

men killed him in such a way as to suggest legendary "ritual murder." They hid the body in her house for two days, then took it to the cave, where it was found later.

Nicholas Krasovsky, who had been the chief of the secret police of Kiev and the most famous detective in Russia, was put on the case. He came to Kiev one day, spectacled and bearded, pretending to be a Warsaw journalist. In this disguise he won the confidence of a seamstress named

Dyakanova and learned that this woman had been in the Cheberiak house the evening after the murder, when the lad's body was lying covered in the living room.

Krasovsky was not permitted to tell even this much at the trial of Mendel Bellis. The anti-Jewish government had dismissed and imprisoned him for not making a case against Bellis. After the trial he set about to vindicate his reputation.

The whole nation remembered the



Madame Vera Cheberiak, who is charged with the killing of the so-called "ritual murder" victim, and Nicholas Krasovsky, Russia's greatest detective, who is on his way back to Russia with the evidence against her.