

ITEM No 7673/55

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RE-EMIGRANTS /2700/

REJECTION OF EMIGRATION APPLICATION LEADS TO  
REDEFECTION.

SOURCE WELS: RFE News Bureau.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: September 6 to 8 1955.

CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENT:

Frantisek HERMAN who always made a very good impression in his contacts with our office, was working on the odd jobs assigned to him by the Austrian Labor Office, was well liked by his camp friends and was the last person to be suspected of harboring redefection designs. He was bitterly disappointed by the rejection of his emigration applications for the USA and Great Britain. This may explain his redefection.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The redefection of HERMAN has not been confirmed by official sources to date.

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Frantisek HERMAN a railroad worker from BRECLAVA, escaped on April 9 1954. He had lived in WELS USEP Camp 1002 since August 23 1954, well liked by his compatriots there and the Austrians for whom he worked as a common laborer. He applied for emigration to the USA, was rejected due to his former CP membership, then tried to emigrate to Great Britain, but early in August 1955 was informed that he was not accepted by the British immigration authorities either.

On September 6 1955 he sold all his belongings bought a pair of new shoes and picked up a new suit he had had made for himself /the pair of shoes cost AS. 169.50./ In the evening of the same day he left the camp, destination unknown, leaving behind his working suit and a pair of old shoes. Up to date, he has not returned and it is to be assumed that he went back to CSR.

End.