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HIMSELF, STRAUSS HAS BROKEN MORE THAN ONE OF HIS PUBLICLY

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DECLARED PRINCIPLES."

7. LIBERAL FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY HORST SCHREITTER-SCHWARZENFELD UNDER THE HEADLINE: "GROWING CRITICISM."

"SO FAR, GENSCHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST STRAUSS IF IT WAS POLITICALLY USEFUL TO HIM. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE CASE. GENSCHER'S RELATIONS TO KOHL ARE NOT THE SAME THEY AS WERE IN EARLIER TIMES. HE ONLY REPEATS WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL FRG POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. FULL STOP. THE FIGURE OF STRAUSS IS BEING DEPORTED TO THE CAMP OF ECCENTRICS."

8. CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY FRIEDHELM KEMNA UNDER THE HEADLINE: "STIR."

"WAS IT REALLY A SHAMELESS IDEA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POSSIBILITY TO TALK TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO FIND PEACEFUL WAYS AND MEANS TO OVERCOME APARTHEID? IT IS CERTAINLY NOT POSSIBLE TO BRING FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS'S VISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BONN POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THIS TRIP WAS CERTAINLY NOT A MISHAP AS THE FDP MIGHT SUGGEST. RIGID POSITIONS WILL NOT HELP BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE CREDIBILITY OF POLICY IS FIRST OF ALL THE CREDIBILITY OF ALL POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO COUNTER VIOLENT DEVELOPMENTS. AN FRG OR EUROPEAN ANTI-APARTHEID RHETORIC WILL MOVE NOTHING IN SOUTH AFRICA."

9. LIBERAL STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG CARRIED AN EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADLINE: "SUMMING UP OF THE VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA."

"FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, WHO ALWAYS THINKS HE IS RIGHT, IS TOTALLY WRONG WHEN HE THINKS THAT HIS TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OVERCOMING THE OMINOUS SEGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. HIS LATEST TRIP CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS NEW TROUBLE FOR THE BONN COALITION GOVERNMENT. BUT THIS, TOO, IS NOTHING NEW."

C. AUSTRIA: WALDHEIM'S PAST

1. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN TODAY CARRIED A NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE "TELEGRAM FROM JULY 22, 1942 CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR WALDHEIM - RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPORTATION? - AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT SPEAKS OF FALSIFICATION."

"THE DISCUSSION OF THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT'S PAST HAS FLARED UP AGAIN WITH THE PUBLICATION (IN THE NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL) OF A TELEGRAM, DATED JULY 22, 1942, IN WHICH **KURT WALDHEIM** IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ORDERED THE DEPORTATION OF MORE THAN 4,000 PERSONS FROM THE BOSNIAN TOWN OF KOZARA.

"THE DOCUMENT COULD SERIOUSLY IMPLICATE WALDHEIM, SAID THE GERMAN MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF HISTORIANS EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF WALDHEIM'S PAST, MANFRED MESSERSCHMIDT....

"THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN VIENNA STATED THAT THE TELEGRAM WAS 'OBVIOUSLY A FAKE.'..."

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2. CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN TODAY CARRIED
AN AP NEWS REPORT ON PAGE TWO UNDER THE HEADLINE
"WALDHEIM COMMISSION INTENDS TO EXAMINE DOCUMENT -
HISTORIAN MESSERSCHMIDT EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO ZAGREB."

"THE COMMISSON OF HISTORIANS...IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL

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