

Former Top Ranking Soviet Agent Gives Inside on Leaders

Washington —UPI—The House Committee on Un-American Activities says a top Soviet secret service agent who defected five years ago gave the West an intimate view of Kremlin leaders and their private lives.

The defector was identified as Peter Sergeyev Deriabin, onetime No. 3 man in the "Okhrana," the ultra hush-hush secret police responsible for guarding Soviet leaders.

Deriabin is reported living somewhere in the United States. But the committee won't say where because of the danger of possible retaliation by Soviet agents.

The committee also wouldn't divulge when Deriabin testified. Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) said only he and staff director Richard Arens were present during the testimony, which was made public Monday night.

Highest-Ranking Defector
Walter described Deriabin as the highest-ranking Soviet official ever to defect to the West. He said Deriabin has been "assisting certain agencies of the government of the United States."

State Department sources said the defector asked for and was granted political asylum in the United States after

crossing the Iron Curtain into Austria in February 1954. He now is working toward U.S. citizenship.

Deriabin testified that the late Josef Stalin and current Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev as well as other top Soviet leaders lived better than American millionaires.

Of Stalin's son, Vassili, the former Soviet agent said: "He was actually an alcoholic and a thoroughly corrupted individual" who threw loud parties with prostitutes.

Banks Money in U.S.
The former Soviet agent also

—Named Red agents who accompanied Russian exchange groups to the U.S. such as the Moiseyev dancers which drew rave reviews from American music critics.

—Said that East German Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht has socked away money in an American bank "for his future if something happens in East Germany."

—Declared that some refugees from Communism who come to the United States actually are top Red agents who are seeking to infiltrate the American intelligence system.

—Estimated that one out of every 15 persons in the Soviet Union is either an informer or agent for the secret police.

4-H Club News

4-H Truth Seekers

Members of the 4-H Truth Seekers club met at the C. C. Hoover ranch Saturday, March 14, to study garden planning and tree grafting.

Mr. Hoover told the group how he planned one of his lakes and how trees will be planted on the side. Members toured the greenhouse. They were shown how to bud and graft by machine. Delmar Smith, Central Point Garden club member, demonstrated how to bud and graft by hand.

The club had lunch at the Hoover home after which Jack Mace, a forester, showed how to plant a tree and Mrs. O. A. Eden gave a talk on trees of Medford.

The club expressed its thanks to the people who took the time to talk at the meeting.

On Friday a woodworking meeting was held at the home of President Gary Brew. Names of all handtools necessary for the project were learned. Mike Thames won a quiz on tool names.

A special business meeting was held March 9. Five new members had joined the club since it started, making a total of 12.

Club members and their families met for a picnic March 8. Jon Anderson gave a tree-planting demonstration. Members planted a windbreak on a farm in the White City area. Other black locust trees were planted where they were expected to hold the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brew helped with the project.

At the first garden meeting Feb. 27 members discussed the location, size and

plan of a garden. Members looked for plants that would put nitrogen back into the soil, because plants that had grown there before had taken all the nitrogen out.

Varieties which would grow in this climate were discussed. Plans were drawn showing placement of crops.

Jon Anderson, Reporter.

Lone Pine Merrymaids

The Lone Pine Merrymaids in third year cooking and child care met Saturday, March 14, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Millie Edwards. There were nine members present. Kathy Heidenreich and Judy Miller gave a demonstration on biscuit casserole.

The group will meet next on March 28.

Patti Jones, Reporter.

Phoenix Saddletes

Part of the 4-H Trail Rider test was given at the meeting of the Saddletes 4-H Horse club March 11 at the home of Verna Adams.

President Janet Young announced that the club will put on a demonstration at the Sportsfair next month. The next meeting will be held April 8 at the home of Mr. Anderson.

Diane Hittle, Reporter.

EMERGENCY LANDING

New York —UPI—William McCarthy, 29, and his wife, Janet, made an emergency landing in a small plane in a vacant parking lot in the Bronx Tuesday night and walked away uninjured. The McCarthys, of New Brunswick, N. J., were flying home from Coventry, R. I., when they were forced down by bad weather and darkness.

