

Contrary to popular belief,
the headdress wasn't the crown of
the Aztec Emperor Moctezuma.

What was it then?

"The Aztec rulers used headbands adorned
with turquoise and not with feathers"
reported the Museum of Ethnology in Austria.

Really?

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has no doubt

and the support of many:

In 2005 Peter Schieder stated that
the relic would not be returned
because it had been stolen
"or because we misappropriated it illegally."
"The return of Moctezuma's headdress
would rather be a gesture of gratitude to Mexico
for being the first State
that protested when Hitler's troops
invaded Austria in 1938."

And yet it is still there... And yet it is still there...

A gesture of gratitude

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The ex-director of the Museum of Ethnology
Peter Kann, argues that
there isn't any proof
that the headdress is authentic
nor whether "the 400 quetzal feathers
from which it is made
are from Mexico or Africa."

And Alejandro Gonzalez,
historian at the UNAM, said in 2003:
"No, there isn't any historical proof
that the headdress was from Moctezuma

undoubtedly it belonged to a dignitary or an Aztec priest,
all members of the elite used one,
but there is no way of knowing to whom it belonged."

However, however

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Austria did not appropriate the headdress unlawfully
and the Mexican government has not yet demanded it.

How strange!

Why not?

In 2005 the President of Austria, Heinz Fischer, stated:
"I think the Mexican side is also aware
that this is an issue that affects not only Austria,
but the whole of Europe
and all the museums in Europe,
that see themselves confronted with the handling
and treatment of objects from foreign countries and
cultures... it is an issue that we have to address and discuss."

It affects not only Austria,
but all of Europe
and European museums.

And that's why SUPERDEVOLUCIÓN fights

In January 2011 the director of the Museum of Art History
Sabine Haag announced that
diplomatic talks about a temporary loan are in progress
but she stressed that Austria will not return
the piece permanently.
Moreover Haag needs also to verify,
if the headdress can be transported in the first place.

A temporary loan if possible.

How generous!

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