

Ex-Russian Tells How Samarine Was Hidden From Reds

FREEHOLD, N. J., Aug. 14.—(AP)—An elderly chicken farmer who admits he once was a Russian revolutionary told yesterday how he hid a Soviet school teacher and his family for nine days.

Harry Schibanoff, a giant of a man in his middle 60's, told a Philadelphia Evening Bulletin Reporter that he knew of efforts to save two Russian teachers—Michael I. Samarine and Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina—from being returned to the Soviet Union.

The information, Schibanoff said, came from Countess Alexandra Tolstoy who operates a White Russian refuge in New York state.

The burly, big-handed farmer, who has lived in the U. S. since 1910, said the Countess feared one of the two teachers might not be sincere in fighting Soviet authority.

"She told me they were afraid to put the two together for fear one or the other might be a Russian spy," Reporter Ellen Taussig quoted Schibanoff as saying.

"I promised I would do anything I could to help her in this way," the reporter's story continued.

"Only on July 29, I had a call from her. She said she would like to see me on one case and could I come to New York. I went to the Tolstoy foundation headquarters in New York the next day.

"The Countess explained the whole story about Samarine and his family. She told me at that time that Mrs. Kosenkina was in her office and that Samarine had come to her office, too.

"Samarine had told the Countess that he was afraid to go back

to Russia because of the death or severe punishment which would await him. He wanted to stay in America."

Schibanoff said he arranged to meet Samarine in a New York City cafeteria (on the corner of Broadway and 140th Street). Here, he said, the two discussed the teacher's future.

"He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said: 'Mr. Schibanoff, if I can't stay here I won't go to Russia. I will kill myself and my family.'"

The farmer said he was impressed. He continued: "I went back to the foundation and talked with the Countess Alexandra. We discussed the question and I said I would take the Samarines to Freehold, which I did.

"During the whole week that followed, everything was quiet."

On Aug. 7 the news of the struggle between the Red and White Russians for custody of the Samarines and Mrs. Kosenkina was made public. That day one of the Countess' agents contacted Schibanoff and suggested his guests be hidden somewhere else because they were in danger.

Schibanoff said the Countess came to his farm Sunday—the next day—with three men. He said he thought they were FBI agents.

Samarine left immediately. Schibanoff recalled, while his wife and children remained a few more days.

The farmer, a naturalized American citizen, said he is not a member of any White Russian underground or political group. He said he only helped the Countess because he was impressed with her refugee work.

"I love this country. I like our present form of government. I have never violated the law. That is the way I raised my five children."

Schibanoff said when he was 17 he was a member of a "Russian revolutionary group but at the age of 21 I decided to over-

throw all Soviet politics and come to America."

That was after imprisonment, he said, with another revolutionary who later became Russia's boss—Premier Stalin.

Officer to Face Charge in Killing Of Enlisted Man

NUERNBERG, Germany, Aug. 14.—(AP)—U. S. Army officials announced yesterday a special Army inquiry board will review the case of Lt. Stanley Martin of Portland, Ore., with regard to the fatal shooting of an enlisted man at the suburb of Fuerth two months ago.

Officials of the Nuernberg-Fuerth post said Martin left Camp Kilmer in the U. S. today to face the charges here. He had been home on leave for a month because of illness in his family.

The charge against the lieutenant, an Army man for 28 years, is that he shot and killed Private Robert Light of Myers-town, Pa.

A spokesman for the military post said the incident happened in this way:

Martin, his wife, another lieutenant and his girl friend, were driving through Fuerth on their way to Kitzingen. A civilian stepped from the curb and flagged them down. The soldier Light was behind the civilian. Mrs. Martin shouted something and the soldier slapped her. Martin leaped from the car. The lieutenant drew a pistol and the soldier ran.

The charge is that Martin then fired three times, and one of the bullets pierced Light's heart from the rear.

Martin will be brought before a special Army inquiry board when he gets to Nuernberg. He will have the right to cross examine the witnesses. This is similar to a Grand Jury action and is not an actual trial.

A court-martial is ordered if the evidence warrants.

Damages Asked In Two Traffic Cases

Gerald J. Leiper has filed suit in Circuit Court against A. H. Friedman to collect \$200 general damages and \$450 special damages, as the result of a traffic accident which occurred four miles south of Glendale August 12 on Highway 99.

Leiper alleges in the complaint that Friedman was driving around a blind curve on the left side of the road and that the plaintiff's car, particularly the front part, was damaged to the extent of \$400. He declares further he would be deprived of use of his car for five days for a loss of \$50, and that he sustained cuts, abrasions, scratches and bruises, for which he asks judgment of \$200.

Clinton H. Brown has filed suit against Grant U. and Letha M. March and Grant E. and Naomi March, doing business as March Logging Company, as the result of a car-truck accident Feb. 27, 1948, near the south city limits of Myrtle Creek. The plaintiff asks \$219 damages and \$100 costs of instituting the suit.

The complaint states that John Jay Wright was driving the defendant's logging truck traveling northerly, at a slow rate of speed; that the plaintiff, also traveling northerly, attempted to pass the truck, which turned across the path of the car at the moment the car attempted to pass.

