

U.S. Executive Faces Trial in Hungary

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BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 7 —An American business representative is expected to face a court here early next month accused of running a flamboyant commercial operation involving alleged bribery, gifts of new cars, bank accounts abroad for Hungarian accomplices, black-market currency dealings and "violation of official secrets."

The American citizen, Dr. Tibor Glaz, is described here as the East European manager of the Ralston Purina Company. Dr. Glaz was arrested last year. About 20 Hungarians have been implicated in the case. Two are said to have committed suicide.

The indictment, as published, would suggest that the affair is an epic in chicken-feed and pig-feed salesmanship.

After months of what one resident here called "embarrassed silence," the case came to light when a Budapest weekly, Hetfoi Hirek, printed an account of the indictment.

Hetfoi Hirek stressed that the Hungarians facing trial were "responsible officials" and that some had salaries as high as 10,000 forints a month (\$370),

virtually the upper limit in Hungary.

There is no evidence of any political implications in the affair. On the contrary, the long silence seemed to reflect concern about possible disruption of a recent significant improvement in relations between the United States and Hungary.

According to the report on the indictment, Dr. Glaz first made an arrangement with Imr Szilagyi, manager of the Pig-Fattening and Fodder-Mixing Joint Enterprise of the Kondoros collective farm.

Car Received is Left

Under the arrangement, it was said, Dr. Glaz was to pay Mr. Szilagyi a commission of 30 cents a ton upon the signing of a contract for 60,000 tons of pig-feed nutritives, or a total of \$18,000, to be deposited in a West German bank.

The police intervened, the report continued, before the arrangements were completed. But Mr. Szilagyi was said to have received 80,000 forints (\$3,000) from a "motorcar manipulation" as well as money from a West German account during a tourist trip abroad.

Another Hungarian accused in the case, Laszlo Miklos, was a department head in the Trust

of Poultry Processing Enterprises. Mr. Miklos was said to have received \$100 a month for "promoting" the feed sold by Dr. Glaz. Mr. Miklos also is accused of having received an automobile as a gift and a West German bank account.

More ominously, the indictment charged that Mr. Miklos had drawn up for Dr. Glaz "an accurate list of the collective farms dealing with the processing of poultry." This, it appears, is the basis for the charge of "violation of official secrets."

A state farm director, Karoly Mohacsi, was reported to have received about \$1,000 from Dr. Glaz after a contract was reached to buy pig feed and a mixer.

"He could have earned more —\$15,000—from this deal, but he was unmasked," Hetfoi Hirek said. "In this case, too, the usual gift of an automobile was not lacking."

The account of the indictment cited other Hungarians involved in the case and charged that one employed as a secretary, Gyula Rajos, had been helping Dr. Glaz for years in illegal sales of dollars.

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