



**HOME TOWN HERO**—Whatever he may be to the rest of the world, Francis Powers, pilot of the lost U2, is a hero in his home town of Grundy, Va., in the extreme western part of the Virginia mountains. His father, Oliver Powers, who says proudly that his son was a "daddy's boy," supplied these pictures of the pilot. At left, Powers is shown just before he went into the Air Force. He was hiking with his father outside Pound, Va., when the photo was taken. At center, he is shown holding a fish that he caught in Tugsey. At right, he is shown while visiting home during one of his jobs with Lockheed. —(UPI Telephoto)

## U2 Spy Pilot Subject of Daily Prayers at Hometown School

Editor's note: This is the first of three dispatches on the life of Francis Powers, the U2 pilot now in the hands of the Russians.

By JACK V. FOX  
Grundy, Va. — The school day of the seventh grade class of Mrs. Mary Meade in Grundy high school these spring mornings begins with a prayer for Francis Gary Powers.

Whatever he may be to the rest of the world, the 30-year-old pilot of the lost U2 is a hero in his home town here in the extreme western part of the Virginia mountains.

Francis left Grundy High in 1946. He had gone to grade school in nearby Harrods, a hamlet so small it isn't on the maps. His family home was there (five daughters and the one boy) and his dad had a ramshackle shoe repair shop on the road twisting through the steep valley.

The boy loved to hike, like the mountain men before him. There is a beauty in these hills, but it is stained with coal mine outcroppings, soured with poverty and plagued by sudden torrents. You can read the grimly humorous hatred of the floods in the names — Dismal river, Contrary creek.

An ambitious young man has to burst out of these surroundings. One out of every seven families has moved from the area in the past 10 years. Francis Powers broke the bonds and, in so doing, may have forfeited his life.

Dr. John T. Holland, pastor of the Baptist church, summed up the feeling in his sermon last week when he wondered that a "child snuggled down in these mountains" had been chosen by fate the instrument that led to collapse of the summit conference and made Powers the best known American spy since Nathan Hale.

That word "spy" is one to avoid here. It falls in about the same class as "revnoor." Remarkably, the last time most people heard of this area was the case of Cpl. Ed Dickenson of Crackers Neck, Va., the first of the Korean turncoats who came home to courtmartial and prison.

These are proud people and they are proud of Francis. The boy has long been gone but he is remembered and loved. Whatever he did, they say, he did for his country.

Digging into the past of Francis Powers brings again and again the impression that he would seem the most unlikely for a cloak and dagger role, that of the adventurer.

He was shy, almost to the point of painful bashfulness. He avoided girls. The high school dating pastime was necking in a drive-in movie but Francis stayed with the young. A college classmate says Powers never had a date during his four years in college.

He was a fair athlete, not a star. He played football in high school, moving from guard to halfback in his senior year because of his swiftness of foot. In college he went out only for track.

His grades were fair — he finished, coincidentally, 22nd in a class of 71 in high school and 22nd in a class of 59 at Milligan college.

His Grundy High school yearbook is revealing. There are none of the wisecracks and remembrances of escapades penned in beside the pictures of his classmates. Only formal best wishes and signatures with the exception of one ironic comment: "Best of luck to a fast runner. Billy Glass."

He enlisted in the Air Force because he was bored, was about to be drafted and his attempt to get a Coast Guard Academy appointment had not come through.

Up to that time his horizons had been bound to the area around his birthplace in Jenkins, Ky. He went to college in Tennessee less than 100 miles from home and hitchhiked back to his family almost every week end.

There was an ironclad integrity about the young man. It was summed up in a strange way by one of his classmates in high school, Mrs. William Witt, when she talked about Powers' alleged "confession" to Soviet authorities after his U2 was downed.

"It's just like Francis," she said. "He would tell the truth, he had to tell the truth, no matter what the circumstances."

The people here are praying Powers will be released alive, but most of them are not very confident of it. The toughest subject you can hit upon is why Powers did not take his own life before he was caught.

"Francis must have had a reason," they say.

Next: The most significant influence in Francis Powers' life was his father, Oliver Powers says proudly his son was "daddy's boy."

## Boris Pasternak Never Lined Up With 20th Century Forces

By United Press International  
Boris Pasternak was a product of pre-revolutionary intellectual turmoil who never lined up with the forces which shaped Russia's history in the 20th century. From his days as a wealthy student to his old age in the Russia of Khrushchev he was primarily a poet. In his "To A Friend" he wrote:

"The great Soviet gives to the highest passions In these brave days each one its rightful place. Yet vainly leaves one vacant for the poet. When that's not empty, look for danger's face."

