

World Report

Czechs Try 10 Top Priests as Spies

Accused of Taking Orders From U. S., Vatican; Abbot First to Take Stand Pleads Guilty

By United Press

Ten ranking Roman Catholic priests charged with taking orders from the United States and the Vatican were placed on trial today in Prague, Czechoslovakia, for alleged espionage and treason. The list of defendants reported by the official Czech news agency contained no members of the Board of Bishops. The first news of the trial came from the Prague state radio.

Augustin Machalka, abbot of the premonstratensian monastery at Nova Rize, Moravia, the first to take the stand, pleaded guilty, the official organs said.

A state radio broadcast said Machalka confessed "carrying out espionage and committing high treason on orders of the Vatican hierarchy standing in the services of American capitalists."

Go to Rome

The broadcast said Machalka told the court he went to Rome in 1947 to confer with heads of premonstratensian monasteries.

On his return, he said, he talked with the abbot of the Prague premonstratensian monastery and the deputy general of the order, identified only as Jarolimek. They outlined the "fight against the people's democratic regime," Machalka was quoted as saying.

Machalka said Mr. Jarolimek emphasized the importance of firm resistance to the government's land reform and school laws according to the broadcast. The school law gave the government complete control of church schools.

Hide "Treasure"

Machalka was quoted as saying he hid "several millions of crowns of treasure belonging to the order, together with \$123 American dollars in notes, bank deposits and guns, tommy guns and ammunition" under the church floor and in the tower.

According to the radio, he said he helped to hide the arms "for the murder of Czech workers."

The radio said the trial was open to the public and many foreign and Czech newspapermen were present. Two western correspondents were told that no tickets for seats were available.

Yugoslavia

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Popovic has been appointed Yugoslav ambassador to the United States, succeeding Sava Kosanovic, an authoritative source said today.

Mr. Popovic, 36, was Yugoslavia's first post-war ambassador to Moscow. He was appointed a deputy foreign minister shortly before Marshal Tito and his regime were read out of the Cominform in 1948. He had been a member of the Communist Party since 1930.

Britain

The Labor government today shrugged off its second parliamentary defeat in 24 hours.

The new setback came last night when the House of Lords overruled government objections and voted, 29 to 14, to permit midwives to wear uniforms.

Unlike voters in the elective House of Commons, however, voters in the hereditary and ap-

pointive House of Lords do not affect the tenure of the government.

Commons Thursday night handed the government its first defeat in the Lower House since Labor came to power in the 1945 general election. Winston Churchill's Conservatives pushed through a technical adjournment motion by a 26-vote majority.

China

Reports from the Chinese mainland said today that Nationalist guerrilla activity against the Communists had converted Kwangtung province into an armed camp.

Numerous bands of guerrillas were reported attacking Communist troop garrisons, plundering granaries, ambushing convoys and slaying tax collectors.

Kwangtung, southernmost province of China, has a population of 30 million. The Communists were estimated to have 250,000 troops in the province.

Germany

U. S. Air Force officials denied again today that they had maltreated Czechs who flew to Germany last week, but said any official comment on a formal Czech protest would come from Washington.

Machalka said the Czech government last night sent the U. S. embassy in Prague two sharply worded notes relating to the surprise flight of three air liners carrying 85 passengers to the U. S. Air Base at Ellington, near Frankfurt.

The first bluntly demanded that the United States punish officials who used "gestapo methods" to question the 58 passengers and crew members who decided to return to their homeland.

The second demanded that the United States surrender to Czechoslovakia the crew members who engineered the plot.

France

Foreign ministers of 13 European nations met here today to approve the draft of invitations to Western Germany and the Saar to join the Council of Europe as associate members.

The ministers decided unanimously yesterday to offer the Bonn and the Saar governments associate memberships.

Northern Ireland

A bomb thrown into crowds coming from two political meetings wounded a detective sergeant and a civilian severely last night.

The bomb was the third exploded during the past month in the Woodvale area of Belfast, a center of activity by the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The first bomb injured another detective sergeant, but the second caused no casualties.

Belgium

The regent of Belgium acted today to prevent delay in American arms shipments to this country because of the crisis over King Leopold's proposed return to the throne.

Prince Regent Charles ratified an agreement with the United States for a mutual defense assistance program.

He acted as liberal Albert Deveze planned to see King Leopold in Geneva Monday on a compromise for ending the deadlock that caused the last coalition government to fall.

Korea

President Syngman Rhee asked the National Assembly today to change the date of the South Korean elections for a third time.

Mr. Rhee first had the date changed from May 10 to November and later had it changed back to May. Now he wants it back in November.

If the election is not postponed, Mr. Rhee said, the government may have no money to run on. The budget bill for the fiscal year beginning April 1 is now before the Assembly.

On the Air Today

HALLS OF IVY—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coleman co-star in a program satirizing the life of a college professor "Dr. William Todhunter Hall." . . . WIRE-WLW 7 p.m.

WE THE PEOPLE—A fast-rising comedian, a maker of joke devices, and an authority on traditional American superstitions will be interviewed by Dan Seymour. . . . WIRE-WLW 8:30 p.m.

M-G-M THEATER—Peter Lawford will be heard in the leading role of an adaptation of the film comedy "Come Live With Me." . . . WFBM 8 p.m.

SCREEN DIRECTORS' PLAYHOUSE—"The Dark Mirror," a mystery mixing homicide and psychiatry, will star Olivia De Havilland playing both roles as a set of identical twins. . . . WIRE-WLW 8 p.m.

FIGHTS—Rocky Graziano will return to Madison Square Garden for the first time in four years when he faces Tony Janiro, middleweight from Youngstown, O. The 10-round bout will be described by Bill Corum and Don Dunphy. . . . WISH 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

COLLEGE PREVIEW—The opening program of a series of weekly broadcasts for high school students who are thinking of going to college will feature three Earlham College students from Indianapolis. Bob Macy, former Broad Ripple football star, Bruce Pearson, Tech graduate and Civic theater actor, and Marion Brown, graduate of Warren Central, will be interviewed. . . . WXLW 9:30 a.m.

LET'S GO TO THE OPERA—Recordings of the leading opera companies of the world will be heard in this new series of broadcasts. The initial feature is a Rome Opera Company recording of Verdi's "La Traviata." Milton Cross will handle the narration. . . . WISH 1 p.m.

WTTV Programs

BLOOMINGTON—CHANNEL 10

(CENTRAL STANDARD TIME)

Friday, March 31, 1950

P. M.

6:58—Program Preview

7:00—News and Notes

6:30—Telehows

6:40—Story of Nickel

7:15—Yesterday's Newsreel

7:30—We, The People

8:00—Amateur Hour

8:30—Wrestling

9:35—Boiler, Derby

10:10—Telehows

10:20—Program Preview

10:23—Sign Off

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