

Russia Fears Mass Defections in Foreign Service Ranks

Kosenkina Case Proves Soviet Alarmed Over Tendency to Desert

Author Believes Contacts With Democracies Causing Many to Give Up Allegiance

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NEW YORK, Aug. 14—Deep-seated and justifiable fear of widespread defections within the ranks of its foreign service is the real reason behind the feverish efforts of Soviet officials here to get their hands on Mrs. Oksana Kosenkina and Mikhail Samarian, fugitive teachers who may further truck with Russia.

Within the Soviet foreign service there is a fissioning rebellion. Because of it, until thousands of Russians have fled to seek the sanctuary of democracies, Soviet leaders and the MVD, the secret police, want Mrs. Kosenkina and Samarian back under their control so they can teach a terrifying lesson to the many others who may be wavering.

This explanation is given by Isaac Bon Levine, editor of Plain Talk and Vladimir Zenskov, the man Mrs. Kosenkina wanted to see when she came out of the anesthesia after she leaped from the consulate window here.

Try to Get Away
"Wherever the Russians go outside their own areas—they see the terrible-bitterness of life in a free land," said Mr. Levine. "They are human beings like anyone else. They do not enjoy life under a police state. Many try to get away, some succeed."

"When they make the break, the officials put on the screens to drag them back. They fear the virus will spread."

Mr. Levine said that within the last year more than 5000 Soviet officials, scientists and professional men, including a dozen ranking generals, had escaped from Russia and satellite nations to the Americas, Britain or French zones in Germany and Austria. A few of these with specialized military or scientific training have come to this country to give aid to our research. The MVD knew of these defections but usually measures have been taken to guard the Russians.

Cited Gouzenko Case
"There is nothing unique about Mrs. Kosenkina and Mrs. Samarian's flight from fear," said Mr. Levine. "The stories of Igor Gouzenko in Toronto, of Kravchenko and Khvitalia are well known. They too wanted freedom. So did Biedrowsky, Soviet chargé d'affaires in Paris in the 20's. He escaped, because he was to be punished for statements showing he was tempted by the democratic ways of life."

Mr. Levine said that the Russian government never wants to lose its grip on Soviet citizens. He said that at the end of 1941 American citizens discovered that many German prisoners were actually impressed. Russians, seized in the early days of Nazi victory in the Ukraine and White Russia.

Lake Yields Body of Coed
Smith College Girl Missing Since 1947

HOLDERSHIP, N. H., Aug. 14—An examination of the body of attractive 20-year-old Miss Straw indicated she drowned accidentally, police said today.

The body of the Smith College senior was found by two boys yesterday, floating on Little Squam Lake, almost within sight of her parents' elaborate summer home, from which she disappeared July 20, 1947.

Medical Examiner Lode, M. Orton of Nashua and state police said there were no marks of violence on the body. Mr. Orton said he believed it "would be" accidentally drowned while taking a midnight swim.

Body Found Decomposed
Manifestations made by the girl's foster father, Baskins H. Sims, 48, the body, so badly decomposed it could be identified only through dental work, was clad in what was left of red and white checkered pajamas. It was removed to a Plymouth funeral home.

"We did turn some of the poor devils out to the Indians but then when Mum's hand was shown more clearly, we stopped it and today there are still a half million Russians in the allied zones of Germany who do not want to go home."

Does Not Envoy Consul
Mr. Levine cited the Moscow pressure put upon Russian diplomatic officials in cases like the Canadian spy trials and the flight of the late Gen. Walter Krivitsky head of the Russian espionage system in Western Europe. The editor of Plain Talk said he would not like to be in the shoes of Yakov M. Lomakin, Soviet consul general, or Zolt J. Cherpunysh, vice consul.

"They must know how Col. Zaitin, who mishandled the Gouzenko case in Ottawa, failed to return to Russia while in MVD hands," said Mr. Levine. "Zaitin is probably at the bottom of the Atlantic."

