

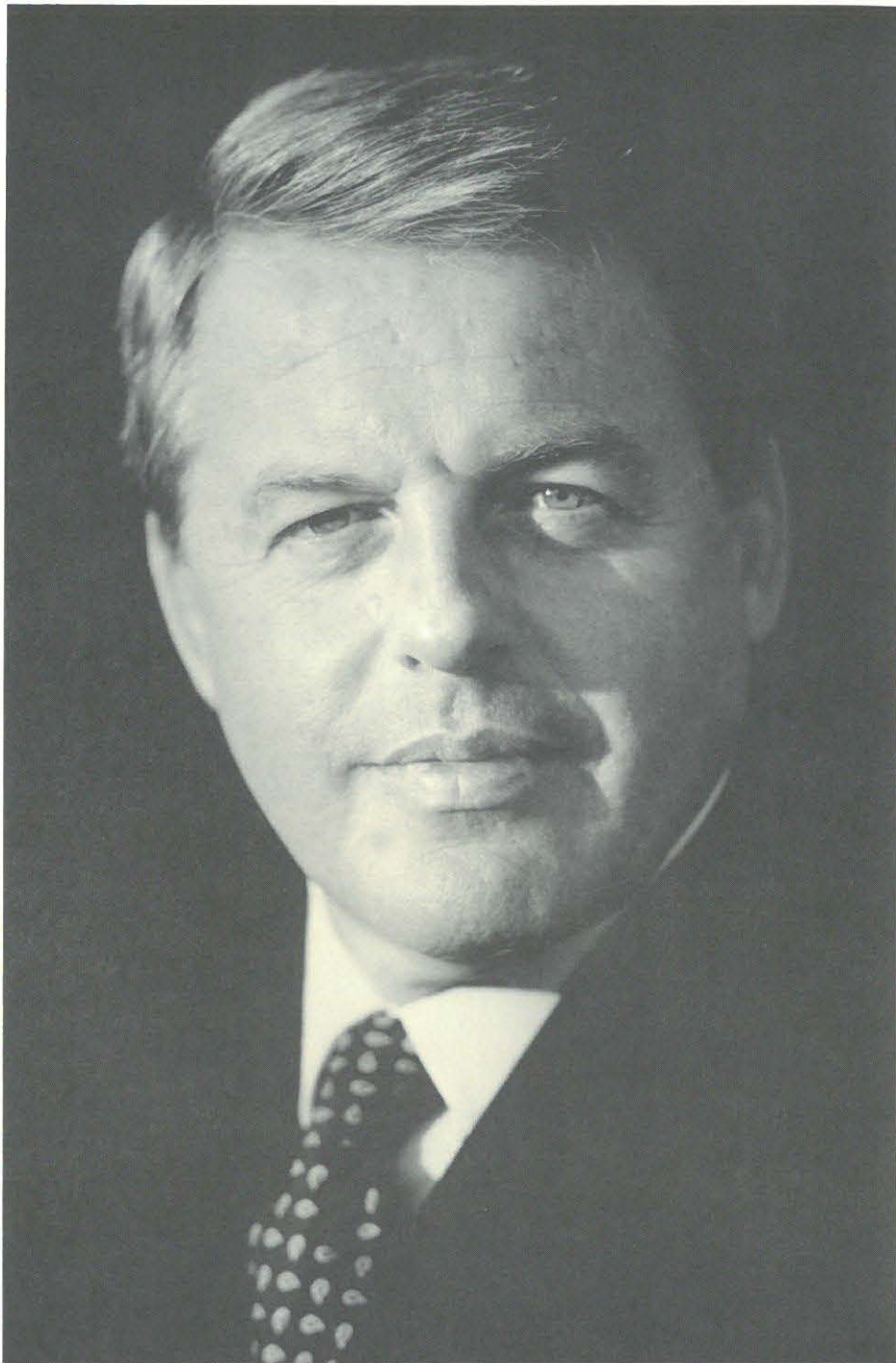
*The J. William Fulbright Prize
for International Understanding
Award Ceremony*

*Franz Vranitzky
Federal Chancellor of
the Republic of Austria
1995 Fulbright Prize Laureate*

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The Honorable Swanee Hunt
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Maurizio A. Gianturco
President, Fulbright Association

Fulbright Prize Address

Franz Vranitzky
Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria
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Presentation of "Tribute," Sculpture by Sergio Dolfi

E. Neville Isdell, Senior Vice President, The Coca-Cola Company,
President, Greater Europe Group

Closing

Philip O. Geier

Franz Vranitzky

Born on October 4, 1937, in Vienna, Franz Vranitzky studied at the College of Commerce (now the University of Economics) in Vienna from which he graduated in 1960. In 1969, after several years of practical work, he received a doctorate in economics.

In 1961, Mr. Vranitzky joined the Austrian National Bank and was assigned to the economic research department. In 1970, he became advisor for economic and fiscal policy to the Austrian Minister of Finance. Mr. Vranitzky was named deputy chairman of the Board of Directors of *Creditanstalt-Bankverein* in 1976 and five years later took over the same position in *Oesterreichische Laenderbank*. In 1981, he was promoted to chairman of the board of *Laenderbank*.

Mr. Vranitzky joined the Federal Government of Austria in 1984 as minister of finance, a position he held until June 16, 1986, when he was sworn in as federal chancellor of the Republic of Austria. In 1988, he was elected chairman of the Social Democratic Party.

On November 29, 1994, Mr. Vranitzky was sworn in for the fourth time as head of government by Federal President Thomas Klestil. He presently heads, as in the years from 1987 to 1994, a "Grand Coalition" government of Social Democrats (SPOe) and Christian Democrats (OeVP).

As federal chancellor, Mr. Vranitzky led Austria to membership in the European Union. For his efforts on behalf of European unity, he was awarded the 1995 Karlspreis (Charlemagne) Award by the city of Aachen, Germany.

Mr. Vranitzky has been instrumental in helping the countries of central and eastern Europe pursue a democratic future for their peoples. Under his leadership, Austria has provided the highest per capita level of economic assistance to that region and has strongly supported international investment there. Mr. Vranitzky also led Austria's humanitarian assistance to the victims of war in the former Yugoslavia and to Soviet Jews seeking safe transit from the Soviet Union during the 1980s. In 1989, Austria's decision to open the border between Austria and Hungary allowed thousands of East Germans seeking freedom to come to the West.

Mr. Vranitzky is married and has two children.

1995 Fulbright Prize Laureate

Austrian Federal Chancellor

Franz Vranitzky

The Fulbright Prize honors Franz Vranitzky for his work to realize the vision of a Europe without borders and barriers and for his stand against the dangers of a new nationalism. His extraordinary contributions to increasing mutual understanding and cooperation include pioneering joint ventures, technology transfers, economic aid, and cultural exchanges with the countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

The J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding

The Fulbright Prize honors the largest and most significant educational exchange program in history, as well as the career and spirit of its creator, Senator J. William Fulbright. The prize recognizes and rewards outstanding contributions towards bringing peoples, cultures, or nations to greater understanding of others. Considered for the prize are individuals in any part of the world who have made a substantial contribution to breaking through the barriers which divide humankind.

In establishing the prize, the Fulbright Association and its cooperating American and foreign associates seek to provide substantial recognition to individuals who dedicate their energies to improving international understanding and to encourage new generations to undertake life commitments to international understanding.

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