

Audio recordings from the “trial of leadership of the anti-state conspiracy centre headed by Rudolf Slánský”, whose main session took place before the State Court in Prague from 20 to 27 November 1952

Original audio tapes

First day of the trial (20 November 1952)

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Opening of the main trial by the Presiding Judge JUDr. Jaroslav Novák.
Names of defendants and defence counsels assigned to them.

Reading of the charges by the State Prosecutor JUDr. Josef Urválek.

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The State Prosecutor finishes reading the charges.

The Presiding Judge announces commencement of the interrogation of the accused and the evidentiary proceedings.

/The main trial adjourned until 1 p.m., when the interrogation of R. Slánský will begin./

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Interrogation of defendants begins. Rudolf Slánský called for questioning.

He pleads guilty, including guilt of Jan Šverma's death during the Slovak National Uprising. Self-criticism. On the beginnings of his alleged enemy activity, the submission to Trotskyism.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

Slánský as an alleged agent of Hubert Ripka and Gen. Heliodor Píka in the USSR. Activities in Slovakia (1944), on the complicity in the death of Jan Šverma.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On the complicity in the death of Jan Šverma. Slánský's enemy activities after 1945. On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Slánský's alleged connection to intelligence services (contacts with Labour Party politician Konni Zilliacus).

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Slánský's alleged connection to intelligence services (contacts with Labour Party politician Konni Zilliacus, contacts with the Yugoslav "Titoist" agency of Moshe Piade: with embassy staff in Prague Djako Novosel and Barbarić).

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Contacts with the Yugoslav “Titoist” agency. On advancing of the so-called Zionists in the Czechoslovak Republic and connecting to their foreign organizations. On the role of the Israeli Ambassador to Prague Ehud Avri’el (born Georg Überall).

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes, until 3.10 p.m./

The interrogation of R. Slánský continues. On alleged support of Zionism, the USA and Israel through economic and financial machinations.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On alleged support of Zionism, the USA and Israel through economic and financial machinations. Support for individuals from alleged Freemasonry organizations in the Czechoslovak Republic. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: influence within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and in the economic field.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: in the economic field, in foreign trade, and in agriculture (including the so-called sabotage of Josef Smrkovský), consequences in foreign policy.

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues.

On building the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: in foreign policy.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

The interrogation of R. Slánský continues. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: in the Czechoslovak army (including the “saboteurs” of Ludvík Svoboda and Bedřich Reicin).

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: in the Czechoslovak army and in the national security. Alleged plans to reverse people’s democratic development and seize power (infiltration within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia).

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The interrogation of R. Slánský continues. On the forms of subversive activity of the “conspiracy centre” in the Czechoslovak Republic: alleged plans to reverse people’s democratic development and seize power (infiltration within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, plan to eliminate K. Gottwald).

The State Prosecutor summarizes the guilty pleas made during the interrogation.

/Court session adjourned until 7.30 p.m., when the interrogation of witnesses will begin./

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Josef Vondráček called.

On his espionage activity, about his connection with R. Slánský.

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Interrogation of J. Vondráček completed.

The connection of R. Slánský with intelligence services.

Confrontation with the testimony of R. Slánský.

Witness Dr. Václav Vlk called.

On his contacts with Trotskyists. On the connection of the Trotskyists with R. Slánský and “his accomplices”. Sabotage activity.

Witness, former envoy Eduard Goldstücker called.

On espionage activities of Goldstücker and of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of E. Goldstücker completed.

On espionage activities of Goldstücker and of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On connection with K. Zilliacus, on the execution of Slánský’s instructions.

Former embassy official Dr. Pavel Kavan called.

Alleged mediator of contacts between K. Zilliacus and R. Slánský.

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Interrogation of P. Kavan completed.

Contacting members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre with K. Zilliacus.

Witness Mordechaj Oren called.

On his espionage activity in Zionist organizations. On the connection of R. Slánský with Moche Piade and with the "Titoist" Yugoslavia. On the alleged connection to Zionists in Great Britain.

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Interrogation of M. Oren completed.

On the alleged connection to Zionists in Great Britain. On the person of K. Zilliacus. On Oren's written notes about R. Slánský.

Dr. Jaromír Kopecký, former envoy in Switzerland, called.

Alleged espionage contacts with the USA (with Allen Dulles). Alleged contacts of R. Slánský with A. Dulles. On hostile attitudes of Vladimír Clementis.

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Witness Oskar Langer called.

Alleged spy of American intelligence services and supporter of Zionism. On his stay in the USA. His tasks in the Czechoslovak Republic after 1946 and the alleged support from R. Slánský.

Witness Daniela Kaňkovská called.

Alleged spy for the USA in Germany. Contacts with alleged spy Herbert Kauders. Offer to R. Slánský to emigrate to the USA and to continue his treacherous activities from there.

/Court session adjourned until 21 November, 8 a.m./

Second day of the trial (21 November 1952)

PX 0768

Interrogation of the accused begins. Bedřich Geminder (pseud. Jiří Vltavský) called.

He pleads guilty in full extent. On his contacts with R. Slánský, on mutual friendship. Geminder's past and support of Zionism. Circle of collaborators in the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Activities and goals of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Tasking by R. Slánský.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Activities and goals of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Infiltration into the party and state apparatus. Members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre, circle of other collaborators. Connection to spy agencies. Tasking B. Geminder, ways of spy connection to K. Zilliacus.

