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The following direct dispatch from Vienna correspondent Karasik was broadcast by CBS in the programme "World News Roundup" on Friday, 13 Dec. 1957 at 8.00a.m.

"The long awaited secret trial of General Paul Maleter, the hero of the Hungarian revolution began today in Budapest, according to reports reaching Vienna a short time ago. The usually reliable source says, "also to be judged by the Secret Military Tribunal are General Kovacs, who served as Chief of Staff to ex-Premier Imre NAGY and Sandor Kopacsi, the former Police chief of Budapest, who joined the Freedom Fighters during the uprising. All three defendants were arrested by Soviet troops after the suppression of the revolt in November last year. The Western press had reported earlier that the trial had begun at the end of November, however, on December 3rd an official spokesman of the Hungarian Communist Government denied that any such trial was in progress. It is thought here that earlier reports of the secret trial of General Maleter may have been set off by the trial of Major Anton Pallawichini-Palinkas who was executed this week for leading the unit that freed Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty. General Maleter, who is in his early forties rose to fame during the uprising for his heroic fight against overwhelming Soviet forces in Budapest and for his epic defense in the Kilian Barracks. The 34-year old General Kovacs, is Moscow trained officer who sided with General Maleter during the Revolution. Sandor Kopacsi who is known for many years as a faithful Communist until he threw in his lot with the Freedom Fighters. Observers here expect all three will receive death sentences."