The plaintiff charges the truck had no mirror and that the truck driver made his turn without giving the proper signal.

Reds 'Evacuating' N. Y. For Return to Russia

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Soviet citizens are returning to Russia from the New York area in such numbers that it "savours of an evacuation" the New York Daily Mirror said today.

The back-to-Russia began two months ago, the paper said, adding:

"Since that time, incomplete reports disclose that more than 500 Russians have left for home." The Mirror said most of those leaving "are top-ranking engineers, technicians and professional men and women, many of whom have been in this country for years."

Dead in Superfortress Crash Placed at 13

ROSWELL, N. M., Aug. 14.—(AP)—The Air Force listed 13 dead and eight injured today in the crash of a B-29 bomber from Walker Base.

There still was no official explanation of what caused the Superfortress to crash and burn late Thursday night six miles south of the base. The Air Force also was silent on a Roswell Record report that the bomber crashed after taking off here on a scheduled flight for Labrador.

The list of dead included: T/Sgt. Clyde N. Vanderveer, flight engineer, Portland, Ore.

Truck-Auto Crash Kills One Man, Injures Another

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Collision of a logging truck and an automobile killed E. A. Reuter, about 50, Forest Grove, and critically injured another man here yesterday.

The injured man, Verner Smith, Forest Grove, was a passenger in Reuter's car. He was hospitalized at Portland.

The truck driver, Wayne D. Bickford, Forest Grove, was uninjured.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
STARKWEATHER-ELLERSICK—Marvin Edward Starkweather vs. Marjorie Anne Eilersick, both of Myrtle Creek.

WEAVER-ELLEGE—Ralph Emerson Weaver and Dorothy Mae Ellege, both of Drain.

Divorces Granted
GRAHAM—Warren, from Erika Graham. Custody of minor child and \$30 support granted defendant.

SKAGGS—Montana E. from Harry H. Skaggs. Custody of two minor children and \$25 monthly support for each granted plaintiff.

TRAFFIC FINES LEVIED

Traffic fines imposed in the court of Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield Friday were as follows: Fred Rountree, overload, \$20; Donald V. DeVore, unit overload, \$10; Lynn Hanna, axle overload, \$10; Lawrence L. Adams, overload, \$10; Donald Chambers, axle overload, \$10; Osee E. Pritchard, overload, \$10; Ralph H. Connor, defective headlights, \$10; Huey Van Horn, Jr., axle overload, \$25; Victor O. Manson, overload, \$10, and overload, \$15.

Truman Readies Blast On Inflation Issue

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quarrel. Dennis A. Fitzgerald food director for the Economic Cooperation Administration, told reporters earlier this week that an "appreciable" increase in grain shipments to Europe could be expected as a result of bumper U. S. crop forecasts.

Police-Firemen Pension Plan Facing Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A pension plan for police and firemen will be on the November ballot in Portland, the city council decided yesterday.

Russia Demands Woman Teacher; U. S. Says 'No'

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her bedside in Roosevelt Hospital by Robert E. Stripling, the committee's chief investigator.

The teacher, center of a bizarre tug-of-war between top-level diplomatic circles here and in Moscow—was asked if she had any objection to appearing before the committee and replied in the negative, Stripling said.

William Taraska, Russian-

speaking New York City detective, accompanied Stripling and William Wheeler, another committee investigator, to Mrs. Kosenkina's room.

Meanwhile, federal and state law enforcement agencies were assembling information in the case.

Mayor William O'Dwyer said the police department was turning over details of its investigation of the case to federal and state prosecutors "for action."

Last night, officials of the FBI, the State Department and the city police met in a conference in the office of United States Attorney John F. X. McGohy.

Soviet Official Rebuffed
The meeting came after Mrs. Kosenkina was visited by Soviet Vice-Consul Chepurnykh in her hospital room. She told the Russian representative, "You kept me a prisoner. You would not let me go."

Mrs. Kosenkina made her dramatic jump from a fourth-floor consulate window Thursday.

She had been in seclusion for six days at the consulate, where Consul General Lomakin and aides had whisked her after allegedly rescuing her from an anti-Communist farm retreat.

She was due to sail for Russia two weeks ago.

Her leap came shortly after Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov in Moscow protested to the U. S.

that the woman was criminally kidnapped to the farm with the connivance of United States authorities.

Affidavit Trick Fails

The New York Times said Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin had visited the teacher while she was at the consulate and had unsuccessfully tried to get her to sign an affidavit saying she was not kept there against her will.

The Times said Mrs. Kosenkina had told police of this visit.

The State Department promised asylum in the United States to Mrs. Kosenkina and another Russian teacher, Michael Samarine, if they desire it.

Samarine, who testified Thursday before the House committee, has said he would be executed if he went back to his native land.

The Un-American Activities

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer today and Sunday.

Highest temp. any Aug. 106

Lowest temp. any Aug. 39

Highest temp. yesterday 75

Lowest temp. last night 50

Precipitation yesterday 0

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Committee plans to continue its espionage probe next week with several more witnesses.

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