The State Prosecutor submits evidences to the State Court.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Tasking B. Geminder, ways of spy connection to K. Zilliacus. The role of V. Clementis in the whole conspiracy.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Gaining control over the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by conspirators.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Gaining control over the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by conspirators, influencing foreign policy (the so-called Commission of the Five and the so-called Commission of the Three). Connection to foreign journalistic agencies.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Connection to foreign journalistic agencies. Activities of Richard Slánský and André Simone. Geminder's contacts to K. Zilliacus.

PX 0775

Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Connection of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre to "Titoist" Yugoslavia.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Connection of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre to "Titoist" Yugoslavia.

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Interrogation of B. Geminder continues.

Connection of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre to "Titoist" Yugoslavia. Activities of the Israeli embassy in Prague, official emigration operations, the influence of Trotskyists and Zionist organizations.

PX 0777

Interrogation of B. Geminder completed.

On the plans of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre to gain power in the Czechoslovak Republic and remove K. Gottwald.

/Court session adjourned until 1.30 p.m./

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Employee of the Institute of History of Communist Party of Czechoslovakia Pavel Reiman called.

On strengthening Zionist organizations in the Czechoslovak Republic and emigration to Israel. Contacts with K. Šváb. On volunteers training for Israel.

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Former Head of the Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Eugen Klinger called.

On his activities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until his arrest.

Interrogation of the accused begins. Dr. Vladimír Clementis called.

He pleads guilty. On his activity as a so-called Slovak “bourgeois nationalist” and spy.

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Interrogation of V. Clementis continues.

On his activity as a so-called Slovak “bourgeois nationalist” and spy. Contacts with the Czechoslovak government in exile in London (E. Beneš), alleged espionage for France.

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Interrogation of V. Clementis continues.

On his activity as a so-called Slovak “bourgeois nationalist” and spy. Alleged subversive activity in Slovakia together with G. Husák and L. Novomeský after 1945. Connection to President E. Beneš. Contacts with Western embassies in Prague.

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Interrogation of V. Clementis continues.

Contacts with Western embassies in Prague, infiltration into key positions of the apparatus and government in the Czechoslovak Republic after 1945 (according to the instructions of R. Slánský). Activity at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of V. Clementis continues.

Infiltration into key positions of the apparatus and government in the Czechoslovak Republic after 1945 (according to the instructions of R. Slánský). Activity at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after 1948. The so-called Commission of the Five.

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Interrogation of V. Clementis continues.

Infiltration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after 1948. The so-called Commission of the Five and Commission of the Three (R. Slánský directives). Connection with K. Zilliacus.

/Court session adjourned for 20 minutes./

PX 0795

Interrogation of V. Clementis completed.
Cooperation with A. Simone, his foreign contacts.

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Jaroslav Jirčík called.

On his activities as French police officer in Paris, his contacts. On the espionage activities of V. Clementis since 1939.

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Interrogation of J. Jirčík completed.
On the espionage activities of V. Clementis in France.

Witness Ladislav Novomeský called.

On the formation of the so-called Slovak bourgeois nationalists around the "DAV" magazine, the role of V. Clementis. Enemy activity after 1945 carried out by V. Clementis.

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Interrogation of Ladislav Novomeský completed.
On the activities of the so-called bourgeois nationalists in Slovakia, on his own espionage activities.

Witness Ivan Horváth, former diplomat, called.

On the activities of the so-called bourgeois nationalists in Slovakia, alleged gain of control over the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

/Court session adjourned until 22 November, 8.15 a.m./

Third day of the trial (22 November 1952)

PX 0798

Interrogation of the accused begins. Interrogation of V. Clementis completed. V. Clementis as an alleged agent of the London government of Edvard Beneš.

Artur London called for interrogation.

He pleads guilty. On the beginnings of his anti-state activities (Trotskyist group of International Brigadiers in France). The role of R. Slánský. Objectives of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of A. London continues.

On the beginnings of his anti-state activities (Trotskyist group of International Brigadiers in France). The role of R. Slánský and B. Geminder. A. London's activities within the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (personnel policy), members of this conspiracy. Role of K. Zilliacus.

PX 0800

Interrogation of A. London continues.

London's activities within the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (personnel policy). Role of K. Zilliacus. Spy reports for agent Noel Field. The role of envoy Antonín Hašek.

PX 0836

Interrogation of A. London continues.

The role of A. Simone in the conspiracy. The activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of A. London continues.

On the activities of conspirators in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in representative offices, the so-called Commission of the Three and Commission of the Five.

The Prosecutor submits to the Court 13 photocopies of evidence against A. London.

PX 0837

Interrogation of A. London completed.

The Prosecutor submits to the Court 13 photocopies of evidence against A. London.

On the activities of conspirators in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, purposive personnel changes.

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Interrogation of defendants continues. Dr. Vavro Hajdů called.

He pleads guilty. London exile during the war, on the beginnings of his own anti-state activities (forms and methods of alleged espionage for Great Britain).

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Interrogation of V. Hajdů continues.

His activities in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre, personnel representation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Tasking by R. Slánský and B. Geminder.

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Interrogation of V. Hajdů continues.

His activities in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Tasking by R. Slánský and V. Clementis, their interventions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Interrogation of V. Hajdů completed.

Tasking by R. Slánský and V. Clementis, influencing the foreign policy of the Czechoslovak Republic. On the alleged espionage activities of V. Hajdů during contacts with the British and French embassies in Prague. The Prosecutor submits to the Court another 20 pieces of evidence.