Army to Probe Blast
DOVER, N. J., Aug. 14 (UP)—A committee of Army officials was appointed today to investigate an explosion in the Picatinny Arsenal which killed one worker and wrecked a small building.

FUNNY BUSINESS—By HERSHBERGER

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LEGION WELCOME—Mayor Feeley, right, extends welcome to Indiana American Legion at his office today through State Commander Harold E. Morris, left, and Hermann A. Weinge, Jeffersonville, one of the State Legion's original founders.

Washington Calling—What's Cooking in Romania? Red Party Rift Hinted

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POWERFUL National Guard Association and Adjutant General's Association. They have their sights on Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, President's military aid who proposed a Guard-Reserve merger more than a year ago.

Actually, Vaughan had nothing to do with report, wasn't even called before Gray Board. But Guardsmen fancy him as a target, think they could do wonders by calling it the Vaughan Plan."

Vaughan says President is keeping hands off and regards the report as recommendation to Forrestal; if defense secretary asks White House advice, opinions will be sought from all 48 governors.

HOSE REVOLT Seen
PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS IN House—there are some they'll be revolt against Halleck-Knute-Taber-Wolcott leadership if Dewey is elected.

They look upon Speaker Martin as a likely recruit—say he'll be changed man under Dewey regime. More responsive to interests of his highly industrialized district than to the rural support on which his party depends.

REPUBLICANS WILL tell voters Truman's remark about "do-nothing Congress" proves his off-the-cuff habit leads him into sweeping and irresponsible statements unbecoming to President.

"Nothing my eye," complained Rep. Robert J. Corbett of Pittsburgh. "We want tax reductions, putting the brakes on spending, and forcing the first balanced budget in 15 years."

How about making reorganization of Congress effective? And the Taft-Hartley Law? European Recovery Plan with its financing, aid to Greece and Turkey, a couple of peace treaties? The loyalty program, Army-Navy identification, rearmament, and the draft? A modified housing program, and an anti-inflation bill?

With other cities more and more embarking Indianapolis for its milk is there and more farmers seriously considering getting out of the dairy business, the milk supply picture is not so bright if it's not downright alarming.

PEALS NOT GUILTY
In Assault Case

KELLY PETILLO Charged In Woman's Stabbing

KELLY PETILLO, 1935, "winner of the 500-mile race classic, today pleaded not guilty to assault and battery charges in Criminal Court.

Petillo is charged with the stabbing of Mrs. Naomi Shorin, 25, Lebanon, last June 28 in the Roosevelt Hotel.

Homer Petro, 47, charged with manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Albert Don Carpenter, Speedway City engineer, also entered a plea of not guilty.

He is charged with shooting Mr. Carpenter in the home of his estranged wife, Mrs. Lula Mae Petro, 1824 Wilson St., last June 4.

Petillo was heard by Judge Pro Tem Sherwood Blue. Trial dates have not been set. Both defendants are free on bond.

GAS HEATER EXPLODES;
Man Burned Critically

EXPECT FORRESTAL or his successor to ask next Congress for cost-of-living boost in military pay.

One thing sure—"hazardous" job entitled to a bonus will be increased. Navy wants to get such classification for its underwater demolition teams and carrier crews.

Special committee on service pay, headed by Charles R. Hooper, former American Rolling Mill Co. president, hopes to report by Sept. 1, has compared industrial and service wages and retirement benefits and looked into special pay and allowances.

LAW BY BYPASSES
DISTRICT 50 of United Mine Workers has found two by-passes around Taft-Hartley Law.

Although John L. Lewis still refuses to qualify before National Relations Board, his catch-all department finds it can help individual members file complaints against employers; and it can (and is) organizing groups of railroad employees who come under another law, Railway Labor Act.

A TRUMAN SETBACK

MIDWEST REPORT: President Truman's special session changed hardly a vote out there. He hurt himself with his "red herring" comment about red hearings. Fact: National Guard had to be called out to keep order in a Red-led strike at Dayton, O., didn't help administration.

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