

Safe Hideout of STB Stool Pidgeons in the Separatist Den of Salzburg

As we learned from Slovakia, comrade Strecansky Ernest and Tihlarik Alexander, who for more than a year have been carrying out counter espionage for the STB in Austria, enjoy their successful work which they carried out sheltered by the foremost members of Fascist organizations in Salzburg. n201 n201

On 18 August they were merrily drinking in the Cafe Grand in Bratislava in the company of an STB member and an official of the Ministry (Poverenictvo) of Information to whom they described their successful work.

Strecansky often crossed the Czechoslovak border under the name Horl as a collaborator Sidor. Slovak priests like Dr. Gik of Rome and Father Melzer of Vienna who sent letters to their relatives in Slovakia did not know in whom they were placing their confidence. Comrade Strecansky was very clever in his trade. With the help of a certain priest he even succeeded in getting into RFE from where he also very likely supplied his employers. Strecansky censored letters on both sides always according to the necessity and circumstance. This activity protected by the Slovak Fascists was really very successful.

When these two heroes arrived in the Village Bor Svaty Mikulas, they immediately visited their "girl friends" comrade Helen Hladikova and comrade Olga Sokolova who helped them in their work. Apparently the STB did not like this visit so they arrested them "pro forma" in the houses of their girl friends. Naturally on the next day they were free.

Maxian who was shot in June of this year and the seriously wounded Casta Anton and Pavlovic Peter, who were caught by the STB as a result of Strecansky's treason, were arrested and taken to the State Prison in Bratislava on Racarsky Road.

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