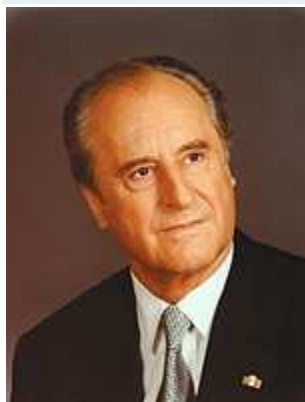


EPP SENDS CONDOLENCES TO HONOR THE LATE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT



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"Europe has lost a great President" said EPP President Wilfried Martens, paying tribute to Austrian President Thomas Klestil, who passed away only two days before ending his term in office.

In a letter on behalf the EPP family, Martens sent today his condolences to Wolfgang Schüssel, Chancellor of Austria. "For the past 8 years, President Klestil's legacy and statesmanship at the helm of Austria, has been a genuine inspiration for all European leaders", he said.

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