

COMMUNICATIONS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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Population Control

7 July

JUSTICE

Slansky Trial

Intensified Mail Control in the Border Zones.

SOURCE HAMBURG : Letter from Czechoslovakia.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : June 1953.

EVAL. COMMENT : Subject mail control is UNCONFIRMED here. However, it might be a part of security measures taken by the Ministry of State Security, which are known to be very severe.

The revision of the SLANSKY trial was rumored some time ago, following the release of the KREMLIN doctors.

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All post offices in the Southern and Western border areas of CSR are said to have received secret orders according to which all letters and parcels forwarded by senders who are unknown to this district, are to be confiscated and reported to the local police authorities.

The police stations in question are ordered to investigate immediately the identity of the sender.

In any case, the contents of the parcels is to be examined by the police. If this looks suspicious, the sender is to be found and afterward arrested.

In the same letter mention is made of a rumor spread among the PRAGUE population according to which a revision of the SLANSKY trial is projected.

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