/Court session adjourned until 1.30 p.m./

PX 0842

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Karel Dufek called.

He used to work in the staff section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On the activities of B. Geminder, V. Hajdů, V. Clementis, and A. London: influencing the personnel situation in foreign Czechoslovak embassies.

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Interrogation of witness K. Dufek completed.

Activities of A. London and V. Hajdů: influencing the personnel situation in foreign Czechoslovak embassies, personnel policy of V. Clementis and B. Geminder in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Witness Vlastimil Borek called.

He used to work as a Deputy Foreign Minister. The beginnings of his activities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, personnel conditions. On the activities of V. Hajdů, K. Dufek, and A. London.

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Interrogation of witness V. Borek completed.

The activities of the so-called Commission of the Three and the Commission of the Five. The activity of B. Geminder.

Interrogation of the accused begins. André Simone (born Otto Katz) called.

He pleads guilty. On the beginnings of his treacherous activities, alleged pre-war espionage for France and Great Britain.

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Interrogation of A. Simone continues.

On alleged espionage for Great Britain and the USA. Arrival in the Czechoslovak Republic in March 1946, contacts with R. Slánský.

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Interrogation of A. Simone continues.

Contacts with R. Slánský and the beginnings of enemy cooperation. Involvement of A. Simone in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (interventions of R. Slánský in the content of Rudé právo [Red Justice] daily).

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Interrogation of A. Simone continues.
Connection with V. Clementis. Tasking by R. Slánský (idea of a publication about February 1948).

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of A. Simone continues.
Intelligence and cover-up journalistic contacts after 1946, transmission of espionage reports.

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Interrogation of A. Simone continues.
Intelligence and cover-up journalistic contacts after 1946, transmission of espionage reports.

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Interrogation of A. Simone continues.
Intelligence and cover-up journalistic contacts in 1947, transmission of espionage reports (role of R. Slánský and B. Geminder). He renounces Trotskyism, makes self-criticism.

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Interrogation of A. Simone completed.
Self-criticism: "...I belong on the gallows" (!).

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness, constructor Josef Just called.

Contacts with A. Simone in 1946 in Paris, on Simone's espionage activities.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of the accused begins. Ludvík Frejka (born Georg Freund) called.

He pleads guilty, connection to alleged spies K. Zilliacus and H. Field.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.
On the activities and goals of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (thwarting the goals of the Two-Year and Five-Year Plans). Frejka's post-Munich journey to alleged sabotage and betrayal (espionage for Great Britain).

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Beginning of his activity in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (filling key positions in the National Economic Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and in individual ministries).

PX 0827

Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

His activities in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (filling key positions in ministries, industry, and control bodies). Gaining control over the Central National Economic and Planning Commission, regional national economic bodies. Central Union of Industry.

PX 0828

Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Procedures and goals of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

/Court session adjourned until 7.15 p.m./

Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Passing espionage messages on to Western agencies: establishing contacts with K. Zilliacus.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Passing espionage messages on to Western agencies: establishing contacts with K. Zilliacus (reports on fulfilment of the Two-Year Plan). Contacts of R. Slánský and the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre with K. Zilliacus. Contacts of L. Frejka with the alleged spy H. Field.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Contacts of L. Frejka with H. Field (reports on the status of the Two-Year Plan and the status of Czechoslovak economy). Alleged sabotage plans and directives of R. Slánský, efforts to hinder the development of heavy industry.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Alleged sabotage plans and directives of R. Slánský, efforts to hinder the development of heavy industry, unnecessary preference of light industry.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Alleged sabotage plans and directives of R. Slánský, efforts to hamper the development of the raw material base and development in the field of power industry.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Damages in the area of investment planning (reading an expert opinion on losses during the reconstruction of ironworks in Třinec). On building of unnecessary plants (reading an expert opinion on losses during the construction of a tractor plant in Líšeň near Brno).

PX 0833

Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

On unnecessary investment construction, reports for US agent Taub. Reading an expert opinion on the construction of a tire plant in Púchov and Otrokovice. On the construction of a rolling mill in the Ostrava region and a mineral oil refinery in Slovakia.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Intentional non-inclusion of important buildings in the construction plan. Unpreparedness of projects and significant amount of unfinished constructions. Influencing the Five-Year Plan and the foreign trade balance.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

Sabotage in the field of scientific and technical cooperation (patents and licenses). Finance (compensation for nationalization), pricing and supply policy. The role of Josef Frank.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka continues.

The role of Josef Frank in pricing and supplying the population. The so-called SPH system in national enterprises. Contacts with the so-called Titoist clique in Yugoslavia.

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Interrogation of L. Frejka completed.

Contacts with the so-called Titoist clique in Yugoslavia, economic support to the regime there.

/Court session adjourned until Sunday, 23 November 1952, 8.15 p.m./

Fourth day of the trial (23 November 1952)

PX 1105

R. Slánský additionally confirms Frejka's testimony and accepts responsibility for crimes stated in it.

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Dr. Ivan Holý called.

His involvement in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre at the initiative of R. Slánský, tasking by R. Slánský and L. Frejka.

Confrontation with R. Slánský and L. Frejka.

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Interrogation of witness I. Holý completed.

Confrontation with L. Frejka.

Confrontation with R. Slánský.

Witness Bedřich Hájek (born Karpeles) called.

