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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

FOREIGN RELATIONS

CSR diplomats

LABOR

Recruiting

PRISONS

Inmates

FORMER PRESS ATTACHÉ AS ORDINARY WORKER IN PRAGUE FACTORY

SOURCE ROME: An Italian businessman recently returned to ROME from the CSR;

DATE OF OBSERVATION: current period;

GAVORA J., a former press attaché of the Czechoslovak Embassy in ROME now works "voluntarily" as an ordinary worker in a PRAGUE factory with a weekly salary of 820 Kčs /\$16,40/.

GAVORA returned to CZECHOSLOVAKIA on a home-leave in June 1951 and failed to return to his diplomatic post in ITALY.

KLEIN Arthur, former Assistant Commercial Attaché of the Czechoslovak Embassy in ROME shares the same fate at an even lesser weekly salary. KLEIN was "invited" to participate in a "conference" at the Ministry of Foreign Trade in PRAGUE in July 1951 and he, too, failed to return to his diplomatic post in ITALY.

Informed circles claim that both GAVORA and KLEIN are victims of denunciations by DVORÁK /fnu/ who accused the above mentioned diplomats of not being "fully" devoted to the Communist cause. The 29-year-old DVORÁK the third secretary of the Czechoslovak Embassy in ROME is the "trustee" of the Communist Party and is responsible for the loyalty of the members of the diplomatic corps in ITALY.

The former official of the Ministry of Foreign Trade in PRAGUE, HORSKÝ Bedřich Dr, is now in a forced labor camp near MICHALOVCE /SLOVAKIA/.

EVAL. COMMENT: possible -

GAVORA was the CSR press attaché in ROME since 1947; in May 1951 he went on leave to the CSR and did not return to ROME;
KLEIN previously mentioned in Item 2630,
DVORÁK in Item 2610;
no information on HORSKÝ.