

Austria Doubts JFK Report, Envoy Asserts

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination "has been getting good coverage in our Austrian newspapers," the ambassador of Austria to the United States said here.

"No one in Austria was absolutely satisfied with the Warren report," said Dr. Ernest Lemberger yesterday. He is a visitor at International House.

He added that the Austrians "just can't think a great personality such as President Kennedy has been shot by, let's say, a crazy man."

THE ENVOY SAID President Kennedy was the first American president to go to Austria. He met Russian leader Nikita Khrushchev there.

Dr. Lemberger said his country "was not delighted to hear about" the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Students' Association.

But he said the story made much more of an impression in the United States than it did in Europe.

Austria's economy is good, he said, adding that America, if it desired, could export more to Austria. It is generally believed that tourism is Austria's greatest industry, while in fact "it is steel."

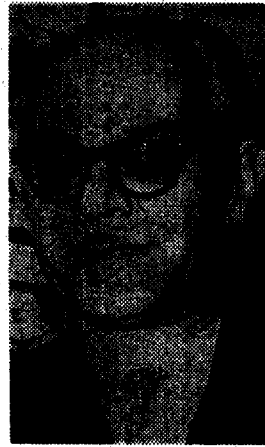
TOURISM "only balances out our budget," the envoy said.

The ambassador inaugurated the Austrian Room at International House. Furnishings for the room are a gift of Col. Eberhard P. Deutsch, honorary consul of Austria here. Col. Deutsch is a founding member and director of IH.

Dr. Lemberger presented Col. Deutsch with the Gold Cross of Merit of the Republic of Austria in recognition of Deutsch's work as counsel to Gen. Mark W. Clark in the military administration of Austria between the spring of 1945 and the fall of 1946; her re-establishment as a free and independent nation, and his work as honorary consul for the past five years.

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