

Hungarian deportations laid to top soviet secret police-

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the mass deportation of anti-communist hungarians to the soviet union - which continues despite worldwide protests - is under the personal supervision of general iyan serov, number one soviet secret policeman, according to refugees from budapest. D -

serov, regarded as one of the most ruthless of soviet secret police officials, flew from moscow to budapest five days ago. he is there to perform what the manchester guardian once called his main speciality - the art of transporting or otherwise disposing of those sections of the population which have been regarded as suspicious by the government of the USSR.

serov has been chief of the soviet secret police since 1954. his career dates back to the 1930s when, along with his close friend and sponsor nikita khrushchev, soviet communist party chief, he supervised the deportation and liquidation of thousands of ukrainian peasants who resisted farm collectivization.

in june, 1941, in his capacity of first deputy peoples commissar of state security, serov signed the infamous order number 001223, concerning the procedures for the deportation of anti-soviet elements from lithuania, latvia and estonia, under which thousands of people from lithuania and estonia, under which thousands of people were sent to siberia.

the deportations were conducted under conditions of almost incredible brutality.

since most of the deportees, the order read, are to be arrested and placed in camps and their families sent to special settlements in remote districts, it is necessary to remove the heads of the family without notifying them of their impending separation.