



ONE FOR THE CAMERA—A playful elephant at the Vincennes Zoo in Paris, France, shows that he's not only accustomed to posing for snapshots, but even encourages them. A young Parisian, perched on his dad's shoulders, is discovering that a pachyderm can be just as much a ham as anyone else, and even bigger.

The Party Line

## Victim Describes Red 'Confession Technique'

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The Kremlin's extraordinary technique for producing forced confessions has long been a source of wonderment and mystery to the democratic nations.

Recently we got a first-hand, inside glimpse. It came from one who went through the confession mill (in Lubianka Prison, Moscow) and survived, for the first time in Soviet history, without conceding an iota of guilt.

It was this technique, he said, that finally wore down William Oatis, the Associated Press reporter convicted by Red Czechoslovakia of spying last July.

The ex-prisoner of Lubianka is Zbigniew Stypulkowski, 47, a Polish lawyer in Warsaw and a member of the Polish parliament before the Nazis struck from the West and the Red Army from the East. He recently arrived in the U. S. to meet with them. And, as a gesture of good will, they accepted him from England as a member of the Polish Political Council to tell his story at Pruszkow, base of the liberating Red Army, they were told the scene was shifted to Zhukoff's field headquarters.

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