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1. FM MOCK DECLARES INFORMATION TOUR OF WALDHEIM ENVOYS
"A SUCCESS":

FM AND VICE CHANCELLOR ALOIS MOCK (OVP) YESTERDAY SAID THE MISSION OF THE THREE SPECIAL AMBASSADORS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH PRESENTING THE GOA STAND ON PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** TO WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND THE U.S., HAD UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN "A SUCCESS". NEVERTHELESS, AUSTRIA WILL HAVE TO MAKE LONG-TERM EFFORTS TO CORRECT HISTORICAL DISTORTIONS ABOUT WALDHEIM AND AUSTRIA, THE FM ADDED. MOCK POINTED OUT THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT PRESENTED ANY EVIDENCE ON WALDHEIM'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN WAR CRIMES. SOME GOVERNMENTS HAD "UNOFFICIALLY" CRITICIZED THE U.S. APPROACH IN THE MATTER BUT DID NOT WANT TO INTERFERE IN U.S. AFFAIRS, SAID MOCK. SPEAKING AGAINST AN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY BY THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE THREE SPECIAL ENVOYS, FORMER FM KARL GRUBER REMARKED THAT "THE PRESIDENT SHOULD STAY AT HOME". ASKED ABOUT THE PUBLICATION OF THE "WHITE BOOK" ON PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ACTIVITIES, FM MOCK CONCEDED THAT THE DELAY WAS DUE TO CONFLICTING VIEWS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY. MOCK SAID AUSTRIAN MISSIONS ABROAD WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BOOK BY AUGUST 15. (ALL PAPERS, E.G. INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 31)

2. CSCE: CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE KASHLEV ACCUSES WEST OF
DELAYING FINAL DOCUMENT:

REVIEWING THE VIENNA CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE SO FAR, CHIEF SOVIET CSCE AMBASSADOR YURI KASHLEV ACCUSED NATO OF INTENTIONAL FOOTDRAGGING ON THE EDITING OF A FINAL DOCUMENT. ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, KASHLEV WAS PARTICULARLY IRRITATED AT U.S. QUESTIONS REGARDING DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROPOSED SOVIET CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION IN MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO KASHLEV, THE MEETING'S BIGGEST SUCCESS SO FAR WAS THE FACT THAT SECURITY-RELATED ISSUES CONTINUED TO BE ADDRESSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CSCE. --AUSTRIAN FM MOCK AND CHIEF AUSTRIAN CSCE DELEGATE AMB. RUDOLF TOROVSKY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION ABOUT THE MEETING SO FAR; MOCK SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT A FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD BRING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN ALL THREE BASKETS. (ORF NEWS, JULY 30,31, INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, JULY 31)

3. AUSTRIAN UN TROOPS TO REPLACE SWEDISH UN FORCES ON
CYPRUS:

ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT, AUSTRIA WILL DISPATCH ANOTHER 100 SOLDIERS TO CYPRUS TO REPLACE THE SWEDISH FORCES WHICH HAVE BEEN CALLED BACK FOR MONEY-SAVING REASONS. DURING A MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY-GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR IN VIENNA LAST JUNE CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY HAD OUTLINED AUSTRIA'S READINESS TO INCREASE ITS UN FORCES ON CYPRUS TO 400. IN RETURN AUSTRIA EXPECTS THE UN TO SPEED UP OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR VIENNA'S UN SERVICES. (INDEPENDENT KRONENZEITUNG, JULY 31)

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4. AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT BENYA EXPECTS "TOUGH" WAGE ROUNDS IN FALL:

IN AN INTERVIEW ON AUSTRIAN TV THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (ATUF), ANTON BENYA, REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT THE UNIONS HAD TO PEG THEIR WAGE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 11048

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POLICIES TO "ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES". GIVEN THE SLUGGISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE SPARSE BUDGETARY RESOURCES, BENYA SAID HE EXPECTED "TOUGHER (WAGE) NEGOTIATIONS" IN THE FALL, ESPECIALLY FOR METAL WORKERS AND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE. BENYA STATED HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT A "NEGOTIATED SOLUTION" WILL BE POSSIBLE "THIS TIME, TOO". (ORF NEWS, SOCIALIST AZ, JULY 30,31)

5. POLITICIANS WARN OF PLANNED CUTS IN STATE SUBSIDIES TO PENSION INSURANCE SYSTEM:

AUSTRIAN PAPERS TODAY CARRIED STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS POLITICAL FIGURES WARNING AGAINST (DETAILS IN) THE GOA'S PLANS TO CUT PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT PAYMENTS SYSTEM: SECOND PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT MARGA HUBINEK (OVP) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PLANNED REDUCTIONS WOULD AFFECT WOMEN MOST; SEPP WILLE, LEADER OF THE METAL WORKERS UNION, AS WELL AS CHAMBER OF LABOR CHIEF ADOLF CZETTL CALLED FOR A "HARMONIZED PUBLIC SAVINGS POLICY" AS WELL AS FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO COMBAT RISING UNEMPLOYMENT. AMIDST SUCH PUBLIC WARNINGS SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALFRED DALLINGER "PROMISED" THAT THE RETIREMENT AGE WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PLANNED REFORM OF THE RETIREMENT PAYMENTS SYSTEM. (ORF NEWS, JULY 30, SOCIALIST AZ, INDEPENDENT KURIER, ET. AL., JULY 31).
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