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(Editorial Report) The Austrian radio reports that the date of Chancellor Gorbach's official visit to Paris has been fixed for 25-27 June and that he will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Kreisky and Foreign Under Secretary Steiner. According to another radio report, Kreisky, after returning from the Stockholm EFTA neutrals meeting, stated that the purpose of the neutrals' cooperation was "mutual consultation on questions of neutrality policy." ARBEITER-ZEITUNG quotes Kreisky as adding that this does not mean that the three neutrals do not have different trade problems. Austria's further approach to EEC, he said, will be determined exclusively by the Austrian Government on the basis of the Washington and Stockholm talks.

The radio and most Vienna papers report the escape to Austria of a Hungarian soldier in uniform. Press reports identify him as Bela Lapusnyik, a lieutenant of the Hungarian Intelligence Service.

The coalition NEUES OESTERREICH editorially discusses the case of Belgian war criminal Verbelen, regretting that it was left to Communists to broach the question of his naturalization in Austria and calling for exposure of all his protectors and backers. DIE PRESSE claims that Verbelen came to Austria in 1945 with the Americans and that he worked for CID in the occupation era and subsequently also for the Austrian political police, supplying information on rightist extremists. The paper claims that it was in return for his services that the political police did not object to his naturalization and quotes "police quarters" as the source of its information.

Both the radio and the press play up reports on the nationwide metalworkers strike affecting 210,000 workers, emphasizing the smooth organization of the strike and the absence of any incidents. It is also reported that some 50,000 workers of small enterprises will resume work today as a result of an agreement on a 5 percent boost of actual wages and a 10 to 12 percent increase on minimum wages. In the talks on wage raises and social demands of metal industry workers, however, the fronts are reported to have hardened after employers rejected a compromise offer of the union reducing the demanded increase from 8 to 6.5 percent. According to the radio, smelting industry workers and miners are preparing to join in the strike on 14 May unless the union demands are met by then.

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