

DURCANSKY, FERDINAND

9. IN-36363
29 Apr 46
fjt
Definitely established DURCANSKY is hiding in Rome, in contact with LUTTOR and GIBER. Lead to hiding place being followed.

10. OYT-0200
9 May 46
fjt
AFK reportedly had no knowledge of subjects whereabouts.

11. IN-44765
Paris 851
28 Nov 46
CONTROL
at
Reported as head of SLOVAKIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL IN ITALY, and in close touch with Jozef KRACOVIC, former president Slovak National Bank, and now in Paris. Paris requests from Rome all info, on subject and asks confirmation of report that Rome has demanded British expel him from Italy for trial in Czech, as war criminal.

12. F-8411
5 Oct 38
at
Following information furnished by Dr. KRACOVIC. DURCANSKY was former Professor of International Law of the University of Bratislava; was Foreign Minister of Slovakia in 1939, signed a treaty of friendship with Hitler under duress and was dismissed by the pro-Hitler gov't because of his desire to establish contacts with England and France. Is now in Rome for purpose of contacting the other Slovak resistance. The President of the old Slovak Parliament, Dr. OLSUTIL has authorized DURCANSKY to proceed with the formation of a clandestine Bratislava Government for Slovakia. He has been received by the Political Office of the French Foreign Office, but nature of the reception was not disclosed. Attached to the document is a letter outlining Resistance Movement in Slovakia prepared by DURCANSKY at the request of KRACOVIC.

FIRA-305
25 Mar. 47
fjt
It is reported that subject left Rome in Dec. 1946, and was in hiding near Rome. In Prato he stayed at the Jesuit monastery and in nearby Corticciara he lived at the College for Oriental Priests. In March subject returned to Rome, and at present he is staying in the Vatican as a guest of a postal employee of the Vatican mail service.

IN-13647
22 Apr. 47
fjt
Re. subject, couple residing 2908 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, Conn. Admit acting as contacts in U. S. for Slovak Action Committee, which they describe as underground movement led by subject in Italy. State they communicate with him through John Bobor, Rome. State Dept. has received communications signed by subject, President Slovak Action Committee, on stationery bearing Bridgeport address but detailed Rome, Italian stamps and U.S. Postmarks indicate Bridgeport address used as letter-drop. Informing Czech Embassy no indication Durcansky in U.S. but possibly in Italy.

FIR-1080
17 Feb. 47
fjt
Subject is on an Italian Police wanted list, which states "criminal trace and arrest (urgently requested) of Slovak subject, war criminal, born in Batec on 10 Dec. 1906. Accompanied by wife, Klisabatta PALACOVIC born 22 Mar. 1911. Description 2.60m; dark eyes and hair, photo attached".

FIRA-209
7 Mar 47
Correction on FIR-1080 which had given subject's first name as Mario.

Ferdinand
ITALY

FIRA-1171
7 Aug 47
OUT-6045
21 July 47
fjt
Intends to migrate to Argentina. Brief info, para. 22
20: 25 11-19311. Publisher now reported enroute to U.I. en route to Lisbon. Subject allegedly slipped off and fled to Spain.

6 Oct. 47
fjt
Rudolf KROMBERGER & KRIZKY and KOSTARA, principal state witness Slovak group now under arrest for anti-State activities in Munich. Subject (Kromberger) reportedly fled Slovakia 1945 and settled Munich. Established contact with followers of Durcansky. Reported confessed activities as courier and liaison agent for Durcansky group.

STATE FILE
Prague #1976
8 Nov. 47
Folder #604
fjt
Embassy Prague states the the Communist official Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Embassy that subject left Italy for Argentina three or four weeks ago.

FIRA-1504
13 Oct. 47
CONTROL
FERNANDO
Federico arranged through subject's secretary Elena FELD for subject to give an interview to Claire Melnik. Subject also reported to have gone to Brazil, after the interview was given.

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State cable
IN-51464
22 Dec. 47
fjt
Suspend action and submit to the Dept. any application for visa facilities which may be made by subject. In the event a visa has been issued to subject this fact should be reported promptly to the Dept. complete with report regarding the issuance of the visa. Also report Aliens means of travel, his reported destination in the U.S. and references in this country.

IN-54778
2039
29 Sept. 47
fjt
Desires whereabouts of subject. London "Times" dated 29 Sept. 47 states "Believed Durcansky living in the United States".

OUT-58769
Wash-2899
13 Feb. 48
fjt
State cable dated 8 Nov. 47 states subject had sailed from Rio de Janeiro for Argentina three weeks previously. Brazil also reported to be his destination but Argentina believed present location. State cable of 22 Dec. 47 ordered all stations to report immediately should subject request U.S. Visa. See above.

GA-454
20 Jan 48
ujl
Subj, pres. of Slovak Action Ctee, has arrived BA from U.S. Subj concealing in Arg. for purpose of organizing among his compatriots a group to liberate their homeland.

GA-456
20 Jan 48
ujl
Subj has received info that Russians are disgusted with Pres. Bness for his "double-play". Russians will possibly adopt more radical methods against Bness, one method of which may be establishment of an independent Slovak Republic with Communist or Communist sympathizing gov't.

1. A-2711 12/4/46 Czech Government much perturbed by reports that American authorities have permitted subject, ex-Foreign Minister in the JEDO Government to seek refuge in Rome. As soon as located, his extradition will be requested since he is considered a very important War Criminal. This info. comes from a Communist Cabinet member.

2. OUT-4119 12/13/46 Substance of the above report cabled to []

3. IN-51031 1/11/48 Subject arrived in Rome with his wife and 2 children and is hiding. Had secret conference with SEDOR, Slovak Minister in his Vatican. It is reported through a Slovak priest that subject will shortly leave for the USA..

4. Inter-office memo 1/17/48 PK, Balton arog, to Liaison for State.

5. OUT 197 1/16/48 (61 cable) Relaying f 3 Memo given as DURCANSKY

6. IN-34161 (FRANCE) Re proposed extradition requested through diplomatic channels

7. OUT-2395 2/27/48 to [] Urgently requesting info.

8. OUT

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