

PRAGUE DROWNING VERIFIED BY SWISS

2 Doctors to Continue Study of Death of American

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 —

Two Swiss doctors concurred today in the general findings of an official Czechoslovak pathologist, holding that Charles H. Jordan, American executive of a Jewish refugee relief organization, died in Prague last week by drowning.

The Swiss experts flew to the Czechoslovak capital for an emergency post-mortem examination at the request of the American Joint Distribution Committee, the agency Mr. Jordan had served as executive vice chairman.

According to information received from the United States Embassy in Prague, the doctors examined Mr. Jordan's body immediately after their arrival from Zurich last night.

From the evidence available to them, United States officials said, the doctors concluded, first, that Mr. Jordan died "some hours" after leaving his hotel last Wednesday night, and second, the "ingestion of water into the lungs indicated that the immediate cause of death was drowning."

An Official Czech pathologist performed an autopsy on the body yesterday, less than 24 hours after it was pulled out of the Vltava River in Prague. He told a United States Embassy official that he had found no signs of violence.

Doctors Withhold Judgment

The Swiss doctors were somewhat more reserved. They

said that the decomposition of the body after several days in the water was so great that they could make no judgment on whether there had been violent injury before drowning.

The two doctors were Dr. Alexander Gonik, Geneva representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Prof. Ernest Hardmeyer of the Legal Medical Institute of Zurich.

They requested that Czech authorities make certain body tissues available to them for further laboratory examination.

The pathologists' findings brought the case of Mr. Jordan's disappearance and death no closer to a solution. United States officials have found no evidence on which to base an accusation against the Czech authorities or any other persons of complicity in his death, nor have friends or relatives of the dead man come up with any explanation.

Mr. Jordan, who was 59 years old, and his wife were touring Eastern Europe. They expected to go on to Israel, where Mr. Jordan was planning to lecture.

Last Wednesday night he strolled out of his hotel, telling his wife he was going to buy a newspaper. She never saw him alive again.

The United States Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Jacob D. Beam, was reported to be pressing the Foreign Ministry for a full police report on the investigation and of circumstances of Mr. Jordan's disappearance.

A report on the discovery of the body in the river had been promised by the Czech authorities today, but no word has yet been received here that this information was presented to the embassy.

A spokesman said there was no indication in the reports from Prague that the Czech Government was failing to cooperate in the investigation.