Hearing on Rezoning Property In Grandview Area Thursday

A public hearing on rezoning property at the southeast corner of Crater Lake ave. and Roberts rd. from residential to limited commercial is scheduled for tomorrow night's Medford city council meeting.

This property, in the Grandview area, has become the titling ground for a battle of petitions.

City Manager Robert A. Duff reported receiving this week a 428-signature petition in favor of the change. Previously, a 258-signature was filed with the city opposing any further commercial zoning in the area.

A total of 22 persons who signed the opposition petition subsequently filed one of their own saying they were not opposed to the change after all.

Endorses Change
The city planning commission has endorsed the change. It was discussed at a joint meeting of the commission and the council Feb. 26.

The request before the planning commission was for rezoning both this lot and one at the northwest corner of Crater Lake and McAndrews rd. The request was submitted by Gottlieb J. Wolff, proprietor of the Grandview market at the northeast corner of Crater Lake and Roberts.

The planning commission, after a public hearing Feb. 12, recommended approval for the Crater Lake and Roberts change but turned down the other part of the request.

The planners at that meeting received the 258-signature petition opposing commercial development.

Most Opposed
Several property owners spoke at the hearing. Most opposed the requested change for one or both lots. One woman stated she would not mind the zone change at Crater Lake and Roberts.

Ervin Hogan, Medford attorney representing Wolff, referred to deed restrictions on property in the area. He stated that these restrictions permitted commercial development of the lots for which the zone changes were requested.

Other lots in the area, it is understood, are limited to residential use. This would prevent the spread of commercial development, since property owners in a subdivision can obtain an injunction

Film Director Loses Jewels, Jade

Hollywood —UPI—Police today sought thieves who stole jewelry and jade valued at \$100,000 from the home of Egyptian-born film director Fouad Aref.

The 33-year-old Aref, brought here by the late Cecil B. DeMille, said the valuables taken included four watches worth between \$800 and \$15,000.

Also included in the lot was a \$10,000 decoration from the late Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and a gem-encrusted ring bearing the face of an Arab sheik valued at \$10,000.

Aref, who said his father was once commander of the royal bodyguard to King Fouad, father of the expelled King Farouk, told police he discovered the theft Tuesday after spending the previous night away from home.

About 50 important United States crops require pollination by honey bees or other insects.

against anyone who breaks deed restrictions on other property in the subdivision.

It was brought out at the planning commission hearing that one use contemplated for the Crater Lake and Roberts site was a service station.

Bring In Petition
This led the 22 persons to bring in their petition later, stating they had signed the original in the belief a feed store or lumber yard was being considered at the Crater Lake and McAndrews location. These persons said they would not oppose a service station at the other site.

Duff suggested at the joint council-commission meeting that one reason so many had signed the 258-signature petition was that they were uncertain as to what the change might lead to.

"If we did have some education in this area," he said, "we would get some support."

More recently, however, Duff has indicated he did not contemplate any active steps by the city in this particular matter.

Question Proper Time
Mayor John W. Snider stated at the joint meeting that while commercial development of the property might be inevitable, the question would be whether this is the proper time for it.

Property owners opposing the change reportedly held a public meeting last week to air their grievances among themselves.

The 258-signature opposition petition reportedly is not representative of the number of properties involved since family members in a number of cases have signed individually.

The 428-signature petition favoring the change, on the other hand, is said to include signatures of residents of Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Prospect and other communities. These persons could not be considered to have as direct an interest in the matter as property owners of the Grandview area. At least one city hall observer believes this petition includes those who signed while shopping at the Grandview market.

A prime factor in the planning commission's decision to recommend to the council that the zone change request be approved was the preliminary land use plan for North Medford submitted in January by Ned Langford, city planning technician. This plan indicates present land use and probable, or desirable, future developments. A report submitted with the plan includes planning objectives for orderly growth as a guide to the commission's work.

