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1. VISIT TO PAKISTAN: PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ WILL RECEIVE PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALOIS MOCK TODAY. THIS IS WALDHEIM'S THIRD OFFICIAL VISIT ABROAD, AFTER TRIPS TO THE VATICAN AND IRAQ. THE TALKS IN ISLAMABAD WILL FOCUS ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC PROJECTS, AFGHANISTAN AND THE GULF WAR. (DIE PRESSE AND KURIER OF NOV. 23). - IN AN INTERVIEW WLTH FOUR AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS, PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL BE A MAJOR TOPIC OF THE REAGAN-GORBACHEV SUMMIT MEETING AND DETERMINE FUTURE

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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS. DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, THE PAKISTANI PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT THE SOVIETS MUST BE GIVEN GUARANTEES THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASSACRES OF AFGHAN COMMUNISTS AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED AND FRIENDLY COUNTRY. ZIA UL-HAQ THINKS THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE SOVIET WITHDRAWAL IN SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS RATHER THAN IN EIGHTEEN AS MENTIONED BY MOSCOW. (KURIER OF NOV. 21)

2. AFGHAN RESISTANCE FIGHTERS: THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOTIFIED THE BONN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, ABDUL-KARIM MOHADJERSAD, THAT THEY CAN ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN VIENNA, BUT THAT THERE WILL BE NO AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF IT, NO MATTER IN WHICH FORM. THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS WANT TO SET UP AN OFFICE IN VIENNA IN ORDER TO COUNTERBALANCE THE EMBASSY OF THE KABUL REGIME NOW ESTABLISHED HERE. (DIE PRESSE OF NOV. 21, PAGE 2)

3. WALDHEIM DEVELOPMENTS: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF HISTORIANS INVESTIGATING WALDHEIM'S WARTIME PAST HOPES TO FINISH ITS WORK NEXT JANUARY. CHAIRMAN HANS RUDOLF KURZ FROM SWITZERLAND AND COMMISSION MEMBER MANFRED MESSERSCHMIDT FROM GERMANY HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE CANNOT BE INTERPRETED NARROWLY IN SUCH A WAY THAT ONLY WALDHEIM'S PERSONAL CULPABILITY IS INVESTIGATED, BUT THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO EXAMINE WHAT HE KNEW. (KURIER OF NOV. 21) - REACTING TO THE CHARGE LEVELED BY SWISS JOURNALIST HANS-PETER BORN IN HIS NEW BOOK ON WALDHEIM THAT HE SURELY KNEW ABOUT WAR CRIMES, WALDHEIM'S OFFICE HAS PUT OUT A STATEMENT DENYING THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE DEPORTATION OF GREEK JEWS, THAT HE EVER INTERROGATED PRISONERS AND THAT HE, AS BORN CLAIMS, WAS "ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ADVISERS OF THE COMMANDER OF ARMY GROUP E." (WIENER ZEITUNG, NEUE AZ, KURIER OF NOV. 21)

4. OPINION POLL ON GRAFF'S RESIGNATION: ONLY 6 PERCENT OF AUSTRIANS THINK THAT PEOPLE'S PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL MICHAEL GRAFF SHOULD NOT HAVE RESIGNED AFTER PROTESTS AGAINST HIS REMARK IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "L'EXPRESS" THAT "AS LONG AS THERE IS NO PROOF THAT HE (WALDHEIM) STRANGLED SIX JEWS WITH HIS OWN HANDS, NO PROBLEM." 85 PERCENT OF THOSE QUESTIONED HAVE WELCOMED. GRAFF'S RESIGNATION. (KURIER OF NOV. 21, FRONT PAGE TOP AND ARTICLE ON PAGE 5)

5. AUSTRIAN POLITICS: INTERVIEWED BY JOURNALISTS ON AUSTRIAN TV SUNDAY MORNING, UPPER AUSTRIAN GOVERNOR JOSEF RATZENBOECK SAID HE DOES NOT INTEND EVER TO REPLACE ALOIS MOCK AS PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN. HE THINKS THAT THE ELECTION SUCCESSES OF JOERG HAIDER'S FREEDOM PARTY SHOULD NOT BE OVERESTIMATED AND THAT GOOD WORK BY THE TWO COALITION PARTIES IS THE BEST REMEDY AGAINST THEM. (KURIER AND OTHER PAPERS OF NOV. 23) - A

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CABINET RESHUFFLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS REGARDED AS POSSIBLE. THREE MINISTERS - SCIENCE AND RESEARCH MINISTER HANS TUPPY, FINANCE MINISTER FERDINAND LACINA, AND NATIONALIZED INDUSTRY MINISTER RUDOLF STREICHER -WILL PERHAPS BE REPLACED. (DIE PRESSE OF NOV. 23)

6. ASYLUM POLICY: IN ORDER TO GET THE GROWING FLOW OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 VIENNA 16077

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REFUGEES UNDER CONTROL, AUSTRIA HENCEFORTH WILL APPLY THE ASYLUM PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION MORE STRICTLY. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH "DIE PRESSE." BLECHA MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING WILL CHANGE ABOUT AUSTRIA'S HUMANITARIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PERSONS WHO WERE REALLY PERSECUTED. (DIE PRESSE OF NOV. 23, FRONT PAGE TOP STORY)

7. AUSTRO-FRENCH RELATIONS: CLAIMING THAT INTERIOR MINISTER CHARLES PASQUA HAS OTHER APPOINTMENTS, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS CANCELED THE OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTER KARL BLECHA WAS TO PAY TO PARIS NEXT WEDNESDAY. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING BILATERAL COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISTS, BLECHA WANTED TO EMPHASIZE AUSTRIA'S DEMAND THAT FRANCE ABOLISH ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRIAN CITIZENS. (DIE PRESSE AND KURIER OF NOV. 21)

8. AUSTRIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY: BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER WILFRIED MARTENS HAS SHOWN "EXTRAORDINARILY FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING" FOR AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY STATED ON FRIDAY IN BRUSSELS AT THE END OF HIS VISIT. (WIENER ZEITUNG OF NOV. 21, TOP STORY)

9. SLOVENE MINORITY: LAST FRIDAY'S GRAZ MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTER MOCK WITH HIS YUGOSLAV COLLEAGUE RAIF DIZDAREVIC WAS MARKED BY SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT ABOUT AUSTRIA'S NEW SYSTEM OF BILINGUAL SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN CARINTHIA. MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASKED FOR YUGOSLAV INTERVENTION ON THEIR BEHALF. (DIE PRESSE AND OTHER PAPERS OF NOV. 21) - ANTI-AUSTRIAN DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN THE STREETS OF SLOVENIA'S TWO LARGEST CITIES, LJUBLJANA AND MARIBOR. (RADIO NEWSCASTS) STEWART

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