

1. The defected Czech Minister to Egypt, Frantisek Krucky, states that he has received a letter from the former Czech Minister in Ottama suggesting that he form a Free Czech circle in Cairo and urge all Czech nationals to turn in their passports as a protest against the communist regime in Prague. Krucky hesitates to take such a step because he fears that it would work a hardship on those Czechs who have property or close relatives in Czechoslovakia. If such a free circle were formed, Czechs would be faced with the dilemma of either keeping their passports and risking Egyptian suspicion that they are Communists, or of joining the free group and risking the danger of expropriation and reprisals by Prague.