The events of Pasternak's youth seem like scenes from classic Russian novels. He was born in 1890 into a wealthy family which lived in great houses near Moscow. He claimed that between the ages of 6 and 8 he constantly contemplated suicide.

One of the confusing aspects of his career to Westerners is that despite censorship he never abandoned the Soviet Union. A clue to his view might be seen in the fact that hanging in his childhood home were illustrations done by his father for Tolstoy's "Resurrection," a work that first appeared in a version sliced up by Czarist censors.

Through much of the Stalin period he, his buxom wife and three young sons lived in near poverty in Moscow, existing on donations of food from admirers. Once he refused to sign a resolution approving

ther than Eravado in the face of a Cossack whip and its blow on the back of a padded coat."

**In Chemical Factory**  
An old leg injury kept him out of World War I, but he worked during the war in a chemical factory in the U.S.S.R. By the 1920s his poetry had made him a literary darling. By the 1930s Soviet publishers were no longer allowed to handle his original work. Pasternak then turned his major efforts to translations. He is considered to have created the finest Russian versions of Shakespeare and the English romantic poets.

**Father Was Painter**  
His father, Leonid Pasternak, was a celebrated painter; his mother, Roza Leonid Pasternak, a one-time concert pianist. For a period the Pasternaks lived near the composer Scriabin, who influenced young Boris so strongly that he studied music for six years.

By 1912 Pasternak had abandoned music because he did not possess absolute pitch, and was settled in Moscow writing poetry. He had taken up with a high-living Bohemian set, and was making a name for himself as a ladies' man. Then he began traveling through Europe and studied in Germany. Of this period he wrote:

"I was completely taken up with writing poetry. Day and night and whenever a chance offered, I wrote about the sea, about dawn, about the southern rain, about the hard coal of the Hartz."

As for his participation in social issues, he once wrote of his "lupenny-hapenny revolutionism which went no fur-

the Stalin purges. Of this incident he wrote: "It was, I was told later, my colleagues who saved me indirectly. No one dared to report to the hierarchy that I hadn't signed."

**Learned of Nobel Prize**  
He never did join his colleagues who followed the turns of the Marxist line. But for many years before his death he lived with his wife in a quiet village called Paredikino, 15 miles from Moscow, without luxury but far from poverty. He made money on his translations, and spent his time writing and philosophizing with his many friends.

It was here he received the news Nov. 23, 1958 that he had suddenly become an international political figure because he was awarded the Nobel prize for his novel "Doctor Zhivago," apparently a semi-autobiographic work. The politically-minded were building him up as a rallying point against Marxism when, just six days later, he announced he was refusing the prize because of pressure from his government.

Pasternak continually knocked down notions that he was leading a political movement. He complained that the Western press quoted the few portions of his work which criticized the Soviet system and ignored the rest. He insisted that he be numbered not among politicians but among artists. This is how he described his work:

"We take people as our symbols so as to overcast them with weather, set them in their natural surroundings. And we take weather, or what is one and same, nature — that we may overcast it with our passion. We drag everyday things into prose for the sake of poetry. We entice prose into poetry for the sake of music. This, when, in the widest sense of the world, I call art, set by the clock of the living race which strikes with the generations."

## State Asked to Landscape Islands

Medford Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth said today that his department has sent a letter to the state highway commission asking that it pay for landscaping of two traffic islands located on Eighth st., a state highway.

One of the islands is located at the east end of the new Eighth st. bridge and the other is located at the intersection of Eighth and King sts.

It is proposed, Haworth said, that if the state will pay for the cost of landscaping or do it itself, then the city would provide maintenance. He said the department has not yet received a reply from the highway commission.

Landscaping would consist of planting grass and other plants which would not interfere with a driver's vision, he said.

## Suspension of Equal Time Rule Approved

Washington — A Senate commerce subcommittee has voted to suspend the radio-TV "equal time" requirement for the 1960 presidential and vice presidential campaigns.

The action would leave the networks free to set up on a voluntary basis a TV "great debate" on campaign issues.

The subcommittee approved the suspension instead of a controversial bill which would have required TV stations to give presidential candidates of major parties eight hour-long intervals of free time.

As approved, the bill would require the federal communications commission to report next March 1 on the effect of the suspension. The law requires broadcasters to afford equal time to all candidates for public office.

## Burglary Reported At Haupt Company

Burglars broke into the Haupt Tractor company, 3610 North Pacific highway, Sunday night or Monday morning and took an "undetermined" amount of money from various vending machines, according to Medford police.

Police said entry to the building was gained through a door in the rear of the building. Besides breaking into vending machines, the burglars also broke a window into the parts room, police said.

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