

American Tourists Cross Iron Curtain Border to Freedom



Vienna — (UPI) — Two Americans, one of whom said he entered the Soviet Union to gather notes to prove Russia was planning war, crossed the Iron Curtain border to freedom today after undergoing a secret Soviet military trial in which they admitted they were "not normal tourists."

The two are Mark Kaminsky, 32, Jefferson Township, Mich., and Harvey Bennett, 26, Bath, Maine, who went to the Soviet Union in August as tourists. They disappeared and U.S. efforts to locate them were not successful until the Soviet Union announced last week they were being expelled as spies.

The pair turned up in Austria today following seven weeks of detention in Kiev and Uzzgorod in the Soviet Ukraine.

Kaminsky said he had pleaded guilty to a charge of "collecting material and conducting activities incompatible with those of a regular tourist." He said he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment and then expelled.

(UPI Radiotelephoto)

Bennett was held as a witness, but he denied reports by the official Soviet Tass News agency that he denounced Kaminsky before a military court which tried him Sept. 12.

Kaminsky said the Northcraft Educational Fund in Philadelphia had granted him and Bennett each a \$2,000 scholarship to finance the trip.

Kaminsky said he planned

originally to tour the Soviet Union for five weeks to gather information for a book "to show that the Soviet Union continually talks about peace but is preparing for war."

He had notes and films for his planned book when he and Bennett were picked up at Uzzgorod in late August.

"Since they had all my films and notes on military activities," he said, "it was obvious that I was not simply a tourist."

They were questioned for long periods, but said they were not "brainwashed."

After conviction, Kaminsky appealed his case to the Presidium of the Soviet Union. Their release came as a surprise. Both said they had no idea why they were turned free so quickly. "It is a mystery to us," Bennett said.

They came back to freedom by way of Czechoslovakia, held a news conference at the U.S. Consulate in Vienna and planned to fly on to New York by way of Zurich as soon as possible.

Citizens To Be Honored at UO

Eugene — Two outstanding citizens of the state of Oregon will be honored at the University's seventh annual Charter Day convocation on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Dr. Frederick Maurice Hunter, honorary chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, and Howard Vollum, Portland businessman and president of Tektronix, Inc., will be presented with citations for distinguished service to the state.

Dr. Hunter, a man whose entire career has been spent

in education served as second chancellor of the Oregon higher education system from 1935 to 1946. He is also a former president of the National Education association.

Vollum, a graduate in physics from Reed college, was decorated during World War II for contributions to the development of radar. As president of Tektronix, he is among those responsible for the administration of the Tektronix Foundation, which lends financial support to many educational projects.

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Preacher Requested To Live Up Sermons

Buffalo, N.Y.—When a parishioner told the Rev. John Keating "You preach boring sermons," the minister promised to live them up in the future.

Rev. Keating said the blunt critic of his pulpit technique was his 6-year-old son, Harold.

JAPAN ACTOR DIES
Tokyo—(UPI) — Tomijuro Nakamura, 52, a noted Kabuki actor, died Monday.

awards at the convocation Wednesday morning in McArthur Court.

School News

Ashland High School
Edited by Joan Drager

Six Ashland High students made high scores on the National Merit Scholarship tests given last spring. Linda Neal and Pete Kreisman made the semifinals and will go to take more tests Dec. 3.

Jerry Burns, Duane Hall, Betty MacDonald and Sid DeBore have been honored for outstanding performances on the tests. They will receive letters of commendation signed by Galord Smith, president of the National Merit Scholarship corporation.

The top science student in Ashland High school will be the recipient at graduation of the Bausch and Lomb science award medal. All science award winners are eligible to compete for annual science scholarships sponsored by Bausch and Lomb, Inc. at the University of Rochester.

The Rochester Scholarship committee studies all applications and selects 30 of the most promising candidates as finalists. These students are notified of their selection late in March, and finalists from all parts of the country are invited to Rochester for three days, with all expenses paid, for interviews and competitive tests to determine scholarship winners.

