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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION--AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT  
WALDHEIM, PROPAGANDA RULING BY SUPREME COURT

1. APRIL 30 OTTAWA CITIZEN CARRIED EDITORIAL ON THE U.S.  
DECISION TO PLACE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM ON A  
"WATCH LIST." "BARRING WALDHEIM DOESN'T ADD UP" OPINED  
IN PART:

2. "THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT PLACING THE PRESIDENT

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OF AUSTRIA ON A 'WATCH LIST' MAINTAINED BY THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS, AND KURT WALDHEIM'S WAR RECORD IN THAT REGARD. IT HAS TO DO WITH DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE, RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDLY NATIONS, THE ROLE OF PRESSURE GROUPS, AND AMERICANS' NEUROTIC PREOCCUPATION WITH PROTECTING THEIR COUNTRY'S OWN PERCEIVED PURITY....

3. "CONSCIOUS OF THE POTENTIAL HARM THIS MOVE COULD CAUSE TO U.S.-AUSTRIA RELATIONS, PRESIDENT REAGAN PERSONALLY INFORMED THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR OF THIS DECISION, WHICH HE SAID 'IN NO WAY WAS REFLECTING ADVERSE FEELINGS TO THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE.' AND YET WALDHEIM WAS THE POPULAR CHOICE OF THOSE PEOPLE TO BE THEIR HEAD OF STATE IN AN ELECTION HELD LESS THAN A YEAR AGO. HOW COULD SUCH A SLAP IN THE FACE FAIL TO AFFECT THEM?

4. "EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK CLIMBED ON THE U.S. BANDWAGON AND ANNOUNCED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD NOT BE WELCOME HERE EITHER. THAT MAKES CANADA JUST AS BAD AS OUR IRRATIONAL AND ILLOGICAL NEIGHBOR. IT SMACKS OF THE RIDICULOUS FOR THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO REFUSE TO ALLOW THE SAME INDIVIDUAL TO ENTER THEIR COUNTRY WHO MUST HAVE DONE SO HUNDREDS OF TIMES WHILE SERVING IN NEW YORK AS THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL FROM 1972 TO 1982. NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN. WALDHEIM HASN'T DONE ANYTHING IN THE INTERIM TO MAKE HIM ANY MORE OR LESS GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES....

5. "THE ARBITRARY CONDEMNATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WILL ONLY TEND TO MAKE A MARTYR OF ONE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE A WAR CRIMINAL DESERVING OF CONTEMPT AND EXCLUSION FROM THE WESTERN WORLD'S SHOWPIECE OF DEMOCRACY. AMERICA'S EXCLUSION LAWS ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE VERY MIND-SET THEY SEEK TO PUNISH. UNFORTUNATELY THEY WON'T BE MODIFIED AS LONG AS AMERICANS INSIST ON ABANDONING DEMOCRACY IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY. IT NOW APPEARS CANADA HAS FALLEN INTO THE SAME TRAP."

6. THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO LABEL THREE CANADIAN FILMS 'POLITICAL PROPAGANDA' WAS THE SUBJECT OF EDITORIALS IN THE MONTREAL GAZETTE AND THE GLOBE AND MAIL. GAZETTE EDIT ENTITLED "SAYING IS NOT BELIEVING" SAID IN PART:

7. "IT IS ABSURD TO SEE A GREAT INSTITUTION LIKE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TAKING A PRECEDENT FROM HUMPTY DUMPTY. YET WHAT ELSE CAN ONE BELIEVE WHEN JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS, WRITING FOR THE MAJORITY, SAYS THE EXPRESSION 'POLITICAL PROPAGANDA' CARRIED 'NO PEJORATIVE CONNOTATION'?...

8. "SHOULD JUSTICE STEVENS TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO CONSULT THE ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA, HE WOULD FIND SEVERAL OBJECTIONS TO HIS FINDING: 'THE DISREPUTE INTO WHICH THE WORD PROPAGANDA HAS FALLEN IN POPULAR USAGE IS REFLECTED IN THE AVOIDANCE OF THE TERM BY GROUPS OF SPECIAL

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PLEADERS IN THE DEMOCRACIES.' THE WORD HAS BEEN IN DISREPUTE EVER SINCE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, IN REACTION TO WHICH 'PROPAGANDA WAS NOW DEFINED AS THE DISSEMINATION OF CONCLUSIONS OF QUESTIONABLE VALIDITY FROM CONCEALED SOURCES WITH CONCEALED OBJECTIVES.'

9. "FROM THE COUNTRY THAT HAS GIVEN US SUCH UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 OTTAWA 03645

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NON-PROPAGANDA AS RAMBO AND AMERIKA, THIS IS A SORRY DECISION. THE BEST WAY TO ANSWER IDEAS IS STILL BY COMING UP WITH BETTER ONES, NOT BY CALLING NAMES. THE FILMS WILL SURVIVE. ONE HOPES THAT COMMON SENSE AND FREE SPEECH WILL TOO."

10. EXCERPTS FROM GLOBE AND MAIL EDIT ENTITLED "THE AMERICAN TRUTH" INCLUDE:

11. "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IN FREE SPEECH, AS LONG AS THOSE WHO SPEAK GET PERMISSION IN ADVANCE. FILMS PRODUCED BY OR FOR A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, AND WHICH REFLECT ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, MUST BE REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. A DISCLAIMER MUST PRECEDE EACH FILM BRANDING THE FILM AS 'POLITICAL PROPAGANDA' NOT APPROVED BY WASHINGTON. THE FILM'S DISTRIBUTORS MUST FILE A REPORT WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LISTING EXHIBITORS, AUDIENCE SIZE AND, IF REQUESTED THE NAMES OF THOSE AT EACH SCREENING. WHEN THREE CANADIAN DOCUMENTARIES WERE CAUGHT IN THIS INSIDIOUS WEB IN 1983...AN EXHIBITOR CHALLENGED THE LAW. CALIFORNIA U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE RAUL RAMIREZ RULED THAT THE ACT VIOLATED THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH....

12. "THIS WEEK, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED JUDGE RAMIREZ'S RULING. THE MAJORITY MADE THE ASTONISHING FINDING THAT, SINCE 'PROPAGANDA' IS A NEUTRAL WORD IN LAW, THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERVENTION DOESN'T INFLUENCE PEOPLE.... IT WAS LEFT TO THE THREE JUDGES IN THE MINORITY TO EXPLAIN THE DARK NATURE OF THE ACT.... THE GOVERNMENT IS WARNING AUDIENCES, IN EFFECT, TO BEWARE WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO WATCH. IT INTIMIDATES THEM BY ORDERING THAT EACH SCREENING BE PLACED ON FILE, AND ITS INSERTION OF EDITORIAL COMMENT COLORS - AND THEREBY CONSTRAINS - FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THE SUPREME COURT WAS WRONG TO LET THIS ONE PASS."

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