

# Triumphant American On Way To Freedom After Weird Game With Reds

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—A triumphant young American named John Hvasta heads home by plane today, the winner in a grim cast-and-mouse game with the Communist regime of Czechoslovakia that lasted five fantastic years.

# Labor Chiefs Plan Funds Rule Change

MIAMI BEACH (AP)—AFL leaders today were reported considering drafting a set of rules for managing union welfare and pension funds to head off the strict legislative curbs recommended by President Eisenhower.

One of the top leaders of the AFL Executive Council said the council at its winter meeting may recommend a code for AFL union funding of such worker trust funds.

Eisenhower recently proposed that Congress conduct a broad investigation of union management of welfare and pension funds and enact stricter safeguards. He suggested including such new rules as part of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The AFL may run into problems in trying to set up its own set of rules. In the first place all member unions of the AFL are autonomous and have the right to operate their trust funds as they see fit.

# Roosevelt To Air Finances

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—James Roosevelt, who says he is broke, and his estranged wife Romelle, who contends he is worth two million dollars, will talk about money today and not about the infidelities she has accused him of.

A hearing in Superior Court here will air the finances of the eldest son of the late President Franklin Roosevelt to determine if he is able to meet his wife's demands for \$3,500-a-month alimony and support for their three children.

In her separate maintenance suit, Mrs. Roosevelt listed her expenses as \$2,455 monthly and those of the children as a total of \$1,575 a month.

She broke her expenses down partly as follows: help \$565, food \$380, clothing \$950, house maintenance, utilities and auto expenses \$100 each, medical and dental \$150, furnishings \$100, charity \$50, house payment \$100, insurance \$50, travel \$80, entertainment \$50, and other expenses for other items.

Among expenses for the children she listed tuition \$175, special instruction \$270, musical instruments and instruction \$130, clothing \$200, dental \$225, other medical \$100, travel and recreation \$150.

started catching up on freedom when a State Department car whipped him through the Iron Curtain at the Czech-German border yesterday.

The full story of at least one phase—how he bounced from pillar to post as a hunted man in Czechoslovakia for 21 months, always one step ahead of his Red pursuers—may never be publicly told. It could touch off a reign of terror against the anti-Red Czechs who sheltered him.

Like AP Correspondent William N. Oatis, freed from Czech imprisonment last May 17, Hvasta was accused by the Red regime of espionage. He was sentenced to 10 years. He had served 2 1/2 years when he took part in a five-man break from Leopoldov Prison near Bratislava early in 1952. Then came his 21 months as a fugitive and four months in the Prague embassy, technically American soil, while diplomatsickered over his fate.

The Prague Radio, skipping the details, reported he had been "released" and ordered expelled. U.S. military policemen stood guard as Hvasta slept overnight at the Grand Hotel in Nuernberg, 85 miles north of Munich. His final stepping stones to safety were all arranged by a jubilant U.S. government: three commercial airlines—Munich to Zurich, to London, to New York. He arrives at New York's Idlewild Airport tomorrow.

He looked forward to the reunion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hvasta of Hillsdale, N.J., like him naturalized citizens of the United States. The family came to the United States in 1939.

Their joy at his release was reflected in the tumbled words of Mrs. Hvasta in Hillsdale: "We waited for this day, oh, how we waited for this day."

Hvasta returned to Czechoslovakia in 1944 as a student under the GI Bill of Rights at the University of Bratislava. He worked four months at the U.S. consulate general in Bratislava. But Czechoslovakia still considered him a Czech citizen. He was arrested in October of the year he was expelled. The conviction came the following May.

