

Hungary Says 5 CP Leaders Were Executed on False Accusation

The Hungarian government announced yesterday that former foreign minister Laszlo Rajk and four other Communist leaders had been falsely accused in 1949 when they were tried and executed for treason.

Radio Budapest quoted a speech by Matyas Rakosi, first secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party, admitting that Rajk and his fellow defendants had been victims of a frame-up. The five had been accused as "Titoite conspirators."

Since then the Soviet government has admitted that the Soviet charges against Tito were false.

In addition to Rajk, these executed were: Dr. Tibor Szonyi, Andras Szalai, Lt. Gen. Gyory Palfy, former Army chief of staff and Major Bela Korondo.

The Radio announcement said that Rajk and his associates were tried on "false charges" presented against them by Gen. Gabor Peter, former chief of Hungary's security police.

To other defendants who were imprisoned have been ordered released, together with a number of accused Social Democrats.

Rakosi said the Rajk trial was reviewed by the Hungarian Supreme Court, which cleared all the defendants. For a time the Hungarian Communist leaders had resisted the pressure of the Yugoslav leaders for a frank admission of crimes and errors by the Hungarians. But now apparently the Hungarians have complied. During the Rajk trial, Rakosi had hailed the security chief for his "vigilance" in uncovering traitors.

Charges U.S. Cash Paid Plane Saboteur

LONDON, March 29.—John Baird, Member of Parliament charged today that the United States "indirectly" footed the bill for the sabotage at Hong Kong of an airliner carrying Chinese officials last year to the Bandung conference.

Despite efforts to prevent him from speaking, Baird said that the "Americans" paid a Chiang Kai-shek mechanic at Hong Kong Airport \$112,000 to sabotage an Air India airliner.

Fifteen persons, including 11 Chinese officials, were killed, April 12, 1955, in the crash in the South China Sea. People's China at that time blamed "U. S. and Nationalist secret agents."

Baird said the money actually was paid to the mechanic, who since has returned to Formosa, by Chiang Kai-shek's Intelligence agency, but that the Intelligence agency got the money from the U. S.

"I submit, however, that since

the Formosan Government is maintained by the financial and military subsidies of the Americans and could not exist without their support, I was quite justified in what I said," Baird declared.

He was referring to a common incident yesterday in which the speaker ruled him out of order when he tried to make the same charge.

WON'T QUIT

LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Adlai E. Stevenson said today he would continue to run even if he runs second in the California primary. He then went on a handshaking tour of the garment district.

ROME, March 29.—The Communist Daily Unità today published a speech by Sen. Umberto Terracini sharply criticizing the manner in which the reevaluation of Stalin has been conducted by the Soviet Communists.

"Do you really believe that one can speak of real democracy in the Soviet Union when the Supreme Soviet meets only a couple of times a year?" he demanded.

"It is said that the demolition of Stalinism has been in course for three years. We have no knowledge of it. But we do know we are faced by a bad situation that will create for us a severe setback.

"The cult of Stalin was extended to incredible lengths, even to his adoration by everything that is Soviet.

"We must not forget that if Stalin has committed errors, the party which tolerated them is also responsible.

"Today, they say things have changed, but the only thing changed are the men. If the myth of one man is created, it is the fault of everyone."