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THE ARREST OF THE SALZER FAMILY

SOURCE ROME : A woman emigree on her way to Israel  
DATE OF OBSERVATION : November 1952.

EVAL. COMMENT : This report is confirmed by those  
written about this subject by  
Mr. SALZER himself, who succeeded in getting out  
of Czechoslovakia after a brief arrest in PRAGUE.

My source met the SALZER family while getting the documents required for her departure. As this family was also emigrating to Israel my source, being alone, decided to join them and to leave together with the SALZERS. At the fixed date they met and left together for VIENNA. Mrs. SALZER told my source that friends of hers were booking sleepers for them from VIENNA to ROME. The SALZER family was overwhelmed with joy at finally being able to leave Czechoslovakia. However, during the journey at a station whose name my source cannot recall, agents came into their compartment asking for SALZER, who revealed his identity. The agents took their passports away and asked the whole SALZER family to follow them. In vain SALZER tried to persuade the agents that he had received his passport regularly etc. - but they obliged him to follow and to return to PRAGUE. My source took their luggages to deliver it to the SALZER's relatives in Israel. She supposes that the SALZER's were arrested in connection with the SLANSKY trial.