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PARIS - FRIDAY MARCH 11

LEADS: FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN; KURT WALDHEIM ON  
WAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY AUSTRIANS; LAUNCHING OF

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EUROPEAN ROCKET ARIANE TONIGHT IN GUYANA; IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVIEW ON TF-1
2. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN
3. U.S. ECONOMY
4. **KURT WALDHEIM'S ADDRESS**
5. AFGHANISTAN

(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

1. TF-1 CARRIED A TWO-MINUTE THREE-QUESTION-ANSWER  
LNTRYI Y RCP08TCR CHRISTIN KRCNT TH P8C5IDCMT  
REAGAN LAST NIGHT IN THE 8 P.M. NEWS PROGRAM. THE  
THREE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH ISRAEL. INTERVIEW WAS TOO  
LATE FOR WRITTEN PRESS AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER PRESS  
REACTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AFP REPORT QUOTED  
BELOW. TF-1 ANNOUNCED THAT FULL INTERVIEW WILL BE  
BROADCAST NEXT THURSDAY, MARCH 17.
2. FIGARO CARRIES FRONT-PAGE REPORT ON ANTI-DRUG  
CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN.
3. FIGARO'S WASHINGTON ECONOMIC CORRESPONDENT SAYS  
"SPECTACULAR DEFEAT ON CAPITOL HILL OF THE VERY  
PROTECTIONIST GEPHARDT AMENDMENT" SHOWS THAT U.S.  
PROTECTIONIST TRENDS ARE DECLINING.
4. **KURT WALDHEIM'S APOLOGY FOR NAZI WAR CRIMES**  
COMMITTED BY AUSTRIANS GETS FRONT-PAGE AND EDITORIAL  
ATTENTION.
5. FIGARO REPORTS SOVIET'S WARNING TO THE U.S. ON  
AFGHANISTAN.

(C) HEADLINES:

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVIEW ON TF-1 TELEVISION LAST  
NIGHT:  
"MR. REAGAN OPPOSED TO EVENTUAL RESTRICTIONS TO  
COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" (AFP)
  2. "DRUG: REAGAN'S ALARM WARNING" "DRUG CONTINUES ITS  
RAVAGES" (FIGARO)
  3. "PROTECTIONIST TRENDS RETREATING" (FIGARO)
  4. **KURT WALDHEIM:**  
"FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE ANSCHLUSS" (LES ECHOS)  
"WALDHEIM EVOKES THE CRIMES PERPETRATED BY THE NAZIS"  
(QUOTIDIEN)
  5. AFGHANISTAN:  
"SOVIET WARNING" (FIGARO)
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(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

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1. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERVIEW WITH TELEVISION TF-1:  
AFP DISPATCH DATED MARCH 10 FROM PARIS: "THE U.S.  
PRESIDENT SAID HE OPPOSES RESTRICTIONS WHICH ISRAEL  
COULD DECIDE FOR TELEVISION COVERAGE IN THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES. DURING AN INTERVIEW GRANTED TO TF-1, MR.  
REAGAN WAS ALSO ASKED IF HE WAS SUPPORTING SUCH  
RESTRICTIONS. 'I AM A GREAT BELIEVER IN THE FREE  
PRESS,' HE SAID, 'SO I WOULD HAVE TO BE OPPOSED TO IT.'  
IN A BRIEF EXCERPT OF THIS INTERVIEW WHICH IS TO BE  
BROADCAST IN ITS ENTIRETY BY TF-1 ON MARCH 17 IN THE  
PROGRAM 'FACING THE WORLD,' MR. REAGAN INDICATED THAT  
HE WAS NOT 'DISAPPOINTED' BY THE DIFFICULTIES  
CONFRONTING THE U.S. PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
'PEACE IS INEVITABLE,' HE SAID ADDING THAT THE ISSUE  
FOR THE U.S. WAS NOT TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL BUT  
RATHER 'AN ATTEMPT AT PERSUASION'."

2. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN:  
CONSERVATIVE FIGARO FRONT-PAGE REPORT: "PRESIDENT  
REAGAN JUST LAUNCHED A NEW CRUSADE AGAINST THE SALE OF  
DRUGS WHICH IS CONSISTENTLY INCREASING... 'OUR CRUSADE  
FOR AN AMERICA FREE OF DRUGS STARTS BEARING FRUITS,'  
RONALD REAGAN HAS JUST SAID. IT IS TRUE THAT ARREST  
AND SEIZURES HAVE NEVER BEEN SO NUMEROUS IN THE U.S.,  
BUT TRAFFICKING HAS NEVER BEEN AS FLOURISHING."

