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Why Did He Believe Them?

The Russians apparently doublecrossed both Yugoslavia and former Hungarian Premier Imre Nagy after Nagy left his refuge in the Yugoslav embassy in Budapest with guarantees of safe conduct.

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Nagy and his companions were seized by Soviet secret police and hauled away, Yugoslavia charges. Where the deposed premier is now, no one except the conspirators can say. The puppet Hungarian government explains that he suddenly decided to move to Romania but his friends don't believe that. They

say that if he were going to leave Hungary he would have gone to Yugoslavia.

A reasonable conjecture is that Nagy now is in some secret police cell, undergoing brainwashing to prepare him for a "confession" that the Hungarian revolt against Communism was actually a plot cooked up between him and Allen Dulles of the American Central Intelligence Agency.

The only thing that puzzles us about this entire episode is why Nagy, with his experience with the Russians, would ever have believed that he could trust their word.