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(UNSIGNED ARTICLE: ZVIENNA: SECRET OFFICE FOR SOVIET SPIES*)

(TEXT) RIGHT IN THE HEART OF VIENNA, IN A COMPLETELY UNSUSPECTED OFFICE, THERE HAS BEEN FOR YEARS A "RELAY STATION" OF THE SOVIET SECRET SERVICE. NATO QUARTERS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE MAIL OF NUMEROUS EASTERN AGENTS IN WEST AND SOUTHERN EUROPE AS WELL AS IN THE NORTH AFRICAN REGION GOES THROUGH THIS OFFICE.

IN THIS CONNECTION EXPRESS HAS RECEIVED AN INTERESTING REPORT FROM TURKEY, WHERE THE VIENNESE DR ADOLF SLAVIK,

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45 FORTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WAS ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF

COURT IN ISTANBUL, SLAVIK ADMITTEED THAT HE HIMSELF

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HAD SET UP A KGB BRANCH IN VIENNA. THIS IS AN OFFICE AT

135 ONE HUNDRED FIVE MARIAHILFERSTRASSE, WHICH HAS BEEN

KNOWN TO AUSTRIAN STATE SECURITY POLICE FOR QUITE SOME

TIME AS A MESSAGE CENTER FOR SECRET INFORMATION.

SOVIET SPY SLAVIK, WHO HAD BEEN IN ISTANBUL SINCE

1961 NINETEEN SIXTYONE AS PARTNER OF A VIENNA TRADE

AGENCY, BECAME THE HEAD OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE NEAR EAST.

HE OWED THIS "PROMOTION" TO ANOTHER VIENNA-BORN MAN,

KGB COLONEL ROMAN GAMOTHA, WHO IS CONSIDERED THE LEADING

SOVIET EXPERT ON THE NEAR EAST.

PRIOR TO 1938, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT, SLAVIK ORGANIZED AND

HEADED THE ILLEGAL INTELLIGENCOS SERVICE OF THE HITLER YOUTH. HE

THEN JOINED THE WAFFEN-SS AND REACHED THE RANK OF OBERSTURMFUHRER.

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AFTER 1945, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, HE WAS TRIED AND SENTENCED--ED.)

BY A PEOPLE'S COURT. AT THE STEIN PENITENTIARY, SOVIET

SECRET SERVICE OFFICERS ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH HIM

FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN 1949 NINETEEN FORTYNINE, AFTER

HIS RELEASE, HE FOUNDED WITH SOVIET SUPPORT THE SO-CALLED

NATIONAL LEAGUE, WHOSE MEMBERS WERE PRIMARILY FORMER

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SS MEMBERS, FORMER SD (SICHERHEITS-DIENST, GERMAN SECURITY

SERVICE --ED.) MEMBERS, AND FORMER GESTAPO MEMBERS.

AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION POWERS FROM AUSTRIA,

SLAVIK HEADED A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY

IN VIENNA, WITH THE RANK OF KGB MAJOR. LATER HE WAS

DISPATCHED TO ALGERIA, FROM WHERE HE ORGANIZED LARGE ARMS

SHIPMENTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL

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