

# Escaping United States Law Authorities Difficult, Soblen Learns

**By DONALD MAY**  
Washington—(AP)—The expulsion of convicted Soviet spy Dr. Robert Soblen from Israel demonstrated that it is not as easy to escape U.S. law authorities as it might appear.

Soblen had several things going for him that most would-be fugitives do not have.

First, he was not under surveillance when he fled last week following the Supreme Court's rejection of his last appeal from a life sentence.

The FBI and Justice Department were convinced he would not flee because he was 62 years old and suffering from leukemia. Then too, his family and others had posted his \$100,000 bond in cash and securities.

The element of surprise was so much on Soblen's side that Justice Department and FBI spokesmen say one will be disciplined because of his escape because no one was assigned to prevent it.

Second, Soblen was convicted of espionage which is considered a "political" offense.

Traditionally, extradition treaties cover only criminal offenses. Even if there had been a treaty with Israel, it would not have covered Soblen's case.

And extradition treaties

cover only crimes which are illegal in both countries.

Second, Soblen apparently knew in advance that Israel did not have an extradition treaty with the United States. This was a big advantage.

Almost every week, the State Department legal advisor's office gets a telephone call from a hopeful voice seeking information.

"I'm planning a short trip abroad," the caller says, "and I wonder if you could recommend a nearby country with a good climate that does not have an extradition treaty with the United States."

Some of the callers try to disguise themselves—as "school teacher," for example, inquiring for a list of countries without extradition treaties to give her civics class. Some are from lawyers in behalf of clients.

Others are completely candid—like one caller recently referred to the State Department through a congressman.

"Could you please hurry that information," the man said, "I think I may have to leave very soon."

No matter who the caller, the State Department never answers the question—not even for this reporter.

"The United States has extradition treaties with 65 to 70 countries," an official

said. "That leaves some 30 where there is no treaty. But I'm afraid I can't tell you which is which."

But there are many pitfalls for even a fugitive with some advance legal knowledge.

A number of nations have laws permitting authorities to return a fugitive even if there is no treaty covering the situation.

Israel relied on another expedient in Soblen's case.

It merely charged that the convicted spy entered the country with an illegal passport and bundled him on a plane. Because of this, chief U.S. Marshal James McShane technically did not have Sob-

len in custody during flight. The fugitive was not handcuffed, therefore, and managed to stab himself, thereby forcing his confinement in a London hospital.

A large percentage of the cases are much simpler than Soblen's, however, merely because the fugitive does not know which countries are "safe."

The information is a matter of public record, however. It is contained in almost every lawyer's office, any good public library and in many prison libraries.

"But you'd be surprised," the State Department man said, "How many people, including lawyers, don't know where to look. Also, finding it and looking up all the cross references may take time which may be a critical delay."

### Reporter Finds Volume

This reporter located the volume with little difficulty and found that most of the no-extradition countries are small, not and underdeveloped.

Brazil is the only one in the Western Hemisphere. Sweden is the only one in Western Europe.

The rest are mainly new African states, a large part of the Arab Middle East, an

occasional tension spot such as Laos, plus the Soviet Union, East Germany and Red China.

The United States has extradition treaties with Communist Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. But they seldom have been honored.

Brazil long has been a favorite haven for Americans in difficulty with the law.

It recently has become the home of fugitive financier Edward Gilbert, indicted last month on charges involving nearly \$2 million in funds used in a complex stock buying effort. Texas promoter Ben Jack Gage, indicted on bribery and embezzlement charges, and others from the financial world also have sought refuge in Brazil.

A U.S. extradition treaty with Brazil lapsed in 1912 during a revision of local Brazilian laws. Apparently through lethargy, sporadic negotiations failed to produce a new one.

