

Slansky Admits Soviet Crimes

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Rudolf Slansky, deposed secretary general of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, confessed Thursday at the purge trial of 14 former party leaders in Prague that he plotted murder, treason, sabotage and anti-Soviet activities for the past 25 years.

Slansky, 51, long a power in international Communism, and former Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis, one of the exiled "London group" of Communists in World War II, were prize defendants in the trial, which may be a prelude to a purge rivaling the Moscow bloodletting of the mid-1930s.

No Western correspondents are in Prague. The proceedings before the five-man purge court were broadcast by Prague Radio.

Money Stolen From Salem Cleaning Firm

About \$6.75 was reported stolen sometime Wednesday night by burglars who entered Kennedy's Cleaning Works, 1248 State St., by breaking a rear window. City police reported that the safe had been tried but not opened. No estimate of possible stolen clothes was made by the owners. The money was taken from on top of the cash register.

Counteracting Soil Destruction

COLUMBUS, O. (AP) — Although farmers cannot expect to increase the percentage of organic matter in a soil, they can offset the destructive bacterial action of nature to some extent by regularly plowing under corn stalks, straw and green manure, says an extension agronomist at Ohio State University.

George Gist says, by way of illustrating the soil problem, that by adding 2 tons of raw organic material per acre every year a farmer could increase the organic matter content in his soil by 2 per cent in 100 years.

CAREER DIPLOMATS SOUGHT
KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan will switch from politicians to career diplomats in filling future ambassadorial posts abroad. An official gazette announced creation of the new Pakistan foreign service designed to build a permanent corps of overseas representatives. Out of 20 ambassadors now serving Pakistan in foreign countries, only three are classed as career men.

Use of Fluorine In City Water Supply Urged

PORTLAND (AP) — The state dental health director urged Oregon cities Thursday to put fluorine in their drinking water.

Dr. David M. Witter of the State Board of Health said the state is low in natural fluorides in water and that as a result only four states in the nation have a higher rate of tooth decay. He said military draft examinations showed this.

He said the only opponents of the fluorine adding process were those misguided by fear. He told the 27th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities that years of study have failed to show any injurious effect from adding fluorine to the water.

Howard Buford, director of the Central Lane County Planning Commission, urged planning and zoning agencies to force private builders to stop work on authorized subdivisions until plans are submitted. He said a stronger law on this possibility is needed. He spoke at a discussion of zoning plans.

Artists Needn't Suffer So Much
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — The idea of certain critics and biographers that a wild, disorganized or unhappy personal life is necessary for artistic creativeness was attacked recently by a professor at the University of California.

Dr. William Frost said there is no simple or inevitable relation between art and morals. They are two separate spheres, he said, suggesting that esthetic judgments about an artist's work be kept distinct from ethical ones about his life.

18 Inductees Leave County

Eighteen Marion County youths, given a farewell party at Salem YMCA Thursday prior to leaving for the Army induction center in Portland, are scheduled to be on their way to Fort Lewis sometime today.

The party was given by the Salem USO committee with women of the United Brethren Church serving lunch. One of the men slated to leave, Thurman A. Metzler, Coburg, was exempted temporarily due to a death in his family. Another, Odell Isaac Lott of Jefferson, was added to the group.

They were to stay at the Portland YMCA last night and to be processed through the induction center at 8 a.m. today.

Shoe Price Index Said to be Stable

NEW YORK (AP) — Stability of shoe prices in comparison with price movements of hides, skins and leather has been stressed by the National Shoe Manufacturers Association.

The wholesale price index of hides and skins moved from 94.3 in June, 1950, to 140.9 in January, 1951, the association said. Between then and April, 1952, the index fell back to 49.7.

During this period, the wholesale price of footwear fluctuated comparatively little. From June, 1950, to April, 1951, the low was 102.7 and the high 123.1. In April, 1952, the index remained at 113.5.

GI War Babies

MANILA (AP) — A government survey shows there are 4,236 "GI war babies" in the Philippines, but the total is believed to be much higher. The survey showed most of the children had been abandoned by their American soldier fathers. A few receive financial help from fathers in the U.S. and the most needy cases are assisted by the American-Philippine Guardian Association.

Qualifications Of McKay for New Job Cited

(Story also on Page 1.)
Gov. Douglas McKay's qualifications for serving in Dwight Eisenhower's cabinet as secretary of the interior were lauded by many a Stateshouse friend and observer Thursday.

Few men have been as regular in attendance at meetings of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee as McKay. That is the semi-official group of state and federal officials which drafts policy recommendations on handling development of Pacific Northwest resources and working out conflicts between agencies.

McKay frequently has taken the lead in resolving clashes and usually he has done it by finding a compromise.

State Capitol newsmen rate him a superlative administrator but thin-skinned critic; slow to reveal his stand on controversial matters; almost intuitive in picking the right men to fill appointive jobs.

He is an ardent, and excellent, horseman and his horsemanship is hampered not at all by a World War I wound which for a time threatened to leave his right arm crippled.

When World War II broke out he was in line for the State Senate presidency, but his public office holding was interrupted when he volunteered for military service. He was commissioned and stationed at Camp Adair.

In 1948 he won the governorship to fill out an unexpired term, then in 1950 was re-elected for four years.

After schooling at Portland and at Oregon State College he started selling automobiles.

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Slayer Asks Stay After Mentalist Found Incompetent

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A condemned slayer Thursday asked the state Supreme Court to set aside his death sentence on grounds the psychiatrist who pronounced him sane has since become insane himself.

The unusual appeal was argued by counsel for 25-year-old Theodore Elliott, who pleaded guilty to the murder of a policeman three years ago.

Dr. William Drayton Jr., a municipal court psychiatrist, examined Elliott before sentence was passed and reported the defendant was "probably no higher mental scale" but that he was not mentally ill.

Barney F. Winklerham, Elliott's counsel, said Dr. Drayton had been found mentally incompetent in a court action brought by his own wife six weeks after Drayton filed his report on Elliott.

EX IKE AIDE WEDS

NEW YORK (AP) — Kay Summersby, wartime secretary to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, was married Thursday to a Wall Street broker and left for a Virgin Islands honeymoon.

Divorced from her first husband in 1943, married Reginald H. Morgan of New Canaan, Conn.

Only 14 Attend Parks Session

A meager attendance of 14 persons at a public parks meeting was reported Thursday night by Mark Astrup, chairman of the Salem parks advisory commission.

The meeting at Bush School, included films promoting improvement of park systems and discussion of possible improvement of Salem parks.

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