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COALITION DEVELOPMENTS  
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1. CONFLICTING CLAIMS BY THE SPO AND THE OVP REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF MINISTERIAL POSTS LED TO A TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF THE COALITION NEGOTIATIONS ON JANUARY 13, PAPERS HEADLINED TODAY. THE OVP IS ASKING FOR (7) PORTFOLIOS, MORE THAN THE SPO FEELS IT SHOULD GET, THE SOCIALIST DAILY "AZ" WROTE. THE OVP'S INSISTENT CLAIM TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS APPARENTLY BECOME THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK. FORMER CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY

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REPORTEDLY CALLED ON THE SPO NOT TO "FORFEIT HIS LEGACY" BY LEAVING THIS MINISTRY TO THE OVP. CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY APPEALED TO THE PEOPLES PARTY NOT TO TAKE INTRANSIGENT STANDS ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

--- EDITORIAL REACTION HAS BECOME MORE CRITICAL OF THE COALITION NEGOTIATING PROCESS, ACCUSING THE PARTIES OF LOG ROLLING AND WATERING DOWN PROMISES. COMMENTATORS LIKEWISE EXPRESSED "GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT" OVER THE PARTIES' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DECISION MAKING IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST BE UNANIMOUS. BARGAINING TEAMS RESUME TALKS TODAY. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, SOCIALIST AZ, JANUARY 14, ORF NEWS, JANUARY 13)

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WALDHEIM SPEECH TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS POSITIVELY RECEIVED BY AUSTRIAN MEDIA  
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2. PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM'S** SPEECH AT THE PRESIDENT'S TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON JANUARY 13 WAS FAVORABLY COMMENTED ON IN THE AUSTRIAN PRESS. ARTICLES REFERRED TO WALDHEIM'S WORDS ON AUSTRIA'S PAST AS "SELF-CRITICAL AND WELL CONSIDERED". ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED PICTURES OF AMBASSADOR LAUDER SHAKING HANDS WITH PRESIDENT WALDHEIM. THE OVP PROVINCIAL DAILY "NEUES VOLKSBLATT" SPECULATED THAT AMBASSADOR LAUDER'S PRESENCE COULD POSSIBLY BE SEEN AS AN INDICATION THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT NOT "GIVE IN TO THE STUPID DEMAND FOR AN ENTRY BAN FOR WALDHEIM." REPORTS CRITICIZED THE ABSENCE OF AN ISRAELI DELEGATION. (ALL PAPERS, E.G INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, INDEPENDENT KURIER, JANUARY 14, ORF NEWS, JANUARY 13)

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DRAKEN DEBATE REACTIVATED  
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3. VIENNA MAYOR HELMUT ZILK'S OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO THE PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND, "DRAKEN" INTERCEPTORS HAS ELICITED NUMEROUS STATEMENTS BY POLITICIANS FAVORING THE PURCHASE OF THE "DRAKENS". CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY EMPHASIZED THAT AS THINGS STAND NOW AUSTRIA WILL HAVE TO HONOR THE CONTRACT. (INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE, JANUARY 14)

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN AUSTRIAN-GDR RELATIONS  
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4. AT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN THE LAST MEETING OF THE OUTGOING SPO-FPO CABINET ON JANUARY 13, THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR TO ELIMINATE FEES FOR BUSINESS, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND SPORTS-RELATED VISAS. THE AGREEMENT WAS "WELCOMED" AS A "FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS", THE ARTICLE STATED. (SEMI-OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG, JANUARY 14).  
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