

Visits, Talks, Memorials

Full program in Vienna

In Vienna we were not only tourist. We visited the UN-ambassadors , we talked to referents of the town and of the parties there. We took part in the memorial of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the Dome of St. Stephanus and at the UNO

We started our ten-day-stop in Vienna with a sightseeing tour. We entered a coach. The Fiaker explained us the sights of Vienna. The constant rhythm of the hoof-beat gave us silence even if a driver hectically hurried. The Café Mozart in the Hotel Sacher disappointed us. We preferred to enjoy our Melange and Cake with cream in the Café Central in Jugendstil-art-design.

The days in Vienna were impressed on peace-political talks . We met UN-representatives of the Iran, Turkey and Germany. Vienna is a member of Mayors for Peace. We were welcomed by Mrs. Wenighofer of the council-office for foreign affairs. Her press-release gathered in an interview by Vienna on-line.

At every meeting we explained the slogan of our journey: "Global zero now!", our demand for an immediate start of negotiations about the abolition of all nuclear Weapons with a convention and solving conflicts without any violence.

We have lunch in the Iranian UN-Mission.

Ali Asghar Soltanieh, the Iranian ambassador at the UNO invited us for lunch. When we entered the building oriental music lowly played. We couldn't find out if the music paled for us or if the doorman listened to a CD.

From the steps with a red carpet a woman with a head-shawl came to us. She welcomed Brigitte by a hand-shake and Wolfgang by a friendly nod. She talked to us in German. She is an Austrian, has converted to the Islam and works twenty years in the Iranian embassy. She answered to many questions until the ambassador came. Ambassador Soltanieh welcomed Wolfgang by a hand-shake and Brigitte with a friendly "Hello.

In perfect German he asked us for taking place at the table. Dishes with golden edges, silverware and no-alcoholic drinks, all stuff on a table-cover of damask.

While we ate we answered to his questions about our journey. He assured to us to obtain us contacts in the Iran.

We exchanged our thoughts o the negotiations of the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in New York, where Wolfgang and the ambassador had met. He emphasized the old Iranian culture and criticized the Western arrogance. With the view on the argues on the Iranian nuclear program the ambassador declared: "If you demand or threat the Iranians you will risk troubles. If you ask us for something we think about what we could do."

He showed us two mouth-painted paintings about Hiroshima by an Iranian artist, which he intended as a present for the UNO of the memorial. At a model of the Afghanian-Iranian frontier he explained us the construction of a protecting wall against Heroin-smuggling. Afterwards he lead us into a room with Persian carpets and invited us to a cup of tea. Unfortunately we had to refuse because of the next date. In a Café a member of the European Parliament waited for us yet for half an hour.

We ring the memorial- bell for Hiroshima and Nagasaki

At the memorial day for Hiroshima at the 6th of August the peace-movement of Vienna collects greetings and puts them on the place S. Stephan. Speeches among the swarm of tourists. Some listen to the speeches, some read the texts put on the place. Wolfgang presents our bicycle-journey to the Iran in his speech. A procession with lights finishes the memorial day.

At the Nagasaki- memorial-day we visited the memorial at the UNO. Peace-moved co-workers of the international organizations and some of the ambassadors assembled. We again meet ambassador Soltanieh. He delivers the paintings which he had shown us, to the UNO.

After the speeches the peace-bell from Hiroshima, which stands in front of the UNO rangs. We join the assembly. The bell deeply sounds over the place and air-balloons with peace-messages rise up into the sky.

We visit the most secure atomic power plant

Out of Vienna not far away there stands the only atomic power plant of Austria. It has been finished yet and was armed with uranium piles, but never supplied to the net, because a plebiscite prevented it. Therefore it is called the most secure nuclear power plant in the whole world. We share a guidance through the it. Because it's not radiated. We not only visit the centre of the switch gear but we also go into the reactor. We feel that the technician who was guiding us is pity about. . Again and again we discuss with him nuclear energy.

"There is the future" he says and shows us the solar plants which are installed outside on the nuclear plant and on the ground. In Zwentdorf ecologist energy is produced.

On the Central Cemetery we get a lesson in History

Alois Reisenbichler a member of the Peace-movement in Vienna accompanies our visit of the Central Cemetery. The round became a lesson in History about the Austrian chancellor mayors of Vienna, composers and victims of National socialism. Also actual questions are represented there: there are areas for Muslims and various halls for the different beliefs and views.

We fear for our Trip

A loud squeaking while braking showed us, that the brake linings were used by cycling. We had to look for a service. In a bicycle-shop our brake lines were changed and we bought more of them for the regions where no shops are. But afterwards the light didn't work. When we looked for the fault our bicycle fell down. But then the screw of the spring-fork has loosened. We fastened the screw, we correctly put in the lighting cable, we pumped some air into the wheels and oiled the chains in the hope to be ready for going on. But now the fork was totally stiff. An Odyssey through all bicycle-shops of Vienna began. `We don't do a fork-service, it has to be send to the producer`, was the answer. But to wait 14 days was not possible. Calls to the Producer in Schwäbisch Gmünd didn't also help. Diagnoses over distances were not possible they told us. But then a technique rescued us: He proved the air pressure in the fork. It was too strong. So he left some air out of the fork: and it worked. We were ready for our trip.