Generate Traffic
Langford pointed out in the report that business establishments on two or more corners of an intersection generate vehicle and pedestrian movement across the intersecting

streets. "This," he stated, "will tend to congest the flow of traffic on the street and to increase the probability of accidents."

He suggested that where a heavily-traveled "arterial" street and a less-traveled "collector" street intersect, it might be well to limit commercial development where possible to one side of the arterial street.

He stated that a commercial

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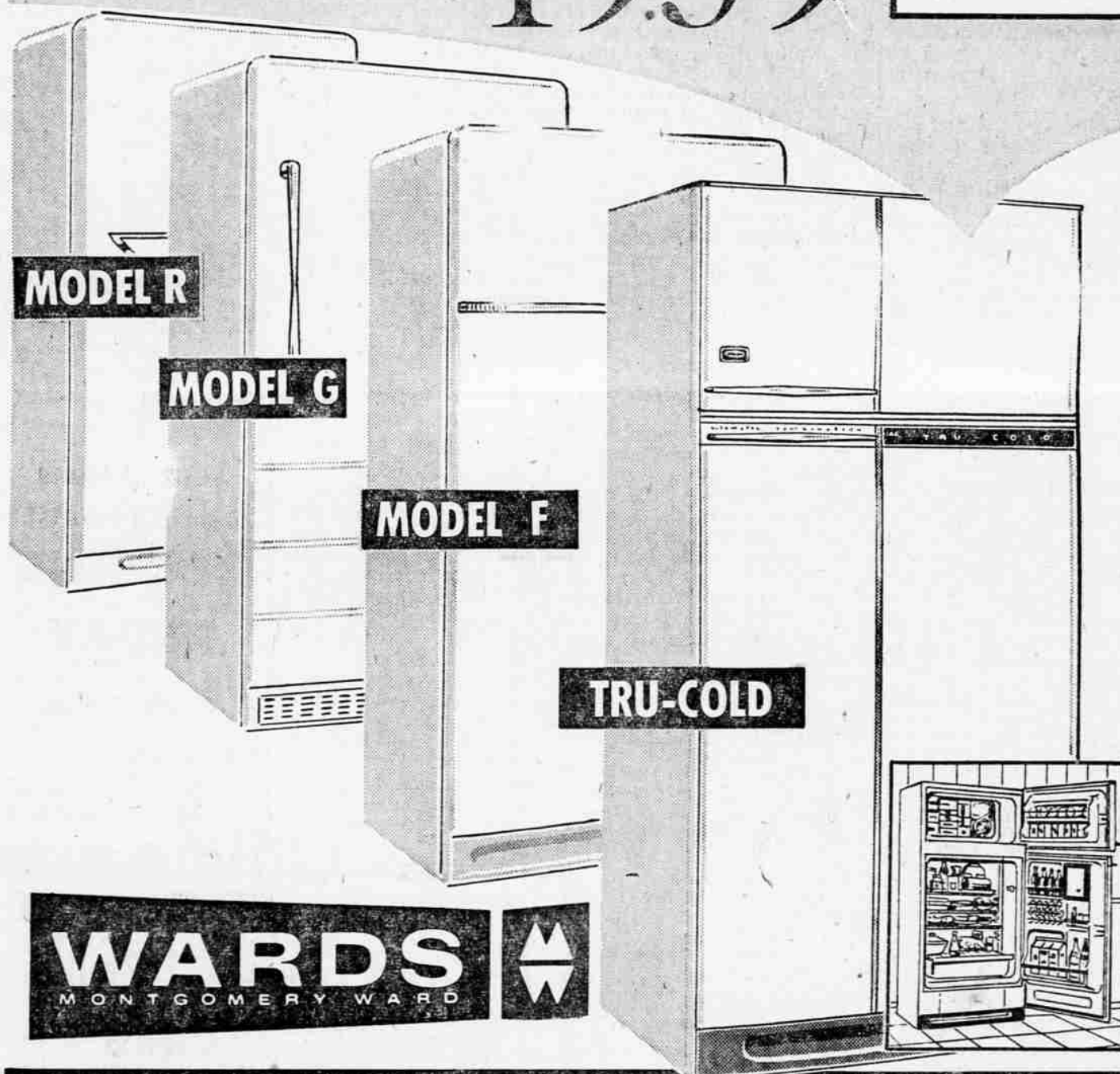
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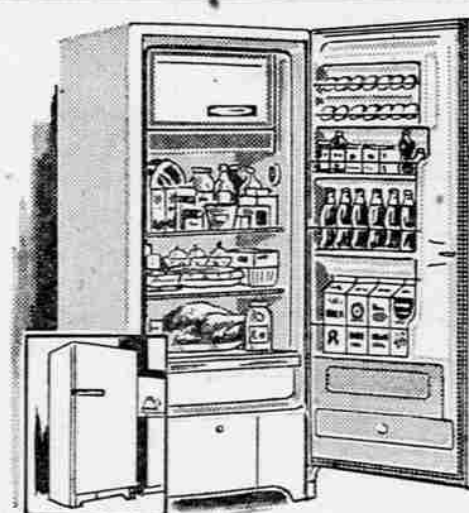
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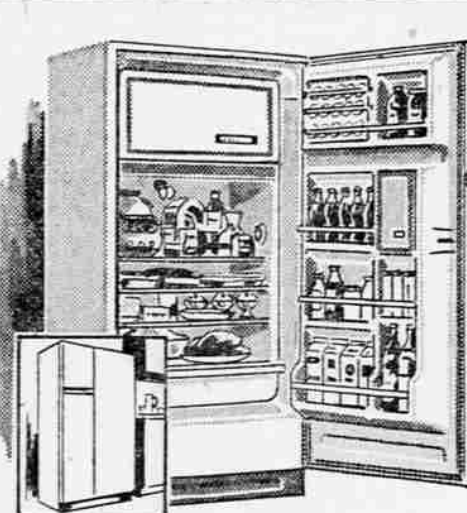
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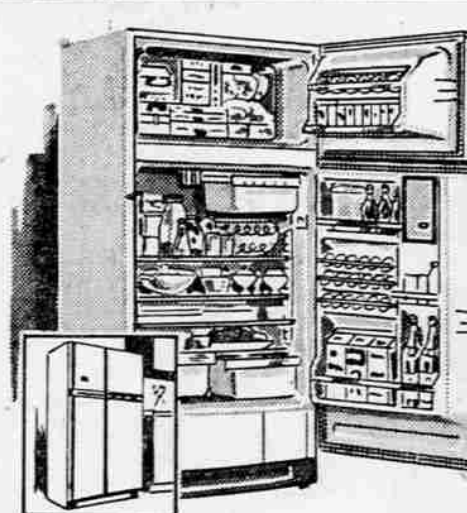
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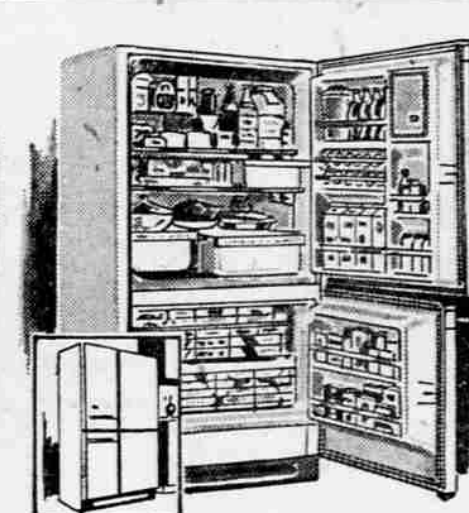
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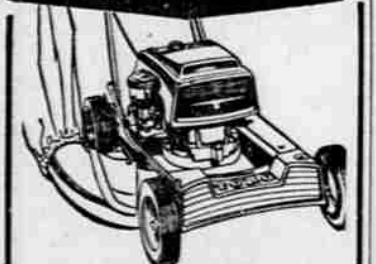
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