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1. VIENNA "SUMMIT" ON SOUTH TYROL A SUCCESS:

AFTER YESTERDAY'S "SOUTH TYROL SUMMIT" IN VIENNA, FM ALOIS
MOCK STRESSED AUSTRIA'S CONTNUED COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE
WITH SOUTH TYROL TO ACHIEVE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AUTONOMY ACCORDS PROMISED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
SOUTH TYROLIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN MAGNAGO EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING. NEWLY-APPOINTED TYROLEAN
GOVERNOR ALOIS PARTL SAID TYROL WAS "BITTERLY
DISAPPOINTED" AT THE RECENT DECISIONS IN ROME.

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(SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ET. ALII., MARCH 12)

2. FM MOCK TO TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND TODAY:

AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS 2-DAY VISIT TO SWITZERLAND, FM MOCK WILL DELIVER A SPEECH ON "AUSTRIA AND THE INTEGRATION OF EUROPE" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH TONIGHT. ON FRIDAY MOCK WILL MEET WITH SWISS PRESIDENT AND FM PIERRE AUBERT AND MEMBERS OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT. MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION WILL BE THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, EAST-WEST DIALOGUE, AND THE VIENNA CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE, A REPORT SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, ORF NEWS, MARCH 12)

3. "DRAKEN" CONTROVERSY CONTINUES:

THE CONTROVERSY OVER STATIONING THE "DRAKEN" INTERCEPTORS IN STYRIA CONTINUES TO BE A LEADING NEWS ITEM IN THE AUSTRIAN PRESS. PAPERS TODAY FOCUSED ON FPO CHIEF JOERG HAIDER, WHO SHARPLY ATTACKED STYRIAN POLITICIANS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PLANES YESTERDAY. POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE INCREASINGLY VIEWING THE AFFAIR AS A SYMBOL OF THE OVP'S "SELF-DESTRUCTIVE" INNER RIVALRIES WHICH WERE A SIGN OF PARTY CHAIRMAN ALOIS MOCK'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP. (MOST PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT KURIER, INDENDENT DIE PRESSE, ET. ALII., MARCH 12)

4. CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY STRESSES "EXEMPLARY" RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY:

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS ARE CONSIDERED "EXEMPLARY" INTERNATIONALLY, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY MTI. VRANITZKY EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT SUCH "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS WHICH HAD GROWN UP "NATURALLY" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD ALSO BE DEVELOPED WITH NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA. (ORF NEWS, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MARCH 12)

5. ATUF PRESIDENT BENYA WELCOMES GORBACHEV'S PROPOSALS FOR INF REDUCTIONS:

IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE EAST GERMAN PARTY PAPER "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND", AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (ATUF) PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA WELCOMED THE RECENT PROPOSAL FOR INF REDUCTION IN EUROPE MADE BY KREMLIN LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV. THIS WOULD PROMOTE THE SECURITY OF ALL PEOPLES IN EUROPE AND SIGNAL A GREAT STRIDE TOWARD PERMANENT PEACE, BENYA REPORTEDLY SAID. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MARCH 12)

6. AUSTRIAN HOSPICE IN JERUSALEM TO RE-OPEN IN NOV 1987:

GIVEN THE RAPID PACE OF RENOVATION WORK AT THE AUSTRIAN HOSPICE IN JERUSALEM, "AUSTRIA'S SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATION IN THE HOLY LAND" WILL RE-OPEN IN NOVEMBER 1987, FORMER AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER, WHO IS HEAD OF THE

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"SOCIETY FOR THE HOLY LAND" SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY. THE BUILDING WILL RESUME ITS FORMER FUNCTION, KIRCHSCHLAEGER STATED. (ORF NEWS, MARCH 11, SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, MARCH 12)

7. AMB. KLESTIL LIKELY TO BECOME NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY:

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AUSTRIAN AMB. TO THE U.S., THOMAS KLESTIL, IS THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, A REPORT STATED. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, MARCH 12)

8. WALDHEIM AFFAIR:

ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE BELGRADE PAPER "VECERNJE NOVOSTI", A YUGOSLAV STATE COMMISSION IN 1952 HAD PLACED **KURT WALDHEIM** ON A LIST OF "PERSONAE NON GRATAE" FOR SUSPECTED WAR CRIMES. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN VIENNA DISCLAIMED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A LIST. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, MARCH 12)

9. FORMER CHANCELLOR SINOWATZ SUES JOURNALIST FOR LIBEL IN CONNECTION WITH WALDHEIM AFFAIR:

A TRIAL OPENED IN VIENNA YESTERDAY AGAINST "PROFIL" JOURNALIST, VIENNA OVP COUNCILMAN ALFRED WORM, WHO IS BEING SUED FOR LIBEL BY SPO PARTY CHAIRMAN AND FORMER CHANCELLOR FRED SINOWATZ. IN THE COURSE OF THE WALDHEIM AFFAIR LAST YEAR, WORM ALLEGED THAT SINOWATZ, AT A MEETING OF BURGENLAND'S SPO PRESIDUM LAST SUMMER, HAD REVEALED PLANS TO INFORM THE AUSTRIAN PUBLIC ABOUT WALDHEIM'S NAZI PAST IN THE COURSE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE TRIAL WILL RESUME APRIL 29. (ORF NEWS, MARCH 11, SOCIALIST AZ, ET. ALII., MARCH 12)

10. SOCIAL PARTNERS COMMITTED TO BUDGET CONSOLIDATION DESPITE BLEAK ECONOMIC OUTLOOK:

AT A MEETING AT THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY OF LEADING SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES AND CABINET MEMBERS YESTERDAY, ALL SIDES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM, DESPITE AN ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR 1987 JUST REVISED DOWNWARD TO 1-1.5 PERCENT. THE FORECAST EXPECTS THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE TO RISE TO AROUND 6 PERCENT. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, MARCH 12). LAUDER

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