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1. LEFTIST DAILY "INFORMATION" FOLLOWS UP YESTERDAY'S REPORTING ON AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM WITH AN EDITORIAL TODAY. EXCERPTS FOLLOW.
2. "AUSTRIA HAS TWO OPTIONS: EITHER TO ADMIT THAT ITS PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM CONSTITUTES SO GREAT A POLITICAL BURDEN...THAT THE AUSTRIAN NATION WOULD BE BETTER OFF IF HE RESIGNED; OR TO DECIDE TO RIDE OUT THE SCANDAL AND FORCE THE REST OF THE WORLD TO ACCEPT THE CHOICE WHICH OVER SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S VOTERS MADE ON JUNE 8TH OF LAST YEAR....
3. "WALDHEIM DOES NOT ONLY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HIS PAST. HE ALSO HAS A PROBLEM WITH HIS POLITICAL PRESENT. AND IT...CANNOT BE SOLVED BY HISTORIANS. IN THE END IT WILL BE SOLVED BY POLITICIANS. THIS MAY BE WHAT WE ARE

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