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1. Antanas Snieckus, Secretary General of the Lithuanian Communist Party as of 1953, was born in 1902 in Bubleliai, a large farm near the town of Sakiai, Lithuania. Antanas for a few years was schooled at home. He had four years elementary and four years of gymnasium in Vilkavishkis.
2. In 1914 World War I broke out and in early 1915, Antanas was evacuated to Vilnyus. In July 1915 he was evacuated to Voronezh, USSR.
3. Antanas was put in a camp with other Lithuanians and his education continued. Majority of the school teachers in this camp were Lithuanians. There were also two Soviet teachers who taught history of Russia.
4. In 1918 after World War I Antanas returned to Bubleliai. He worked on a farm for about a year. In 1919 Antanas took a six month course in telegraphy and passed with high honors. He was employed by the Lithuanian government as a telegraph inspector in the town of Alytus.
5. In 1920 Antanas was arrested by the government. The authorities had found a list of names of persons who were with the Communist underground and his name was on this list. However, he was not prosecuted, and the court released him due to his youth. He was 17 years old at the time.
6. An older brother, Zigmas Snieckus, who was employed by the Lithuanian government in Kaunas agreed to assume full responsibility for Antanas. Antanas promised Zigmas that he would settle down and continue his education.

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8. In 1930 [redacted] the government had uncovered a Communist spy ring and that Antanas was one of the members arrested. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

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9. Antanas at this time was calling himself Antanas Jankus.

10. Antanas served only two years of his 15 year sentence when the Lithuanian government exchanged him and some others for prominent Lithuanian officials and members of the clergy who had been jailed by the Soviets.

11. In winter of 1938-39 [redacted] Antanas was back in Kaunas and in jail for Communist underground activities. This was the third time that he had been arrested since World War I. He was sentenced to eight years in prison.

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12. When Lithuania was taken over by the Soviets in 1940 Antanas was freed and he began working toward his present high position.

13. In 1940 [redacted] Antanas had become the Director of Internal Security for all of Lithuania. In the next few months many former friends and neighbors of Antanas were seized and shipped to the USSR as slave labor, including professional people and persons who were with the Lithuanian government before the Soviet occupation. In his official position Antanas would affix his signature to the deportation list.

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19. Antanas Snieckus is about 5 ft 5 in tall, stocky build, broad shoulders, and weighed 160 pounds. He has dark brown eyes, dark brown hair, a good posture, and a slightly ruddy complexion. At the age of 11 Antanas was permanently scarred when he fell into a tub of hot water and scalded his left thigh and buttock. He writes right handed.

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