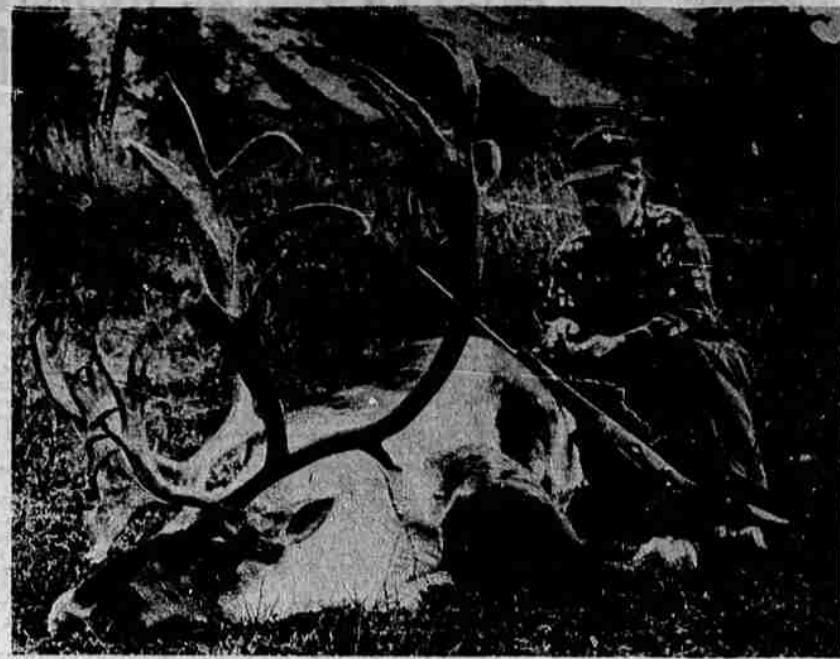
There was no immediate news about Hvasta's wife, a beautiful young Czech he married while in prison. Ironically, the wedding was five years ago to the day on which he left Czechoslovakia a free man.

Gabriela Danis Hvasta, wracked with tuberculosis and harried by Czech police, has been in and out of sanitariums and jails ever since her wedding Feb. 4, 1949. There has been no word of her whereabouts since late 1950.

The State Department revealed the carefully guarded secret of Hvasta's successful flight in an announcement yesterday after Prague radio issued its account. The State Department labeled the Prague account as phoney as it had called the charge of espionage on which Hvasta was arrested.

The corporation contends that to yield to the demand would make it a captive industry.

W. P. Morin, corporation vice president put it this way: "The company insists it must be free. If occasion arises, to make whatever changes are necessary to preserve its business."



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# Union Strikes On Demand That Factory Agree Never To Move Sites Of Plants

NORWALK, Conn. (AP)—A union fight reflecting the frequently expressed concern in New England over the shift of its industries to the South has produced one of the longest strikes in recent Connecticut history.

Heart of the dispute, now seven months old, is a union demand for a contract guarantee from the Hat Corp. of America that it will shift no more of its Norwalk operations to another state.

Local 15, United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union (AFL) calls the strike, involving some 1,400 workers, a battle for job security.

Says its president: "We have no objection to plant expansion, provided no jobs are lost to Norwalk."

The corporation has offered to give severance pay to any displaced workers. That's not enough, says the union.

Behind the strike lie three years of union-management jockeying, beginning with a corporation announcement in 1950 that it planned to move part of its straw hat operations from this industrial center of 50,000 to a new plant in Winchester, Tenn.

The shift cost 100 Norwalk workers their jobs. The union demanded and received in its 1952 contract, however, an "employment stability" clause guaranteeing, for one year, that no more workers would lose their jobs.

With 1953 came a management announcement in the midst of new contract talks that the corporation planned to move more of its operations to a site "west of the Mississippi." The site was disclosed recently as Nevada, Mo., a community of 8,000.

The announcement widened a rift that had developed during the contract negotiations which opened in the spring of 1953. It brought from the union a flat assertion that unless the company dropped its plans to move more of its operation, the plant would be struck.

corporation petition for an injunction outlawing the strike. It charges that the union, in restraint of trade, seeks to prevent the company physically from moving its property. It challenges also whether the union demand for a job security clause is a valid strike issue.

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Junior and senior girls at Merrill High School are taking home nursing, with Margaret Molitor as instructor. The class was sponsored by the Merrill Parent and Patrons who assembled many of the supplies for the course. When the home nursing section of the class is complete, the senior girl will continue with the mother and baby care course, which will be taught by Muriel Palmer, public health nurse.

Mrs. Mildred Martin, R.N. is teaching a third group of adults at the chapter office. This class meets three times a week and will complete their home nursing course in seven lessons.

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