On the enemy activity of L. Frejka. Tasking by R. Slánský: influencing the staffing of Czechoslovak embassies, staffing of electoral lists for the National Assembly.

PX 1107

Interrogation of B. Hájek completed.

Witness JUDr. Vojtěch Jančík (called Jung) called.

On his activities in the National Economy Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. Directives of R. Slánský and L. Frejka for personnel policy, tasking. On the personnel policy of E. Löbl and R. Margolius.

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Interrogation of V. Jančík completed.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of the accused begins. Josef Frank called.

He pleads guilty (list of crimes). The beginnings of his treacherous activity. Buchenwald concentration camp.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Frank on the list of war criminals. Contact with R. Slánský. Frank's post-war, allegedly criminal and treacherous offenses.

PX 1110

Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

The beginnings of his activity in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Connection of R. Slánský with K. Zilliacus and H. Field. Personnel measures, J. Frank's share in this activity (National Economic Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia).

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Personnel measures, J. Frank's share in this activity. Filling of key official positions.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Forms of sabotage activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Forms of sabotage activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Forms of sabotage activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (examples).

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Forms of sabotage activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Examples from the field of industry and socialization of the village.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Forms of sabotage activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Examples from the field of village socialization, activities of agricultural cooperatives and State Estates. Finance: tied deposits and loans. Personnel measures. Alleged sabotages by J. Smrkovský in agriculture (examples).

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Alleged sabotages by J. Smrkovský in agriculture (examples). On other activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

/Court session adjourned until 2 p.m./

Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Covering activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Destructive activities within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Destructive activities within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, alleged infiltration into party, governmental, and social organizations.

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Interrogation of J. Frank continues.

Alleged attempt to infiltrate the Czechoslovak army and the National Security Corps. Building a media image of R. Slánský. On the alleged attempt to isolate K. Gottwald and seize power (“...Slánský would be willing to even assassinate the party chairman”).

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Interrogation of J. Frank completed.

On the alleged attempt to isolate K. Gottwald and seize power. “Covering tracks” after arrests of the culprits began.

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Reading from Rudolf Šmejkal’s testimony.

Witness Marie Švermová called.

Self-criticism. On the activities of Josef Frank. On the activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of M. Švermová completed.

On the activities of Josef Frank and the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On the relationship with O. Šling.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of defendants begins. Evžen Löbl called.

He pleads guilty and confesses to having contacts with enemy agents. Objectives of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On the beginnings of Löbl's treacherous activity.

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On the beginnings of Löbl's treacherous activity (cooperation with H. Ripka). On abuse of US aid UNRRA. On the goals and personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (close contacts with L. Frejka).

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On the goals and personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. National Economic Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. Involvement of E. Löbl in enemy activity and alleged espionage.

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On drafting and sending spy reports (H. Field, N. Field, K. Zilliacus, etc.).

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On sending spy reports (K. Zilliacus, etc.).

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On sending spy reports (Ehud Avri'el Überall). On other of Löbl's allegedly anti-state activities.

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On other of Löbl's allegedly anti-state activities (contacts with Israeli and American spies).

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

On other of Löbl's allegedly anti-state activities: loss-making and unnecessary foreign trade transactions, incorrect pricing policy.

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Interrogation of E. Löbl continues.

Modification of original production programmes and foreign sales representation, alleged support for treacherous emigration. The so-called compensation for nationalized property, manipulation in foreign trade.

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Interrogation of E. Löbl completed.

Manipulation in foreign trade, influencing foreign (business) activities of state enterprises and companies. On the connection to the "Titoist" political establishment in Yugoslavia.

Question of the defence counsel.

R. Slánský confirms Löbl's testimony and takes responsibility for his errors.

L. Frejka also confirms Löbl's testimony.

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Dagmar Kacerovská called.

On her collaboration with an official and correspondent for The Times. On passing espionage reports from E. Löbl on to this journalist.

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Interrogation of D. Kacerovská completed.

Spy reports from E. Löbl, on their content. On a disadvantageous contract with Alcron company. Contact of V. Clementis and R. Slánský with a journalist of The Times magazine.

V. Clementis complements the witness's testimony.

Witness Josef Hofman called.

On sabotage in the area of foreign trade control, damage to foreign exchange (examples).

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Interrogation of J. Hofman completed.

On sabotage in the area of foreign trade control, damage to foreign exchange (examples).

/Court session adjourned until 24 November, 8.15 p.m./

Fifth day of the trial (24 November 1952)

PX 0935

Interrogation of defendants begins. Rudolf Margolius called.

He pleads guilty (espionage and disadvantageous transactions in the field of foreign trade). The beginnings of his enemy activity. Contacts with E. Löbl, integration into the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Contacts with E. Löbl, integration into the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. Main goals. The ways of espionage activities by R. Margolius.

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Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Contacting alleged foreign spies (K. Zilliacus, Lord Straboldi, L. Brenner), close cooperation with E. Löbl and L. Frejka.

PX 0938

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Contacting alleged foreign spies (L. Brenner, O. W. Winter, A. Taub, E. Avri'el Überall), close cooperation with E. Löbl and L. Frejka. Disadvantageous sales of property, purchases and resale of goods and raw materials. The so-called Operation Überall.

PX 0939

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Contacting alleged foreign spies (E. Avri'el Überall). The so-called Operation Überall, the so-called Dollar Offensive. On the decline in exports to the USA and incorrect exports of goods to Israel.