"Ashland in Flame" at Homecoming. If you don't know what's going to happen, come to Ashland to see the game between Ashland and Medford. The game will be held Oct. 28.

Tennis intramurals started Sept. 20. Every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. the girls will meet on the Ashland High tennis courts. The girls are requested to bring their own equipment. Miss Hinderson is the advisor for the girls.

The cross-country team for Ashland has several new members. They are Bill Brumble, David Squire, Tod Hess, Gard Richardson, Steve Kriesmen, Bill Lawrence, Charles Hellestad, Ed Wells, and Manager Bill Willets. Returning lettermen are Gary Wallace, Gordon Self and Dan Lewis. Mr. Crane is coach.

Every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. the Ashland High Pepsters will present Ashland High Platter Party. Requests, mystery records, and guests will make up the program. All students are invited to come down to KWIN and support the Pep club.

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The joint meeting will be a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The program will include a discussion with visual aids of a number of problems businessmen must face today and should be prepared to cope with in the near future.

Ivan Congleton, general manager, and Charles Ogle, assistant to the president, will also outline and explain the AOI 1961 legislative program, which covers such fields as taxation, unemployment compensation, labor-management relations and workmen's compensation.

Businessmen who are interested in working more effectively with their representatives and senators in the legislature will be given a four-point short course on what to do and what not to do.

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Echo Will Be Visible in Oregon

Portland—(UPI)—The National Aeronautic and Space Administration has listed the following times for the Echo I balloon satellite to be visible in Oregon.

Wednesday, 4:50 a.m., south 71 degrees moving northeast.

Thursday, 4:24 a.m., south 67 degrees moving northeast.

Friday, 3:58 a.m., south 63 degrees moving northeast.

Friday, 8:05 a.m., north 81 degrees moving northeast.

Saturday, 3:31 a.m., south 59 degrees moving northeast.

Saturday, 5:38 a.m., north 82 degrees moving northeast.

MAY RAISE RATES

Nashville, Tenn.—(UPI)—Richard L. Johnson, director of hospital counseling for the American Hospital Association, said Monday the new federal medical care for the aged law may force hospitals to raise rates unless the states "are willing to underwrite the full share of costs of hospitalization for these patients."

DIVORCE RATE

Washington — Divorce rate in the U.S. has increased five-fold in the years from 1900 to the end of World War II.

TREE WEALTH

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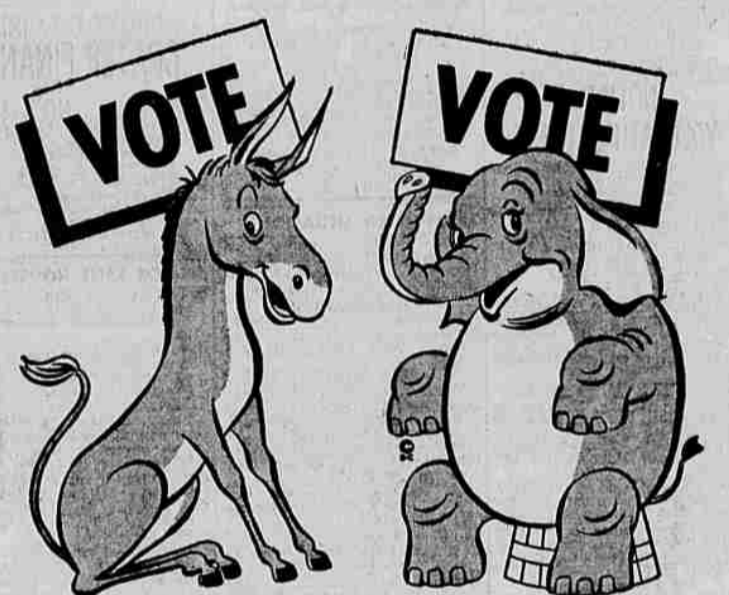
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