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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESS SUMMARY NO. 178/87, FOR 10/30/87

1. LAUDER STATEMENT ON WALDHEIM: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH REUTERS ON THURSDAY, FORMER AMBASSADOR RONALD LAUDER SAID THE CONTROVERSY OVER KURT WALDHEIM'S WARTIME PAST HAS SHOWN AUSTRIANS THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING A LIE FOR 45 YEARS. MR. LAUDER THINKS, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS A LESSON NOT YET LEARNED. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS A RE-AWAKENING OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN AUSTRIA UNDER THE GUISE OF DEFENDING

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WALDHEIM. (AUSTRIAN RADIO NEWSCASTS THIS MORNING)

2. THE SOCIALISTS AND WALDHEIM: WITH A VOTE OF 198 TO 101, THE CONGRESS OF THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY ON THURSDAY REFUSED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS AND BY THE "SOCIALIST YOUTH" ORGANIZATION, ASKING THE CONGRESS TO CALL FOR PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION. INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA SAID THAT THE CONGRESS MUST NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY DOES NOT RESPECT WALDHEIM'S DEMOCRATIC ELECTION. BEFORE THE VOTE, HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT IN A RESOLUTION OF ITS OWN THAT THE PARTY ALSO RESPECTS THE RIGHT OF ITS ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTY MEMBERS TO DEMAND WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION ON THE GROUND THAT AUSTRIA'S REPUTATION IN THE WORLD HAS SUFFERED. FIRST SECRETARY HEINRICH KELLER ARGUED THAT CALLING FOR WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION WOULD BE A SYMPTOM OF WEAKNESS IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY BECAUSE THIS DEMAND CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED. KELLER SAID EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ELECT A SOCIALIST PARTY CANDIDATE, A BETTER MAN THAN WALDHEIM, IN THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. (THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA, DIE PRESSE, NEUE AZ. EDITORIALY, THE INDEPENDENT KURIER DOUBTED THAT IT IS A WISE POLITICAL DECISION TO LET SOCIALIST SUBORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL PARTY MEMBERS CALL FOR WALDHEIM'S RESIGNATION AS THEY PLEASE. NEVERTHELESS, THE WAY THE CONGRESS HAS ACTED ON WALDHEIM WAS THE BEST SOLUTION THE MODERATES WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE, THE PAPER ADDED.)

3. BURGENLAND SITUATION: WITH THE VOTES OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY AND THE FREEDOM PARTY IN THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, FERRY SAUERZOPF TODAY WILL BE ELECTED GOVERNOR OF BURGENLAND. THIS MARKS THE END OF 23 YEARS OF SOCIALIST RULE IN AUSTRIA'S EASTERNMOST PROVINCE. (KURIER) - IN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ALOIS MOCK'S OPINION, COOPERATION BY THE TWO NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES IN BURGENLAND WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE GRAND COALITION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. (NEUE AZ)

4. SUMMIT RUMORS: PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS DENIED RUMORS THAT THE NEXT SUMMIT MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE ON NEUTRAL TERRITORY, POSSIBLY IN VIENNA. THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT GORBACHEV SHOULD COME TO THE UNITED STATES. (BIG HEADLINE ON PAGE 3 OF THE KURIER)

5. NICARAGUAN VISITOR: "THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION MUST REALIZE THAT IT CANNOT SUCCEED BY MEANS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST NICARAGUA, BUT THAT IT MUST TALK TO US," NICARAGUA'S DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, COMANDANTE OMAR CABEZAS, SAID AT A VIENNA PRESS CONFERENCE. HE HAD COME TO AUSTRIA TO ATTEND THE SOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SANDINIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. (WIENER ZEITUNG) O'CONNOR

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