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BANNERS SAYING 'TRUE PEACE THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL,' AND 'NEVER AGAIN SUCH AN INFERNO, BUT FREEDOM FOR ALL DISSIDENTS.' BUT POLICE STEPPED IN AND TOOK AWAY THE BANNERS...."

2. LIBERAL WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSCHAU OF DORTMUND, ON MONDAY, CARRIED A NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE: "JOSTLING DURING PROTESTS IN DRESDEN: 'ERICH, THE KEYS."

"AFTER PROTESTS OF GDR CITIZENS WILLING TO LEAVE THE GDR, AT LEAST FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED SATURDAY NIGHT IN DRESDEN. DURING ATTEMPTS TO FREE SOME OF THE ARRESTED PEOPLE, FIGHTS BETWEEN PROTESTERS AND POLICE DEVELOPED. ONE OF THE ARRESTED PERSON WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE. ACCORDING TO THE PROTESTANT CHURCH, ALL OTHER ARRESTED PEOPLE WERE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY YESTERDAY.

"THE EXTENT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEAVE THE GDR AND THE FACT THAT POLICE DID NOT STEP IN FOR MORE THAN ONE AND A HALF HOURS IS UNIQUE FOR THE GDR. THE MORE THAN 300 PROTESTERS SHOUTED: 'ERICH, HAND OVER THE KEYS.'?"

"APART FROM MANIFESTATIONS FOR SOLIDARITY, SOME CHURCH VISITORS ALSO FIERCELY CRITICIZED THE PROTESTERS.... THE EAST BERLIN PHYSICIST HANS-JURGEN FISCHBECK SAID DURING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE THAT THE EXISTANT SOCIALISM IS ABOUT TO SUFFOCATE ITSELF BY ITS POLICY OF SEGREGATION. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL WAS POSSIBLY RIGHT IN 1961 BUT THE DIVISION TODAY HAS BEEN AN ATTEMPT 'TO PRODUCE ACTIVITIES THAT CONFORM WITH THE POWERS THAT BE.' THIS HAS RESULTED IN A LOSS OF PERSPECTIVE, LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY AND A CULT TO CONSUME...."

C. WALDHEIM AFFAIR?: TV ADDRESS

1. ON TUESDAY, LIBERAL FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU CARRIED A REUTER/DPA/AP NEWS REPORT UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"WALDHEIM TO AUSTRIANS: I WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE."

"IN A TV ADDRESS TO THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE ON MONDAY NIGHT, AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM RULED OUT HIS RESIGNATION. HE SAID: "IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF OUR DEMOCRACY THAT AN ELECTION RESULT CANNOT BE SUBSEQUENTLY CORRECTED.' HE ALSO SAID THAT A HEAD OF STATE MAY NOT RETREAT BEFORE SLANDERS, HATEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS AND WHOLESAL CONDEMNATIONS.' ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, 'THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF HISTORIANS DOES NOT CORRESPOND, IN SOME PARTS, TO THE FACTS BUT IS BUILT ON PRESUMPTIONS AND HYPOTHESES.'

"HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT FOR THAT REASON THE CONCLUSIONS DRAWN CANNOT BE UPHELD. HE OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT IN WHICH HE WAS ACCUSED OF KNOWING THAT WAR CRIMES WERE COMMITTED BUT DID NOT DO ANYTHING AGAINST IT. THE HISTORIANS ALSO CONCLUDED THAT THE QUESTION OF HIS PERSONAL GUILT HAD TO REMAIN OPEN...."

2. LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH, ON TUESDAY, CARRIED A NEWS REPORT BY MICHAEL FRANK UNDER THE

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HEADLINE: "WALDHEIM AGAIN RULES OUT RESIGNATION."

"AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM MADE IT UNMISTAKEABLY CLEAR THAT, AT ALL COSTS, HE INTENDS TO STAY IN OFFICE FOR THE REMAINING TIME OF HIS SIX-YEAR TERM. IN A TV ADDRESS, HE CONDEMNED WHOLESALE ACCUSATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED AGAINST HIM. HE SAID THAT A HEAD OF STATE MAY NOT RETREAT BEFORE SLANDERS. HE

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