

London, November 28, 1943 (ONA) -- A Five-Point Program for the Punishment of War Criminals, providing for creation of special laws and People's courts, has been decided upon by the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile.

The program was outlined today in a broadcast by Dr. Jaroslav Stránský, Czechoslovak Minister of Justice. It comprises the following:

1 -- War criminals and "fellow culprits" will be tried according to special laws by special people's courts since Czechoslovak Criminal Law did not foresee the crimes committed by the German invaders;

2 -- The special laws will be retroactive;

3 -- Persons who committed offenses against the Republic and against the constitutionally-protected liberties and rights of citizens and inhabitants during the period of increasing threat to or occupation of the republic will be considered criminals or "fellow culprits;"

4 -- The special people's courts will be presided over by professional judges together with judges chosen from among the people whose loyalty to the Republic was demonstrated on both the home front and the battle front;

5 -- A law will be enacted to affect those who in their conduct were only the victims and not the authors or willing assistants of criminal actions by the enemy.