

Czech Refugee Tells of Attempts Made To Get 'Misguided People' To Return

Editor's Note: The author of the following dispatch is a newspaperman now working in New York who fled his native Czechoslovakia with his wife after the Communist coup in 1948. For fear of retaliation, he cannot be identified but this is an authentic case history of how the Communist countries are trying to lure back refugees.

New York — (U.P.) — Every two weeks my mail includes an expensively postaged airmail letter from Prague, Czechoslovakia. At first glance it looks like any ordinary letter from overseas. Inside is a Communist newspaper. Its contents boil down to this persistent appeal: "Come home, you poor misguided refugees. All is forgiven. See for yourself how happy and

prosperous your country now is and how much happier you will be when you once again take your place in the community. Contact the nearest Czechoslovak embassy at this address . . ."

It is the latest weapon in the Communist countries' all-out battle to win back anti-Communist refugees, many of them citizens of their adopted countries. Unwittingly aiding this campaign, the U.S. mail carries thousands of such letters every week from every satellite country, even from Russia. The postal services of Canada, Australia, nearly all the Latin American republics and Western European countries get their share, too.

The magazine I get is called "Hlasny Domova" (Voice of the Homeland). It is published every two weeks by a committee "for the welfare of persons returning under the amnesty" which was proclaimed by the Prague government in May 1955 for an original period of six months but has now been more or less permanently extended because of disappointing response.

Mother Appeals

In the last issue of "Hlasny Domova," dated in mid-May, I read the following appeal from the mother of a refugee living in Paris: "Will anybody who knows my son, please tell him that his aged mother wants him to come home? Since I first wrote him to return he does not answer any of my letters . . ."

An editor's note to the mother's letter urged the man to contact the Czechoslovak embassy in Paris for all "arrangements" in connection with the return trip.

Some of these letters printed by the newspaper are, no doubt, genuine. There are many, however, that in the opinion of refugee organizations here were written under Communist pressure.

How did the Communists get the addresses to mail the newspapers to? How did they get mine? The post office in Prague, and in all the other satellite capitals, has a file on every refugee who writes to his relatives or friends. Unless you sever all con-

tact with them—and it's a hard thing to do—you are bound to get on the mailing list.

Hard to Stop

Short of checking all incoming mail from behind the Iron Curtain in the United States can do little to stop this flow of Communist propaganda. The Communist embassies no longer have a hand in distributing these newspapers—they did for a while at the very start of the campaign—and direct appeals to refugees through embassy or consulate personnel are held to a strict minimum. Consequently subversive laws are hard to apply.

"Hlasny Domova" gives banner headlines to all returnees and arranges press conferences for them. In the last issue I read this boast from one of them:

" . . . Now my family and I have a house of our own in the borderland (the Sudeten area still largely unsettled after the expulsion of the Germans) and a well-paid job in the mines . . ."

This statement carries deep significance for any potential returnee: Mining is the sort of job you can expect to get and the depopulated border area is the sort of place you will probably live in.

Incidentally, the only thing from my bi-weekly correspondence with Prague that I find any use for are the stamps. I keep those.

Langley and Crosby Called in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said that the grand jury currently investigating vice allegations here had subpoenaed District Attorney William M. Langley and Teamster official Clyde C. Crosby to appear before the grand jury today.

Sheriff Terry D. Schunk of Multnomah county also was scheduled to appear, by invitation, today.

Langley declined an invitation to appear Tuesday.

Meanwhile, three persons the grand jury wants to question were being sought in the state of Washington. They are Joseph P. McLaughlin, Thomas E. Maloney and Morris Altschuler. Thornton requested the appearance of the three men through Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll in Seattle.

Harry Scoth Awarded For Superior Service

Corvallis — Harry A. Scoth, U. S. department of agriculture research agronomist at Oregon State college, has received a department superior service award for 1955.

Scoth was awarded "for his contribution to the development of the grass and legume seed production industry in the Pacific northwest, and for research resulting in the development of several improved grass and legume crop varieties."

Scoth, who has been at OSC since 1914, is known for his selection and development of alta fescue, Willamette vetch, a type of common vetch superior in yield and winter hardiness, is another of his contributions to Oregon farmers.

Sheared Cotter Pin Cause of Bus Mishap

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — The Washington county sheriff's office reported today that a sheared cotter pin was the cause of the bus accident Tuesday that took the life of a Portland teacher and injured several others.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Larsen said a cotter pin connecting the brake pedal to the master cylinder either had dropped out or was sheared off as the bus started down a hill.

The vehicle, carrying 58 berry-pickers, went out of control and overturned in a field. Mrs. Irene Brooks, 47, was killed.

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About 1250 girls and about 625 boys were attending the summer school session.

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