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1. MR. LAUDER'S REMARKS ABOUT AUSTRIA: HIGH-RANKING
POLITICAL CIRCLES IN THE U.S. ARE DISPLEASED WITH FORMER
AMBASSADOR RONALD LAUDER'S RECENT REMARKS ABOUT AUSTRIA,
ASSERTS PAUL LENDVAI, CHIEF OF THE "RADIO INTERNATIONAL"
FOREIGN-LANGUAGES SERVICE OF THE AUSTRIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION. LENDVAI, WHO HAS RETURNED TO VIENNA FROM A
VISIT TO THE U.S., THINKS THAT MR. LAUDER IS TRYING TO
PROMOTE HIS POLITICAL CAREER THIS WAY. (SHORT REPORT ON
PAGE 3 OF KRONEN-ZEITUNG)

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2. YUGOSLAV FILES ON WALDHEIM: IN 1947, THE LEGAL OFFICE OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WROTE A MEMORANDUM ABOUT KURT WALDHEIM'S WARTIME PAST. THIS DOCUMENT WAS DESIGNED TO UNOERMINE THE POSITION OF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KARL GRUBER (WHOSE SECRETARY WALDHEIM WAS AT THAT TIME) AT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BORDER DISPUTE WITH YUGOSLAVIA OVER SOUTHERN CARINTHIA. SEVERAL U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE ALSO INFORMED ABOUT WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITIES IN THE BALKANS. (AP STORY IN DIE PRESSE AND WIENER ZEITUNG)

3. VRANITZKY IN GERMANY: CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY'S THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BEGAN TODAY. HE IS MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL, PRESIDENT WEIZSAECKER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. HE WILL TRY TO PERSUADE THE GERMANS TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS IN GERMAN REGIONS CLOSE TO AUSTRIA. HE WILL ALSO ASK FOR GERMAN SUPPORT FOR AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT AUSTRIA DOES NOT SEEK FULL MEMBERSHIP. (RADIO NEWSCASTS, KURIER. EDITORIALY, DIE PRESSE POINTED PUT THAT AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND HAVE BEEN BUYING ELEVEN PERCENT OF GERMANY'S EXPORTS. EXPECTING BONN'S UNDERSTANDING OF ITS EC PROBLEM, AUSTRIA THEREFORE IS NOT A MERE PETITIONER, THE PAPER REMARKED.)

4. OBSERVERS TO AFGHANISTAN, CAMBODIA?: SENDING AUSTRIAN OBSERVERS TO AFGHANISTAN AND CAMBODIA IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE IN ORDER TO SUPERVISE THE TRANSITION TO A PEACEFUL FUTURE IS NOT BEING RULED OUT. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NOT APPROACHED THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY IN THIS MATTER. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT SENDING AUSTRIAN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES TO THESE COUNTRIES IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. (SPECIAL REPORT OF DIE PRESSE)

5. SOVIET INTERVIEW: COMMENTING ON THE "PERESTROIKA" EFFORTS, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, GENADI SHIKIN, SAID THAT "WHEN WE ARE BRAKING THIS PROCESS ANYWHERE, THEY PUSH US STRONGLY FROM BELOW." HE ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR WHOM THE PACE OF CHANGE IS TOO FAST. IN HIS OPINION, HOWEVER, AN OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AGAINST "PERESTROIKA" DOES NOT EXIST. (SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH NEUE AZ)

6. BURGENLAND SITUATION: THE BURGENLAND PEOPLE'S PARTY WILL NOT APPEAL AGAINST THE RECENT ELECTION OF SOCIALIST HANS SIPOETZ FOR GOVERNOR. LEGAL EXPERTS HAVE FOUND OUT THAT NEITHER THE PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTION NOR THE BYLAWS OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MAKE BALLOT SECRECY COMPULSORY. THIS MEANS THAT MARKING THE BALLOTS AND/OR CHECKING ON EACH OTHER HOW ONE IS VOTING IS PERMISSIBLE. (KURIER)

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7. KREISKY'S OPINION ABOUT FREEDOM PARTY: FORMER CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY, WHO ENGINEERED THE FORMATION OF THE "SMALL COALITION" BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THE FREEDOM PARTY IN 1983, THINKS THAT THE FREEDOM PARTY CHAIRED BY JOERG HAIDER CAN NO LONGER BE A COALITION PARTNER WHEREAS PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ALOIS MOCK THINKS THAT IT CAN. KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT THE FREEDOM PARTY IS NOW MORE RIGHTIST AND THAT HE HAS GIVEN UP HIS HOPE THAT IT WOULD BECOME A REALLY LIBERAL PARTY.
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8. VIENNA ELECTIONS: ACCORDING TO AN OPINION POLL CONDUCTED LAST WEEK BEFORE THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN BURGENLAND, THE SOCIALISTS MIGHT LOSE BETWEEN 5 AND 6 PERCENT OF THEIR VOTE IN NEXT SUNDAY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN VIENNA WHILE THE PEOPLE'S PARTY WOULD LOSE BETWEEN 1.5 AND 2 PERCENT AND THE FREEDOM PARTY GAIN BETWEEN 2 AND 3.5 PERCENT. OF THE TWO "GREEN" GROUPS, THE "GREEN ALTERNATIVES" ARE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE BETWEEN 5.5 AND 6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NOTES WHEREAS THE "UNITED GREENS OF AUSTRIA," GETTING BETWEEN 1 AND 1.5 PERCENT, WOULD NOT PASS THE FIVE PERCENT HURDLE. VOTER TURNOUT WILL PROBABLY BE LOW. (DIE PRESSE)

9. ORGANIZATION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM: A "LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF JEWRY" HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN VIENNA. ITS PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR GENERAL HEINZ KIENZL OF THE NATIONAL BANK, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DESCRIBED IT AS A "COMBAT ORGANIZATION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED MAINLY IN ORDER TO "COORDINATE AND INFORM," BUT NOT BECAUSE OF THE FORTHCOMING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRIA'S ANNEXATION BY NAZI GERMANY OR IN VIEW OF AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE ABROAD. (WIENER ZEITUNG) O'CONNOR

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