PX 0940

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Disadvantageous trade agreements and incorrect export of goods to Israel.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Disadvantageous trade agreements and export of goods to capitalist countries. The example of Great Britain and South American states. The critical supply of meat in the Czechoslovak Republic.

PX 0941

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

On the critical supply of meat and grain in the Czechoslovak Republic. Machining mediation by Merkuria company. On the policy of deliberate high indebtedness of the Czechoslovak Republic.

PX 0900

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

On the policy of deliberate high indebtedness of the Czechoslovak Republic: unilateral advantages for foreign companies in trade with the Czechoslovak Republic, sabotage of trade with the USSR and people's democratic states. Hostile pricing policy (so-called "M" account and inconvenient transaction deadlines).

PX 0901

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Sabotage of trade with the USSR and people's democratic states, hostile pricing policy. On the alleged financial support for Czechoslovak exile (network of commercial representatives). Payment of unjustified compensation for nationalized property.

PX 0902

Interrogation of R. Margolius continues.

Payment of unjustified compensation for nationalized property (the so-called split-off percentage of exports, the so-called replacement agreements). Examples of companies and concerns. Economic goals of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 0903

Interrogation of R. Margolius completed.

He regrets his alleged crimes.

His testimony is confirmed by Ludvík Frejka and he accepts complicity in the stated errors.

/Court session adjourned until 1.30 p.m./

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness, official Vladimír Blažek called.

On the sabotage of E. Löbl in trade relations with the USSR (pricing policy). Examples.

His statement is confirmed by E. Löbl.

PX 0904

Interrogation of the accused begins. Otto Fischl called.

He pleads guilty and confesses close cooperation with B. Geminder. On the beginnings of enemy activity and cooperation with R. Slánský. On the settlement of the Slánský family property. Objectives of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 0905

Interrogation of O. Fischl continues.

Personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre in party and state bodies. On sabotage activities in the financial and economic field (Ministry of Finance). Tasking by R. Slánský. Emigration actions of Jews under the influence of the Zionist movement.

PX 0906

Interrogation of O. Fischl continues.

On sabotage activities in the financial and economic field (Ministry of Finance). Emigration actions of Jews, connection to foreign representatives of Zionism.

PX 0907

Interrogation of O. Fischl continues.

Emigration actions of Jews, connection to foreign representatives of Zionism. Examples of criminal activity.

PX 0908

Interrogation of O. Fischl completed.

Examples of illegal transfer of property, so-called replacement contracts, on the payment of interest on pre-war loans.

The Prosecutor submits further evidence of the activities of O. Fischl.

Additional question of Fischl's defence counsel.

Reading the witness protocol of witness JUDr. Alexander Goldstein, a former lawyer in Michalovce.

PX 0909

Testimony of witness JUDr. Alexander Goldstein, former lawyer in Michalovce, completed.

/Court session adjourned for 20 minutes./

Interrogation of the accused begins. Otto Šling called.

He pleads guilty. On the beginnings of his enemy activity, on making spy contacts. Involvement in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre, enemy personnel policy.

PX 0910

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On establishing contacts with R. Slánský. On espionage contacts and involvement in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

/Court session briefly interrupted by the Court at the initiative of the person interrogated./

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On his espionage contacts with exile during the war (E. Voska, J. Bělina, V. Pacák).

PX 0911

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On his espionage contacts with exile during the war (E. Voska, J. Bělina), Czech Refugee Trust Fund organisation.

PX 0912

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On his espionage contacts with exile during the war (E. Voska, J. Bělina), the Czech Refugee Trust Fund organisation. On Šling's cooperation with this organization.

PX 0913

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On Šling's cooperation with the Czech Refugee Trust Fund during war. Activity in organisation Mladé Československo [Young Czechoslovakia]. On the activities of President E. Beneš's government in exile in London.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On Šling's espionage activities during the war (contact with British official Hamson).

PX 0914

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On Šling's espionage activities during the war (contact with British official Hamson). Contacts with R. Slánský, appointment to a new position. Members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre installed by R. Slánský.

PX 1200

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

Members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre installed by R. Slánský. Their other alleged allies. On the enemy activities of O. Šling within this organized group.

PX 1201

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

On the enemy activities of O. Šling within the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. His Brno party headquarters. Alleged sabotage of socialist development in the region (heavy engineering and agriculture).

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PX 1203

Interrogation of O. Šling continues.

His Brno party headquarters. The alleged attempt to gain control over cadres in the Czechoslovak army, State Security, and National Security Corps. On the role of regional secretaries of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

Three questions of the defence counsel for O. Šling.

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Reading the testimony of Emanuel Voska.

PX 1204

Witness Václav Pacák called.

On the contacts with O. Šling and on the espionage cooperation of both with E. Voska and J. Bělina.

Reading the witness protocol of Emanuel Voska.

Witness Hanuš Lomský (born Gabriel Lieben) called.

On the directives of R. Slánský as the head of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1205

Interrogation of witness H. Lomský continues.

On the directives of R. Slánský as the head of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. On his close cooperation with O. Šling. On the enemy activity of J. Frank.

PX 1206

Interrogation of witness H. Lomský completed.

On the enemy activity of J. Frank and O. Šling. Objectives of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

Question of the defence counsel.

