

Romanian Diplomat Out For Attempting Blackmail

WASHINGTON (U) — The United States ordered Tuesday the "immediate departure" of a Communist Romanian diplomat. It said he tried to blackmail an American citizen into spying for the Romanian government.

The State Department said the diplomat, Christache Zambeti, attempted to "subvert" V. C. Georgescu, a naturalized American citizen of Romanian descent, May 20 in New York.

Now They Want To But Can't Set Fires

Chief Hal Ogle and his aides at the Klamath Forest Protective Association here were faced with reverse trouble today; whereas the KFPFA men are famed experts in putting out forest fires they are now confronted with the problem of starting some small woods blazes in the soggy forests.

The small fires are to be used for instruction during the annual 3-day forest fire fighting school which starts tomorrow morning at KFPFA headquarters. The school is conducted annually here by KFPFA and the State Forestry Department.

Besides KFPFA and State Forestry personnel, rangers from the Indian Service, Crater Lake National Park and Weyerhaeuser Timber Company fire crews have been invited.

Three fire fighting experts, including a radio technician, are to work with KFPFA men in instructing the various classes. All phases of forest fire fighting are to be covered.

Tomorrow's events are scheduled for KFPFA headquarters but the second day, the classes are to adjourn to the woods for actual fire fighting instruction... providing the KFPFA boys are as adept to starting a fire as they are at dousing one.

The department said it "carefully verified" his information and sent a terse note to the Romanian legation Tuesday morning which said in part:

"The government of the United States has ascertained that Christache Zambeti, first secretary of the legation, has engaged in activities incompatible with his status as an accredited diplomatic official."

"Therefore, this government is impelled to declare Mr. Zambeti persona non grata. The legation is requested to make arrangements for his immediate departure from the United States."

Zambeti, one of Romania's top diplomats here, came to the United States in September of 1951.

State Department press officer Lincoln White was asked whether the State Department's diplomatic language meant Georgescu had been asked to "spy for Romania."

White replied "Certainly. It is implicit in what it said. What else?"

Asked whether he interpreted the matter as attempted blackmail also, White replied "yes."

Although Georgescu lives in New York City, it was understood he is currently in Washington, perhaps in connection with the case. Zambeti was reported to be in New York Tuesday.

Georgescu has been in the United States since 1946 with his wife after the Romanian Communists "nationalized" foreign oil interests in Romania.

State department officials said they did not know why his two sons were not allowed to come to the United States with him.

Three Romanian legation aides previously were ejected from the United States. They were Dumitru Sterian, a chauffeur, who was declared persona non grata March 25, 1948; Alexandru Lazareanu and Grigore Preoteasa, legation counselor and minister counselor who were both ordered to leave December 10, 1948.



HOW'S THAT AGAIN? — Elizabeth Hess, 13, winner of the National Spelling Bee, visits President Eisenhower at the White House. The President told the Phoenix, Ariz., grade schooler that as a lad he had difficulties with spelling, for instance with the word "syzgy."

Winema Post Sets Installation

Winema Women's Post 142, will be on hand next Tuesday to have the post's officers for the ensuing year installed, when all of the Legion Posts of District 4 hold joint installation at Moore Park.

Installation is open to friends and relatives, and will take place about 8 p.m. Bly Post 13 will install. Otis Osborn, District 4 commander, is installing officer.

Proceeding the installation, a barbecue dinner will be served for adults, children under 12 free, according to Carl Schubert, barbecue chairman.

Elected officers of Winema Post to be installed are: Martha Hurd, commander; Mabel Bishop, first vice; Kathryn Sammon, second vice; Olive Adamson, adjutant; Muriel Palmer, chaplain. Other appointive offices are being filled.

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The annual Memorial Day Parade will be staged under auspices of the Allied Veterans Council, which will also have charge of ceremonies in front of the Memorial Shaft on the Court House grounds.

Harvey Brannon, chairman of the Allied Veterans Council, announced that all veteran organizations will participate in the parade, scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. at Main and Spring. The procession will proceed down Main Street to the Court House.

The Rev. D. W. Proett, Peace

Memorial Presbyterian Church, will deliver the Memorial day address. Dick McGuire will act as master of ceremonies.

Flags will be placed on the

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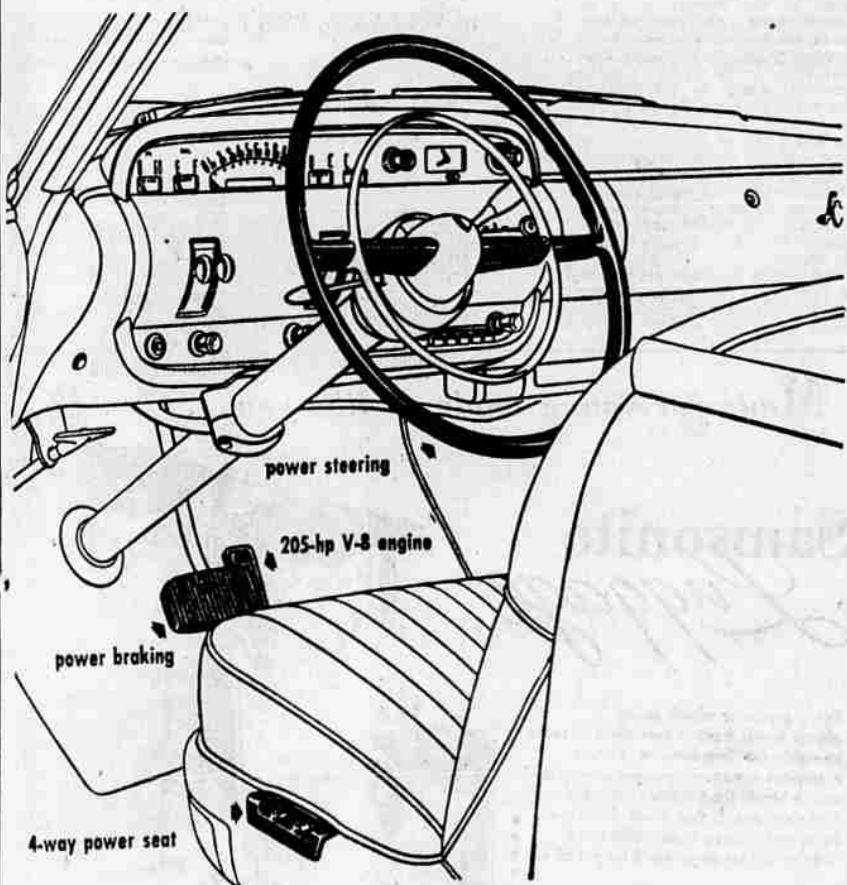
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