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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NEW OFFICIALS

NEW SLOVAK OFFICIALS -- Prague, Obrana Lidu, 21 Sep 51

Rudolf Strecaj, the new Slovak Commissioner for Justice, is 37 years old. Coming from a working-class family, he is a deputy to the National Assembly and a member of the Central Committee of the Slovak Communist Party. After completing 4 years of high school, he worked as a construction laborer and then studied typography. In 1935, he made an educational trip to the Soviet Union. In September 1941, he was arrested for illegal activity and imprisoned for 3½ years. He was an active participant in the Slovak national uprising. After the liberation, he became chairman of the okres national committee in Ruzomberok, deputy to the Temporary National Assembly, regional secretary of the Slovak Communist Party at Bratislava, and since 1949 he has been president of the kraj national committee in Zilina.

Marek Culen, the new Slovak Commissioner for Agriculture, is 64 years old. He is a deputy to the National Assembly, president of the United Federation of Slovak Farmers, and a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia. He comes from a working-class family and trained to be a wheelwright. In 1906, he emigrated to the US, where he worked as a laborer in Chicago and other cities. He returned to Czechoslovakia in 1919, working as a laborer and at the same time operating a small farm. In 1925, he was elected a deputy. In 1939, he was interned for 3 months in Ilava, after which he emigrated to the Soviet Union. In 1944, he flew from Moscow to Banska Bystrica to participate actively in the Slovak national uprising.

Frantisek Tupik, the new Slovak Commissioner for Forestry and the Wood-working Industry, is 41 years old. Heretofore, he has been manager of the first department in charge of national committees in the Slovak Commission for the Interior. He is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia in Bratislava. He comes from a working-class family and completed secondary school, after which he learned typesetting. In 1930, he joined the Social Democratic Party from which he was expelled in 1934 for advocating a united front with the Communists. During the occupation he worked as a typesetter in Trnava. He performed illegal work and in 1940 was imprisoned at Ilava for 3½ months for political activity.

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Jozef Kysely Judr, the Slovak Commissioner for Health, was by occupation a notary public and originally came from a working-class family. He is general secretary of the Party of Slovak Rebirth, deputy to the National Assembly, and Chairman of Catholic Action in Slovakia. In 1945, he joined the Slovak Democratic Party, but when this party became reactionary, he publicly denounced its policy and in retaliation was relieved of his position as Lord Mayor of Bratislava and expelled from the party. In February 1948, he was one of the leaders in the formation of the Party of Slovak Rebirth.

Peter Maruziak, the new Slovak Commissioner for the Food Industry, is 43 years old. He is a deputy to the National Assembly and a member of the kraj committee of the Slovak Communist Party in Zilina. He comes from a farming family. After graduation from teachers college in 1931, he taught until 1938 in various places in Slovakia. During the existence of the Slovak State, he was illegally active and participated in the Slovak national uprising. Recently, he was manager of Group III of the Slovak State Planning Office.

CZECHS RECALL AMBASSADOR FROM MOSCOW -- Chicago, Denni Hlasatel, 16 Jan 52

The Czechoslovak government recalled Ambassador Karel Kreibich from Moscow on 12 January.

Kreibich was the last Jewish diplomat to be recalled. During the last few months all top officials of Jewish origin in Czechoslovakia have been arrested or have completely disappeared.

The Communist press in Czechoslovakia has recently begun campaigning against the "Jewish bourgeoisie," asserting that Israel is a spy center.

NEWLY NAMED MINISTERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE -- Prague, Rude Pravo, 23 Dec 51

Upon the recommendation of Prime Minister Antonin Zapotocky the following new ministers were named by President Gottwald and took the oath of office today.

Dr Jaromir Dolansky was named Deputy Prime Minister. He has been the Chairman of the State Planning Office.

Engr Jozef Pucik, who is the Minister of Chemical Industry, was named Chairman of the State Planning Office.

Engr Otto Simunek, who is Deputy Minister for the Chemical Industry, was made Minister of the Chemical Industry.

Antonin Pospisil, the General Secretary of the Czechoslovak People's Party, was appointed Minister of Transportation.

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