/Court session adjourned until 25 November, 8.15 a.m./

Sixth day of the trial (25 November 1952)

PX 1207

Interrogation of defendants begins. Karel Šváb called.

He pleads guilty. On the beginnings of his enemy activities during the war. Post-war cooperation with R. Slánský. Creation of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1208

Interrogation of K. Šváb continues.

On the staffing of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre and its activities (especially of V. Clementis, B. Reicin, B. Geminder).

PX 1209

Interrogation of K. Šváb continues.

On the coverage of N. Field's espionage activities in the Czechoslovak Republic. On the suicide of V. Veselá in custody. Coverage of other spies in Czechoslovakia (Kević, Kolakovič, B. Bíhal, K. Zilliacus). Coverage of Zionist organizations in Czechoslovakia.

PX 1210

Interrogation of K. Šváb continues.

Coverage and operation of Zionist organizations in the Czechoslovak Republic. Coverage of alleged domestic Trotskyists (Erban, Kriegel, Fišer). R. Slánský's instructions for K. Šváb (concerning the torture of arrested persons).

PX 1211

Interrogation of K. Šváb completed.

R. Slánský's instructions for K. Šváb (concerning the torture of arrested persons). Sabotage activities and coverage of co-workers in the National Security Corps.

/Court session adjourned for 20 minutes./

PX 1212

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Osvald Závodský called.

Former commander of the State Security. On the coverage of the activities of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre and the enemy activities of K. Šváb. Coverage of the enemy activities of A. London and former International Brigadiers.

PX 1213

Interrogation of the witness O. Závodský completed.

Coverage of the enemy activities of A. London and former International Brigadiers and Trotskyists.

Witness Věra Hložková called.

Convicted of espionage. About Šváb's influence on her testimony by threats and violence (he allegedly wanted to cover up Slovak nationalists).

Reading the testimony of Anna Vacková, née Písková.

On the enemy activities of K. Šváb and B. Reicin.

PX 1214

Witness Oskar Valášek (Weiss) called.

Former security officer at Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia. On the tasking by K. Šváb and J. Pavel in the State Security. The case of the arrested J. Trojan. On the emigration of Jews from Czechoslovakia.

PX 1215

Interrogation of O. Valášek completed.

On the emigration of Jews from Czechoslovakia.

Interrogation of the accused begins. Bedřich Reicin called.

He pleads guilty. On the beginnings of his enemy activity (self-criticism, enemy activity during the occupation period).

PX 1216

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

On the beginnings of his enemy activity (during the occupation alleged cooperation with the Gestapo).

/Court session adjourned until 1.30 p.m./

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

On the beginnings of his enemy activity (during the occupation alleged cooperation with the Gestapo, subsequent activity in Svoboda's army in the USSR).

PX 1217

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

On the beginnings of his enemy activity (activity in Svoboda's army in the USSR in the Defence Intelligence department). Chief of Military Defence Intelligence after 1945, on the conduct of alleged espionage with US and UK diplomats.

PX 1218

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Chief of Military Defence Intelligence after 1945, on the conduct of alleged industrial espionage with US and UK diplomats. Coverage of collaborators in the Military Defence Intelligence.

PX 1219

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Chief of Military Defence Intelligence after 1945, on the conduct of alleged industrial espionage with US and UK diplomats. Allegedly enemy cooperation with Minister L. Svoboda and General Boček. Coverage of other collaborators in the Military Defence Intelligence (Vlček, Krajina, Sklenovský). On the allegedly enemy instructions of Dr. E. Beneš from the time of the government in exile in London.

PX 1220

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Coverage of other collaborators in the Military Defense Intelligence. On the allegedly enemy instructions of Dr. E. Beneš. R. Slánský's relationship to the building of the Czechoslovak army and to the enemies of new conditions in the army. On the activities of B. Reicin in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (cooperation with R. Slánský).

PX 1221

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

On B. Reicin's activities in the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre (initiated by R. Slánský), members of the conspiracy. Their goals. Personnel policy in the army.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre in the army after 1948. Šling's activities in the Czechoslovak army.

PX 1222

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre in the army after 1948. Cooperation with R. Slánský, alleged sabotage of the Košice Government Programme.

PX 1223

Interrogation of B. Reicin continues.

Personnel policy of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre in the army after 1948. Alleged espionage contacts with Yugoslav diplomats (Ivanović, Novosel, Ristić). On the theft of the Štěchovice archive of K. H. Frank.

PX 1224

Interrogation of B. Reicin completed.

Alleged espionage contacts with Yugoslav diplomats (Ristić). Connection of R. Slánský with Ristić.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

Interrogation of witnesses begins. Witness Gustav Freisleben called.

Technical officer in Prague and former Gestapo informer. On B. Reicin's contacts with the Gestapo.

Witness Vladimír Hořký called.

Constructor in Prague. On B. Reicin's contacts with the Yugoslav agent Novosel.

PX 1225

Interrogation of witness V. Hořký completed.

On B. Reicin's contacts with the Yugoslav agent Novosel.

Reading witness protocol of former army General Bohumil Boček.

Reicin's espionage in the army, contacts with Western diplomats.

Witness Gustava Fučíková, née Kodeřičová, called at her own request.

On the illegal activities of Julius Fučík during the war.

PX 1260

Interrogation of witness G. Fučíková completed.

On the illegal activities of Julius Fučík during the war, on suspicion denouncement of J. Fučík to the Gestapo by B. Reicin.

Witness Vilém Nový called.

