



**WITNESS EXAMINED**—Sen. Olin Johnston (D), S.C., member of the Internal Security Subcommittee, makes a close examination of a witness at the hearing on charges of mass deportations by the Soviet Union from Hungary. He is looking into mouth of Lajos Ruff, refugee, who had teeth knocked out while held by Reds. (AP Wirephoto)

## Hungarian Says 30,000 Were Deported by Reds

Refugee Gives Figure to Senate Committee; Another Testifies That Many Escaped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A Hungarian refugee estimated today that 30,000 of his countrymen have been deported to the Soviet Union since the Hungarians rose against Russian domination seven weeks ago.

Lajos Ruff gave the figure to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which is investigating charges that the Russians have resorted to mass deportations to keep their hold on the satellite state.

Ruff, who described himself as an enemy of the Communist regime, said he based his estimate on talks with railway workers who saw trainloads of Hungarian patriots disappearing across the border and with deportees who had managed to escape.

### Many Flee From Trains

Another Hungarian, who testified under the assumed name of Lexi Bubos, reported that many Hungarians escaped from the trains with the help of railwaymen who blew up switches and hindered the Russians in other ways.

Bubos told of one incident in which 30 Hungarians armed with machine guns killed Soviet guards in the railroad yards and freed 800 to 900 young Hungarians penned up for deportation.

Ruff said that after he was

arrested in 1953 on charges of being an enemy of the Communist regime, secret police "burned my hand, they knocked my teeth out, they also burned my feet" because he refused to answer some of their questions.

He said he was kept without a letup for five days in a cell 2½ feet square, and for two and one-half days "in a room up to my waist in water."

He showed a white burn scar on his hand and a gap where teeth were knocked out.

The Hungarian revolt has shown, Ruff said, that there aren't many Communists among his people.

"The only persons who are afraid of the Russians are those too far away to know them," he said.