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SUMMARY: LOCAL ELECTIONS IN AUSTRIA WERE HELD IN THE PROVINCES OF CARINTHIA, TYROL AND SALZBURG ON MARCH 13, 1994. THE RESULT OF THIS SO-CALLED 'SUPER-SUNDAY' IN A NUTSHELL: THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (SPOE) WERE THE BIG

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LOSERS IN ALL THREE PROVINCES, THE RIGHT-WING FREEDOM PARTY (FPOE) UNDER JOERG HAIDER GAINED ADDITIONAL SEATS, THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OEPV DID BETTER THAN EXPECTED, THE GREENS ARE FOR THE FIRST TIME ENTERING A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE TYROL, AND AUSTRIA'S NEWCOMER ON THE POLITICAL FIELD, THE LIBERAL FORUM, WAS UNABLE TO GAIN A SINGLE MANDATE IN ANY OF THE PROVINCES. ELECTION RESULTS, COMMENTARIES AND ANALYSES DOMINATE ALL AUSTRIAN MEDIA.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS IN THE AUSTRIAN PRINT MEDIA: THE BOSNIAN TALKS TAKING PLACE IN VIENNA'S EMBASSY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON A CONSTITUTION FOR A FEDERATION BETWEEN THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS AND THE CROATS. THE U.S. JUSTICE MINISTRY, ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST, HAS RELEASED A REPORT ON FORMER PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** PUT TOGETHER BY THE OSI UNDER NEAL SHER. THIS REPORT SERVED AS BASIC DOCUMENT FOR PUTTING WALDHEIM ON THE WATCH-LIST.

THE "CAUSA TEMELIN" ALSO CONTINUES TO BE A STORY. THE GOVERNOR OF LOWER AUSTRIA, ERWIN PROELL, IS ASKING THE VIENNA-BASED IAEA FOR AN EXAMINATION OF WHETHER MINIMAL WESTERN SECURITY STANDARDS ARE GOING TO BE MET BY UPGRADING THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. PROELL ALSO WANTS THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON TEMELIN. MONICA RIEDLER, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FOR DIE PRESSE, WRITES THAT DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DINGELL AS HEAD OF A CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED ALL THE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING TEMELIN.

ELECTIONS: SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE THE BIG LOSERS;
WHAT WILL VRANITZKY DO?"

2. THERE WAS ONE COMMON TREND IN THIS SUNDAY'S LOCAL ELECTION IN SALZBURG, TYROL, AND CARINTHIA: THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S (SPOE) SERIES OF DEFEATS CONTINUES IN THE PROVINCES. THE LOSS OF VOTERS WAS ESPECIALLY GREAT IN CARINTHIA, WHICH PROMPTED CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF LOCAL PARTY CHIEF AMBROZY. CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY SPOKE OF A "BITTER SUNDAY FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS," BUT STATED THAT THE IMPORTANT GOALS LIKE AUSTRIA'S EU MEMBERSHIP WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. THE BIG SURPRISE WAS THAT THE PEOPLE'S PARTY (OEPV) WAS ABLE TO KEEP ITS ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN THE TYROL DESPITE NOTABLE LOSSES. THE GREENS GAINED ONLY A LITTLE IN SALZBURG AND CARINTHIA BUT WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE TYROL AND ARE ENTERING PARLIAMENT WITH FOUR MANDATES. THE VOTER TURN OUT SANK IN ALL THREE PROVINCES BELOW THE LEVELS OF 1989 DESPITE THE FACT THAT MANY MORE SMALL PARTIES AND THE LIBERAL FORUM WERE IN THE RUNNING.

STATEMENTS BY PARTY LEADERS ON THE ELECTION OUTCOME:

OEPV HEAD ERHARD BUSEK WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE RESULT AND "THE OEPV IS ABLE TO LIVE WITH IT."

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SPOE HEAD FRANZ VRANITZKY ADMITTED DEFEAT FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS: "ALL-IN-ALL A BAD DAY FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS MAIN GOALS: FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SECURITY AND EDUCATION."

FPOE HEAD JOERG HAIDER FELT THAT THE STRONG GAINS IN SUPPORT FOR HIS PARTY MADE IT "LEGITIMATE" FOR HIM TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CARINTHIA PROVINCE.

GREEN REPRESENTATIVE PETER PILZ BELIEVED THAT THE GREENS WOULD HAVE ALSO WON IN THE TYROL AND SALZBURG WITHOUT THE EU ISSUE (THE GREENS OPPOSE AUSTRIA'S EU MEMBERSHIP).

HEIDE SCHMIDT OF THE LIBERAL FORUM, DISAPPOINTED BY HER PARTY'S RESULTS, STATED "THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR THE NEW THINKING OF THE LF." THE LIBERAL FORUM PLANS TO CONTEST THE ELECTION RESULTS IN CARINTHIA BECAUSE OF THE VOTING PROCEDURES.

U.S. JUSTICE PUBLISHES WALDHEIM REPORT

3. AFTER YEARS OF REFUSALS, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS FINALLY PUBLISHED THE 204-PAGE REPORT ON WHICH FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD MEESE BASED HIS DECISION IN 1987 TO PLACE **KURT WALDHEIM** ON THE SO-CALLED WATCHLIST. THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND FORMER AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT "HELPED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE TRANSFER OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS TO THE SS, WHO USED THEM AS WORK SLAVES; IN MASS-DEPORTATIONS OF CIVILIANS TO CONCENTRATION AND DEATH CAMPS; ...IN THE MISTREATMENT AND EXECUTION OF ALLIED PRISONERS; AND IN RETALIATORY EXECUTIONS OF HOSTAGES AND OTHER CIVILIANS".

AUSTRIANS TO ASK THE IAEA TO EXAMINE TEMELIN TECHNOLOGY;
CONGRESSMAN DINGELL OFFERS LATEST RAY OF HOPE?

4. AUSTRIAN ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE COMPLETION OF THE CZECH NUCLEAR REACTOR IN TEMELIN CONTINUE EVEN AFTER THE EXIM-BANK DECIDED TO GRANT A LOAN GUARANTEE TO WESTINGHOUSE FOR THIS PROJECT. LOWER AUSTRIA'S GOVERNOR ERWIN PROELL ASKED THE VIENNA BASED INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) FOR AN EXAMINATION OF WHETHER WESTERN SECURITY STANDARDS CAN BE MET BY UPGRADING THE AKW. HE ALSO ASKED FOR A REFERENDUM ON NUCLEAR POWER IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC. SPOE PARTY HEAD PETER MARIZZI STATED THAT AUSTRIANS SHOULD IN THE FUTURE RECONSIDER BEFORE BUYING WESTINGHOUSE PRODUCTS. GLOBAL 2000, THE ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION, REMAINS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE BLOCKED BECAUSE A LETTER DATED MARCH 10 FROM DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL, HEAD OF THE

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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR 'OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS,'
TO EXIM-BANK PRESIDENT KENNETH BRODY, ASKING FOR A
REVIEW OF THE TEMELIN GUARANTEE AND REQUESTING ALL
RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, SUGGESTS THAT CONGRESSIONAL
OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT IS STILL ALIVE.
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