

ITEM No. 5575/54

URGENT

SPECIAL ATTENTION: Mr. Kvetho,  
Mr. W. Griffith,  
Mr. Wagner.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LABOR (1900)  
Recruiting of Manpower (1919)

SOVIET UNION (1900)

RESISTANCE AND CRIMINALS (2900)  
Underground (2907)

ETHNIC MINORITIES (1100)  
Czechoslovakia abroad (1102)

APPEAL TO VIENNA CZECHS AND SLOVAKS TO VOLUNTEER FOR WORK IN  
THE CSR AND THE USSR.

SOURCE VIENNA : Confidential source.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : 25 June 1954.

CORRESPOND. COMMENT : The text of the bulletin is attached.

EVALUATION COMMENT : This is a significant report. The authenticity of both bulletins is UNCONFIRMED here, and it seems that they do not originate with official CSR circles, but are rather a product of an underground movement in CSR circles in VIENNA. The original text of both bulletins is available at the CS Evaluation Desk. It is stressed that Viliam SIROKY never said anything about the exchange of manpower between countries of the Soviet Bloc. He said exactly: "Under the leadership of the USSR, a new form of economic cooperation was established in the democratic camp, unknown and non-imaginable in Capitalistic States - the form of sincere mutual help."

Subscribers to the "tschechoslowakischer Informationsdienst," an official publication of the CS Legation in VIENNA, received on 25 June 1954 under the letterhead of the "Informationsdienst" an appeal to Czechs and Slovaks residing in Austria to volunteer for agricultural labor

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in the CSR and the USSR.

Basing its appeal on speeches by KHRUSCHEV and SIROKY, the bulletin asked members of the CS ethnic minority in VIENNA to take part in the "battle for bread," and promised that those who completed a two-year service in Siberia would be honored with the title of "Hero of Siberia."

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