

Temptation Too Much For Boys Czech Purge Trials Said Move to Strengthen Russian Ties With Eastern German Populace

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Every one has a yen to live like a millionaire. And no one had the desire more than two young Oklahoma City brothers.

The boys, age 11 and 12, found temptation too much of a foe as they sat near a woman with a bulging purse Monday night at the Bathel Center. Later, when they looked inside the purse, they found what appeared to be a million dollars—or, even better, \$160 cold cash.

The next day they skipped to school loaded. Police, recapping their adventure, said they threw handfuls of dollar bills in the air and watched their schoolmates scramble for the money.

One of them tipped a playmate \$1.25 for a shoeshine. He also handed a lad a quarter to brush his coat.

As the day wore on, and spending money became dull, the 12-year-old found a way to live things up. He gave a girl \$2 for four kisses.

The brothers handed a schoolmate a \$20 bill and ordered:

"Here, son. Go get me some change." When the friend returned he was tipped \$5 for his trouble.

Hot dog stands in the neighborhood suddenly found they were doing a banner business. At one point the boys got brave enough to ask their homeroom teacher if they could throw a big Christmas party. The suspicious teacher turned thumbs down on the proposal.

When 125 keys ran out of cash—they also ran out of friends. By that time police had been informed of the spending spree and collared them.

The father promised full restitution, but the police decided they would get back as much money as they could. Juvenile Officer G. E. Bailey reported so far they have collected \$14.90.

One boy, he said, had only a nickel left—but he generously returned it. Several others also explained they had already spent their money.

In the meantime, the young millionaires found themselves penniless, friendless and facing the wrath of their angry father.

(Editor's note: The writer of this dispatch was chief of the Associated Press bureau in Prague at the time the Communists took over the government there.)

By A. I. GOLDBERG

NEW YORK (AP) — Czechoslovakia are reported fearful that the Slansky-Clementis purge trials and hangings spell the quick Moscow-sponsored return of Sudeten Germans expelled by the late President Benes after World War II.

A Czechoslovak once close to the Benes government, after studying a letter from a professional man in Czechoslovakia, expressed belief the principal purpose of the trial was to clear out the chief opponents of German workers coming back into Czechoslovakia, a move long desired by Moscow.

Another trial aim was to forge stronger ties with Germans by

playing on whatever anti-Semitic feeling remains in Germany, this former official said.

Relatives in the U. S. received from a member of their family, still in Czechoslovakia, a letter written after the trial sentences were announced. Identities of those involved must remain guarded.

The professional man is a Jew, one of those resettled from his former home into the Sudetenland along the border of Germany, after some three million Germans were expelled. Benes considered the Sudeten Germans a spearhead of provocation, blaming them for the inroads that Hitler was able to make in taking over Czechoslovakia before and after the Munich agreement in 1938.

The Sudeten people were skilled workmen, in glass and pottery, mines and industry. Many were engineers, technicians and factory administrators.

Their expulsion was a hard blow to Czechoslovak industry because it robbed the market of skilled workers and because the expelled Germans immediately set up com-

petition in Germany with their skills. Some went to East Germany.

Their homes and furniture were confiscated and turned over to Czechoslovaks—a great many were brought from other parts of the country.

One idea was to have a convenient buffer group between the German border and Prague in case of any new German aggression.

Czech industry was working its way back to some sort of normalcy when the Communists took over in February, 1948, and announced even more grandiloquent four and five-year plans.

Late in 1948 Moscow began badgering the Czechoslovak government to bring back the Germans, especially from East Germany, where unemployment and near-famine made the situation dangerous for the Communist offshoot of Moscow.

The Kremlin also wanted the

door opened to West Germans, hopeful Czechoslovak communists could provide a propaganda cement that would unify Germany along the lines Moscow has always wanted.

But the foreign minister, Vladimir Clementis, a Slovak, hated the Germans more than he loved Moscow. Rudolf Slansky, the Communist party boss, was a West Bohemian who had always lived in fear of Germany.

Together they fought the Moscow plan in the Cabinet and beat it early in 1949.

That was when Moscow began to catch up with Clementis, who had denounced the Stalin-Hitler pact of 1939 from his refuge in Paris.

The mystery was why it had taken so long to rub him out. One answer was that Slovaks had to be thoroughly policed against any uprising over one of their favorite sons.

The epilogue appeared ready to be written.

The latest letter from Czechoslovakia's Sudeten region put it this way: "We hear about the trials in Prague and we believe that our former guests are going to return. Some have already. That is the whole feeling here about the trials. My impression is that I shall have to leave here and go back to our former home in Bohemia."

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Horse Leads 'Dog's Life'

YONKERS, N. Y. (AP) — Dagsworthy Lola, the homeless mare of Yonkers Raceway, was back in Delaware today munching oats in her owner's barn after an experience that shouldn't happen to a dog—let alone a harness horse.

Seems that when Yonkers closed for the season Nov. 15 and the horses were shipped off to winter quarters or other destinations, Dagsworthy Lola was left behind quite by accident.

William Tinkler, resident caretaker, was making the rounds of the deserted barn area one day, and lo and behold, there was a horse just begging to be found.

Tinkler's 12-year-old son Jack fed and watered the mare, but nobody knew who she was, or her owner.

Yonkers called in the Pinkerton horse identification bureau, and experts went to work. Checking the "night eye" or "chestnut" markings on all horses racing here, they finally identified the horse.

Truman L. Campbell of Dagsboro, Del., had sent the horse to trainer Del MacTavish with instructions that he take her to Canada for training this winter.

Dagsworthy Lola had been converted from trotter to pacer this year, and MacTavish didn't consider her satisfactory.

He made a deal with a trucker to ship the horse back to Delaware and left for Canada.

But something went wrong. The trucker didn't pick up the horse. Campbell thought his mare was in Canada. MacTavish thought she was in Delaware.

Winds Danger Yorkmar Work

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP) — Rising winds early today spelled trouble for Coast Guard boats attempting to pull the grounded freighter Yorkmar free from its sandy berth off the mouth of Grays Harbor.

A Weather Bureau report said 20 to 45 mile an hour winds would continue to buffet the 7,207-ton Liberty ship through Thursday, complicating if not preventing a hoped for attempt to drop a messenger line aboard from a helicopter.

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By that time, he told a reporter, the supporters of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) in Congress probably will refuse to go along with some of President-elect Eisenhower's proposals.

"For a time — while patronage plums are being dangled in front of them—the Republicans in Congress probably will support Eisenhower," Boggs said. "But any guess is that the honeymoon will be over by the end of the first session."

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