3. U.S. ECONOMY:  
CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 19 BY WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT, JACQUELINE GRAPIN: "THE SPECTACULAR  
DEFEAT OF DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD GEHPHARDT,  
AUTHOR OF THE MOST PROTECTIONIST AMENDMENT OF THE TRADE  
BILL CURRENTLY SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IS PUTTING AN END  
TO THE HOPES OF THE AFL-CIO TO SEE THE TEXT SURVIVE THE  
CRITICISMS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED. A  
FLEXIBLE TEXT, SIMPLY FORESEEING THAT THE U.S.  
PRESIDENT WILL ADOPT MEASURES OF RETALIATION OF HIS  
CHOICE WILL REPLACE THE GEPHARDT AMENDMENT...THE  
DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR AND THE INCREASE IN U.S. EXPORTS  
LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE DIMINUTION OF PROTECTIONIST  
TRENDS IN THE U.S.. THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE,  
GOVERNOR DUKAKIS, WILL NOW FEEL LESS OBLIGED TO ENDORSE  
A PROTECTIONIST ATTITUDE SINCE HIS MAJOR RIVAL, THE  
GREAT WINNER OF THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES, VICE  
PRESIDENT BUSH, IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF INTERNATIONAL  
FREE EXCHANGE."

4. KURT WALDHEIM:  
ECONOMIC LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "IT'S IN A RATHER  
UNEALTHY ATMOSPHERE THAT THE AUSTRIANS ARE  
COMMEMORATING THIS SINISTER ANNIVERSARY. THE BEHAVIOR  
AND THE PERSONALITY OF **KURT WALDHEIM** ARE CLEARLY AT THE  
ORIGIN OF THIS DETESTABLE CLIMATE. WITH HIS  
HESITATIONS, HIS COWARDLY ATTITUDE, HIS LIES BY  
OMISSION AND HIS UNBELIEVABLE OBSTINATION TO STAY IN  
OFFICE, HE LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE POOR IMAGE  
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OFFERED BY HIS COUNTRY. THE DUBIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE  
FORMER U.N. GENERAL SECRETARY MAINLY PERMITTED TO  
REVEAL THE AMBIGUITY OF THE AUSTRIAN SITUATION...FORTY  
YEARS AFTER GERMANY WHICH ACCEPTED TO ASSUME ALL THE  
DIMENSIONS OF THE NAZI HERITAGE, AUSTRIA IS ONLY  
STARTING TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON ITS OWN ATTITUDE."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 16-17: "THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNEXATION OF AUSTRIA BY THE THIRD  
REICH WOULD NOT HAVE REACHED SUCH A DIMENSION IF THE  
WALDHEIM AFFAIR HAD NOT CONTRIBUTED TO REVIVE THE OLD  
DEVILS. THE CEREMONIES OF THE END OF THE WEEK WILL  
UNDOUBTEDLY FURTHER INCREASE THE ISOLATION OF THE  
AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT."

5. AFGHANISTAN:

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 4 BY GENEVA CORRESPONDENT,  
LAURENT MOSSU: "THE U.S.S.R. WENT TO THE FRONT LINE IN  
GENEVA TO DENOUNCES THE DANGERS OF A FAILURE OF THE  
TALKS AND OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE CALENDAR FOR THE  
WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS...AMBASSADOR KOZYREZ  
BLAMED ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CURRENT DEADLOCK  
ON PAKISTAN AND THE U.S.....HE ONLY CONCEDED THAT AN  
ENTENTE IN SWITZERLAND WOULD CREATE THE BEST CONDITIONS  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL  
UNION. THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT WAS VERY CRITICAL AGAINST  
THE U.S."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - FRIDAY MARCH 11

FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES: NYT FROM NEW YORK: "DEMOCRATIC  
RACE IS NOW A MARATHON;" WP FROM WASHINGTON: "SHULTZ,  
SHAMIR IN CONFLICT;" WP FROM WASHINGTON: "KEMP BOWS OUT  
AND HART PLANS TO QUIT;" NYT FROM VIENNA: "VICTIM OR  
ACCOMPLICE? AUSTRIA, IN CEREMONY, CONFRONTS PAST;" NYT  
FROM NEW YORK: "WHAT PRICE THE DEATH OF A TOP  
EXECUTIVE?"

EDITPAGE: WP: "THREE DEMOCRATS WIN;" NYT: "IT TOOK LOTS  
OF MONEY;" WP: "A DEAL FOR THE DEALERS."

COLUMNS: A. LEWIS: "TERRORISTS DON'T CHANGE ISRAEL'S  
INTEREST;" SAFIRE: "AMERICANS ARE MAKING A LEFT TURN;"  
MROZ: "THE RESILIENT GORBACHEV STARTS HIS FOURTH YEAR;"  
FERRIS: "JACKSON'S SOUTHERN SCORE IS A VICTORY OVER  
RACISM;" GANDHI: "RACE RELATIONS IN AMERICA HAVE FAR TO  
GO;" GEORGE WILL: "AS BUSH WINS DELEGATES, HIS POLL  
FIGURES DECLINE." COURTNEY

ADMIN  
END OF MESSAGE

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