Former editor-in-chief of Rudé právo [Red Justice] daily. On the enemy and sabotage activities of R. Slánský.

PX 1261

Interrogation of V. Nový completed.

On the enemy and sabotage activities of R. Slánský. On the enemy activities of O. Šling and E. Löbl.

Witness Šimon Orenstein (Israeli citizen) called.

Former employee of the Israeli embassy in Prague. On the Zionist movement and the conditions for the establishment of the state of Israel.

PX 1262

Interrogation of Š. Orenstein continues.

On the Zionist movement and the conditions for the establishment of the state of Israel. On the activities of the Zionists in the Czechoslovak Republic. Orenstein's enemy tasks in Czechoslovakia.

PX 1263

Interrogation of Š. Orenstein completed.

Orenstein's enemy tasks and objectives in Czechoslovakia.

/Court session adjourned until 26 November, 8.15 a.m./

Seventh day of the trial (26 November 1952)

PX 1264

Reading the experts opinions from the field of planning, foreign trade and finance.

Expert opinion from the field of planning (Zdeněk Půček):

The need to rebuild the industry into heavy industry, transformations in the export of goods (change in foreign trade), increasing defence. The goals of the conspiracy centre were different, assessed as misleading and very dangerous (threat of dependence on capitalist countries, excessive development of light industry, raw material problem, improper investment, restricting powers in planning, incorrect elaboration of the Five-Year Plan, incorrect concept of development). A more detailed description of the situation.

PX 1265

Reading the expert opinion from the field of planning continues (Z. Půček).

A more detailed description of the situation (the problem of imports and exports, a change in the structure of engineering, incorrect elaboration of the Five-Year Plan, non-fulfilment of the plan and of individual contracts, preference for the textile industry).

PX 1266

Reading the expert opinion from the field of planning continues (Z. Půček).

A more detailed description of the situation (fall in the results of foreign trade, sabotage in investment construction, the problem of installed output of power plants).

PX 1267

Reading the expert opinion from the field of planning continues (Z. Půček).

A more detailed description of the situation (problem of installed output of power plants, errors in the projects and construction of buildings, destruction of serviceable buildings, incorrect planning methodology and the absence of standards, the extent of damage caused by the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre).

PX 1268

Reading the expert opinion from the field of planning completed (Z. Půček).

A more detailed description of the situation (the extent of damage caused by the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre, drawing personnel responsibility).

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Expert opinion from the field of foreign trade (Jan Souček):

Sabotage activity leading to dependence on the capitalist economy: the collapse of the so-called Dollar Offensive plan (intensive exports to the USA and “dollar” countries).

PX 1269

Reading the expert opinion from the field of foreign trade continues (J. Souček).

Sabotage activity leading to dependence on the capitalist economy: the collapse of the so-called Dollar Offensive plan (intensive exports to the USA and “dollar” countries, the so-called “M” account to cover financial losses, insufficient business representation in the USA). Preference for light industry. Unlawful payment of compensation for nationalized property (companies Unilever and Georg Schicht, state treaty with Great Britain).

PX 1270

Reading the expert opinion from the field of foreign trade continues (J. Souček).

Unlawful payment of compensation for nationalized property (companies Unilever and Georg Schicht, Great Britain). Disadvantageous loans from private banks. Disadvantageous treaty with Israel. Unsystematic and cheap export of goods abroad.

PX 1271

Reading the expert opinion from the field of foreign trade continues (J. Souček).

Unsystematic and cheap export of goods abroad. Unjustified devaluation discounts in 1949. Cooperation with friendly states hampered (so-called categorization of goods, non-fulfilment of investment supplies).

PX 1272

Reading the expert opinion from the field of foreign trade completed (J. Souček).

Cooperation with friendly states hampered (non-fulfilment of investment supplies, insufficient price documentation). Summary of misconducts.

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

PX 1286

Expert opinion from the field of finance (Josef Čekal):

Abuse of several legal provisions, circumvention of tax and foreign exchange regulations, unauthorized handling of restitution assets, unauthorized export of goods and enrichment from confiscations, facilitation of emigration, coverage of Zionists and fraudsters (dominant role of O. Fischl).

PX 1287

Reading the expert opinion from the field of finance completed (J. Čekal).

Coverage of unfair practices of former factory owners, unauthorized payment of compensation to foreign companies (dominant role of O. Fischl). Fischl’s directives and relentless practices. The culprits and their goals.

Evidentiary proceedings closed.

/Court session adjourned until 2.15 p.m./

Closing speeches.

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor (Josef Urválek).

The situation in the world. General circumstances and nature of enemy acts of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1288

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

General circumstances and nature of enemy acts of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre. The share of R. Slánský.

PX 1289

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

The share of R. Slánský (the beginnings of betrayal, the share in the death of J. Šverma). Members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre and their accomplices. Gaining control of party, security, and economic positions in the country.

PX 1290

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

The share of V. Clementis (to the alleged support of E. Beneš's government in exile and separatism). On the activities of the Zionists in the Czechoslovak Republic, the share of O. Fischl and R. Slánský. Enemy activity of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1291

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

Enemy activity of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre under the leadership of R. Slánský. The conspirators' goals: to make the country dependent on the United States, to sabotage the plan for economic restructuring, to implement erroneous investment construction.

PX 1292

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

Enemy activity of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre under the leadership of R. Slánský: implementation of erroneous investment construction, outages in power industry, sabotage in foreign trade and agriculture, interventions in the army.

