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Senators Ask Russ Envoy to U.N. Recalled

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate investigators urged the state department today to throw out of this country Arkady Sobolev, chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations, and one of his top subordinates.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee made the request in accusing Sobolev's staff of using "coercion, force and duress" in an effort to induce nine Russian sailors to return to their Communist homeland after obtaining asylum in this country.

Five of the sailors suddenly left New York by plane April 7, under Soviet escort. Dispatches from Russia quoted them as saying they went home voluntarily. Four associates who remain here said they were coerced.

Rebuke Given
The subcommittee rebuked the state department and the immigration service, saying they failed to take effective action to protect the youthful sailors from being whisked out of the country.

It said there were no "realistic efforts" to learn whether duress was used on the sailors and that unjustified concessions were made "in response to Soviet pressures and truculence."

Secret testimony made public by the subcommittee as part of its report disclosed government officials learned of the seamen's impending return to Russia the night before but concluded there was no evidence then to warrant blocking their departure.

Granted Asylum
The five seamen were among nine crewmen of the Soviet tanker Tuapse who were granted asylum in this country last October after their ship, bound for Red China with a load of jet fuel, was captured by Chinese Nationalists on Formosa.

In recent hearings, the subcommittee heard testimony from the four crewmen still here and from others indicating that the five who "redefected" to the Soviet Union were kidnaped by Soviet agents.

The subcommittee urged the expulsion of Sobolev and Konstantin Ekinov, first secretary of the Soviet UN delegation.

Under the agreement establishing UN headquarters in New York City, the United States reserves the right to take action against any official who engages in activities "outside his official capacity."

Invoking that provision, this government on April 25 expelled from the United States two lower ranking members of the Soviet UN delegation whose activities on behalf of the five seamen were termed "particularly objectionable."

In the same note, the state department protested Sobolev's conduct but did not demand his recall.

Protests Filed
Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U. S. delegate to the UN, has advised Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.), the subcommittee chairman, that he has filed protests with the UN secretary-general. Lodge was urged to continue pressing the matter.

The report recommended that the state department keep the incident of seamen in mind in connection with what it termed "the forthcoming Soviet campaign to seat Red China in the United Nations and gain for her diplomatic recognition." It said Chinese Communist envoys here would be a menace "to the large Chinese-American communities in the United States."

The subcommittee made public testimony taken secretly from a state department official and an immigration service officer, neither of them named on the course decided upon when it was learned the seamen were about to redefect.

No Direct Evidence
The state department official said "we were told by various authorities that there was no direct evidence" of coercion or duress "which could be used for criminal action."

The state department official said each of the seamen was interviewed separately at the airport. Subcommittee counsel Robert Morris, questioning the immigration officer, said the land lord of two of the seamen who lived in Paterson, N. J., had testified that two Soviet UN officials had appeared at their house on the night of April 5 and left the next morning with the seamen.

Signs of Violence
He recalled the landlord's testimony that the seamen's room was in "wild disarray" that a bloody shirt and undershirt were found, and that there were other evidences of violence.

"Was that information available to the immigration authorities?" Morris asked. "It was not, sir," the officer replied.

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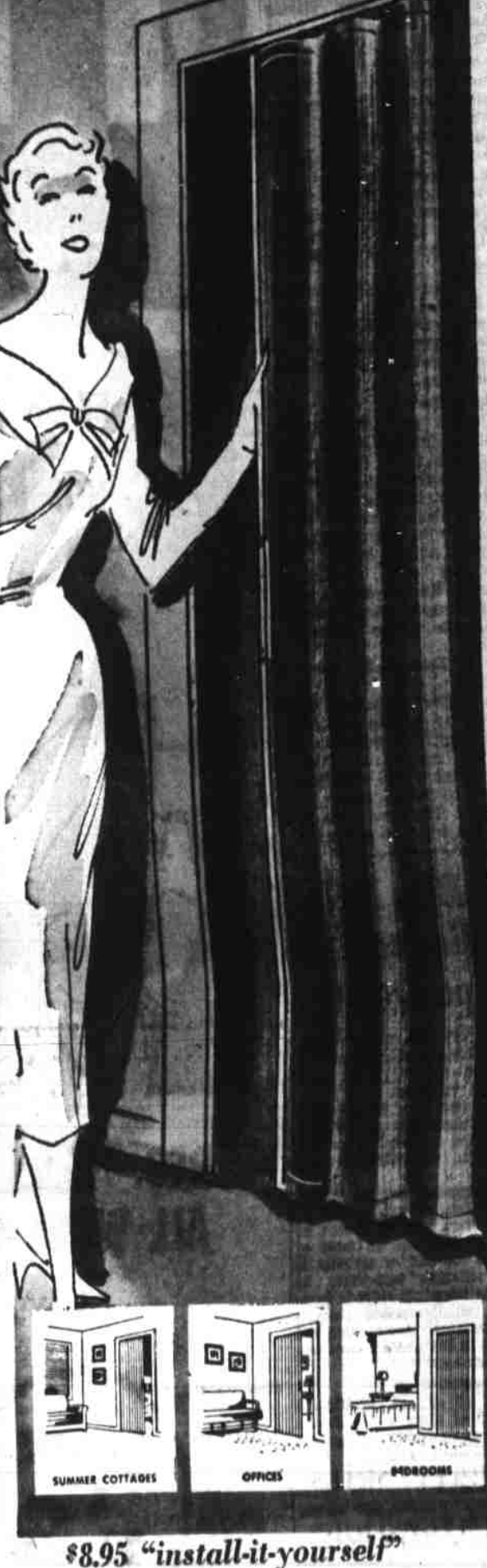


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