World news

Waldheim fails to get majority, will face run-off with Steyrer

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Kurt Waldheim. the former U.N. secretary general who has been dogged by claims he hid his Nazi past, received the most votes Sunday but fell just short of the absolute majority necessary to win Austria's

A run-off election will be held June 8 between Waldheim, 67, the candidate of the conservative People's Party, and Kurt Steyrer, the candidate of the socialists who head the governing coalition.

Interior Minister Karl Blecha announced the. results, which were based on 100 percent of the voting districts reporting but described as

Waldheim received 2,343,387 votes, or 49.64 percent, and Steyrer had 2.061,162 votes, or 43.7

Freda Meissner-Blau, the candidate of the environmentalist Greens, won 5.5 percent, and Otto-Scrinzi, a pan-German nationalist, received 1.2.

After the results were announced. Waldheim said he expected the controversy over his Nazi past to die down during the next five weeks. although surely there will be attempts here and there to interfere in the election campaign.

But do not forget these interventions have come from private organizations and not from governments. I think that must be taken into consideration." Waldheim said, apparently referring to allegations made against him in recent weeks by the World Jewish Congress.

work in his favor because he would attract supporters of Meissner-Blau.

'This election is not yet over. . . I believe that my chances are intact. . I believe I am more attractive on these issues (the environment) than the other candidate." he said.

Meissner-Blau said she would not tell her supporters how they should vote in the run-off.

More than 5.4 million voters were eligible and turnout was nearly 90 percent. The winner succeeds Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, who is stepping down at the end of two six-year terms as prescrib-

The campaign for the presidency, a largely ceremonial post, was the most bitter in Austria's post-World War II history. It forced Austrians to confront their part in the actions of Hitler's Germany during World War II and again raised the issue of anti-Semitism.

The World Jewish Congress had accused Waldheim of hiding his membership in Nazi youth groups before World War II and of concealing his wartime service in a German unit that committed atrocities in the Balkans.

Steyrer has said a run-off election would

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Flight security spotlighted following hijacking incident

PORTLAND (AP) - New attention was being focused on security for commuter flights following the hijacking of an 18-passenger Horizon Air plane in Oregon by a man authorities described as an unticketed passenger.

Officials from the airline said they would look into what could be done to prevent such crimes. The Federal Aviation Administration, which also reportedly intended to re-examine security regulations, said that this was only the second commuter flight ever to be hijacked in this country

Douglas Burton Thomas, 29, of Stillwater, Okla., was arrested early Saturday and was tentatively scheduled to be arraigned on air piracy charges today in U.S. District Court in Portland

Nobody was injured in the hijacking, which began on the twinpropeller Swearinger Metroliner at 10:20 p.m. Friday and endedpeacefully with Thomas' surrender at 1:45 a.m. Saturday at Hillsboro Airport. He was able to force the pilot to land the plane there with unspecified threats, said FBI special agent Bart Gori. No weapon or explosive material was found

Hijackers are usually interested in larger airliners that cantravel greater distances, said Milt Kuolt, president and chairman of Horizon. "It's like a car thief going next door and stealing the neighbor's tricycle." Kuolt said. "It's incredible:







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