PX 1293

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

Enemy activity of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre under the leadership of R. Slánský: interventions in the army and security, organized spy network.

PX 1294

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor continues.

Enemy activity of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre under the leadership of R. Slánský: organized spy network, the so-called Štěchovice archive, on the alleged attempt to remove K. Gottwald. Finding that the accused pleaded guilty to everything. On the moral profile of the accused.

PX 1295

Closing speech of the State Prosecutor completed.

On the moral profile of the accused. Call for the death penalty for all accused.

/Court session adjourned for 15 minutes./

Closing speeches of defence counsels.

JUDr. Vladimír Bartoš (defence counsel of R. Slánský a R. Margolius).

PX 1296

Closing speech of defence counsel V. Bartoš continues.

(The mitigating circumstance is the full confession of both R. Slánský and R. Margolius already in the preparatory proceedings. In the case of R. Margolius, the absolute penalty is not appropriate.)

PX 1297

Closing speech of defence counsel V. Bartoš completed.

(To the application of R. Margolius to apply the mitigating Section 29 (2) of Act No. 231/1948 Coll.)

JUDr. Vojtěch Pošmura (defence counsel of B. Geminder, K. Šváb, and E. Löbl).

(B. Geminder was in official and personal dependence on R. Slánský.)

(K. Šváb was to be abused and blackmailed by Slánský because of his Protectorate past.)

JUDr. Jaromír Růžička (defence counsel of A. London, A. Simone, and L. Frejka).

(L. Frejka allegedly tasked by R. Slánský, fully pleaded guilty.)

(A. Simone fully pleaded guilty, being the only one supposedly to understand the horror of his conducts.)

(A. London long rejected R. Slánský's initiatives and then was tasked by him. A lesser punishment is therefore appropriate.)

PX 1330

JUDr. Jiří Šťastný (defence counsel of V. Clementis, J. Frank, and B. Reicin).

(Although J. Frank has been burdened with guilt since the time of the Protectorate, he is nevertheless of workers' origin and has fully pleaded guilty.)

(V. Clementis under the influence of Slovak bourgeois nationalism. He was a compliant tool of the enemy forces. He fully pleaded guilty.)

(B. Reicin: drawn attention to his alleged "superficiality" and "cowardice". Guilt since the days of the Protectorate. In the strong subordination dependence of R. Slánský.)

JUDr. Václav Synek (defence counsel of V. Hajdů, O. Fischl, and O. Šling).

(V. Hajdů fully pleaded guilty, was little proactive and fully tasked by his superiors.)

PX 1331

Closing speech of defence counsel V. Synek completed.

(The guilt of V. Hajdů is the weakest of all, which should be reflected in the sentence.)

(O. Fischl tasked by R. Slánský, fully pleaded guilty.)

(O. Šling: the influence of the Zionist environment and the stay in London, fully pleaded guilty.)

/Court session adjourned until 8 p.m./

PX 1332

Closing speeches of defendants.

Instruction (Presiding Judge JUDr. Jaroslav Novák).

Rudolf Slánský.

Bedřich Geminder.

PX 1333

Closing speeches of defendants continue.

Ludvík Frejka.

Josef Frank.

Vladimír Clementis.

PX 1334

Closing speeches of defendants continue.

Bedřich Reicin.

Karel Šváb.

Artur London.

Vavro Hajdů.

Evžen Löbl.

PX 1335

Closing speeches of defendants completed.

Rudolf Margolius.

Otto Fischl.

Otto Šling.

André Simone.

(He is asking the Court for the death penalty.)

The Presiding Judge closes the hearing to discuss the judgment.

/Court session adjourned to 27 November, 9.30 a.m./

Eighth day of the trial (27 November 1952)

PX 1336

Pronouncing the verdict against defendants.

(Read by the Presiding Judge of the State Court in Prague JUDr. Jaroslav Novák.)

An outline of the situation and a summary of the nature and extent of the crimes of the members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1337

Reading the verdict against defendants continues (Presiding Judge).

An outline of the situation and a summary of the nature and extent of the crimes of the members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

PX 1338

Reading the verdict against defendants continues (Presiding Judge).

An outline of the situation and a summary of the nature and extent of the crimes of the members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

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Reading the verdict against defendants continues (Presiding Judge).

An outline of the situation and a summary of the nature and extent of the crimes of the members of the so-called anti-state conspiracy centre.

Determination of guilt (criminal offenses) according to Act No. 231/1948 Coll.

Verdict of the State Court in Prague on imposed sentences:

Rudolf Slánský – death penalty
Bedřich Geminder – death penalty
Ludvík Frejka – death penalty
Josef Frank – death penalty
Vladimír Clementis – death penalty
Bedřich Reicin – death penalty
Karel Šváb – death penalty
Artur London – life sentence
Vavro Hajdů – life sentence
Evžen Löbl – life sentence
Rudolf Margolius – death penalty
Otto Fischl – death penalty
Otto Šling – death penalty

André Simone (Otto Katz) – death penalty

Rationale of the verdict of the State Court (Presiding Judge).

/Court session adjourned for 10 minutes./

PX 1340

Statements of the defendants on the sentences imposed after consultation with their defence counsels (individually).

They waive their appeal and accept the sentence imposed.

The State Prosecutor does not have any objection on the verdict of the State Court.

The Presiding Judge closed the main trial.

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