUIRE THE SCRIBNER BUILDING ON 5TH AVENUE FOR A PRICE OF AS 520 MILL (USDOLS 38.5 MILL). THE "AUSTRIA HOUSE" WILL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BANK, THE LAENDERBANK, THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL TOURIST BUREAU, THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER, THE STATE HOLDING COMPANY

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