### New Treaty Signed

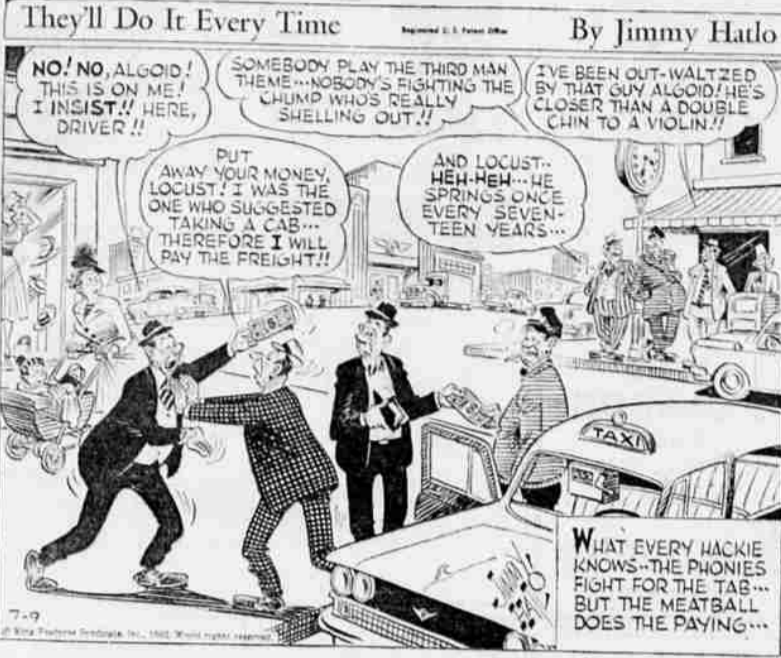
Finally, in January, 1961, a new treaty with Brazil was negotiated and signed. It has been ratified by the U.S. Senate but not yet by Brazil.

When it takes effect, the fate of Rio de Janeiro's fugitive colony probably will be up to the courts. U.S. offi-

cial plan to argue that it applies retroactively. But defense lawyers will no doubt contest this.

Because the Brazilian constitution forbids the death penalty, the United States agreed that returned fugitives will not face capital punishment.

The United States negotiated an extradition treaty with Sweden last October and it is due to go to the U.S. Senate soon for ratification. A treaty also has been tentatively drafted with Israel. But it still is in the process of having the English and Hebrew texts coordinated.



## State Police Seek Driver in Crash

State police today are looking for a driver who failed to leave his name and address after an accident on Table Rock rd. Sunday night near the overpass and Airport rd.

Officers said the driver left the scene of the accident on foot after the unidentified driver's car rammed the rear of one driven by Donald Raymond Cranston, 23, of 3506 New Ray rd.

Cranston told officers he was driving south on Table Rock rd. when a vehicle approached him from behind at a high rate of speed. He speeded up, but was unable to out-distance the other car which struck him.

After the collision the unidentified driver apparently lost control of his car, it skidded across the road and straddled a fence at 3622 Table Rock rd. The Cranston car did not leave the road.

The car operated by the unidentified driver was registered to Ira H. and Nancy A. Imhausen, 319 Haven st., Medford, state police said.

## Brothers Being Held For Cabin Burglaries

Two brothers from Charleston, Ore., are being held in the Jackson county jail on charges of burglarizing five cabins at Union Creek about two weeks ago, state police said Saturday.

Arrested at a Bybee creek camping spot along Rogue river were Harvey Leroy Sherman, 29, and Frank Laverne Sherman, 27. Some of the equipment allegedly taken from the cabins was recovered at the camping spot, state police said.

Friday afternoon the two brothers signed statements admitting to burglarizing the cabins.

## POLICE STATION SALE

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## Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Vernon Forrest Copeland, over-  
load, \$31.  
Walter Joseph Carr, overweight,  
\$15.  
Ralph Lavern Anderson, no ve-  
hicle license, \$5.  
Alan Edward Webster, overload,  
\$20.  
Orval Tennyson Harshman, truck  
speeding, \$10.  
William Thomas Andrews Jr.,  
overload, \$24.  
Albert Frank Komp, failure to  
yield right of way, \$15.  
Allen John Cam, overload, \$12.  
William Leslie Nobbs, overload,  
\$20.  
Romulo Lawrence Rich, failure  
to yield right of way, \$15.  
Leland Garfield Garrett, viola-  
tion of basic rule, \$15.  
James Carol Baumer, improper  
right turn, \$5.  
Russell Calvin Stelle, overload,  
\$5.  
Shirley May Hinkson, disobey-  
ed sign, \$5.  
Freddy Jim Duncan, no oper-  
ing license, \$5.  
James Stark Anders, obstructed  
vision, \$10.  
Neil Russell Daugherty, no ve-  
hicle license, \$5.  
Richard Neff Meyer, no vehicle  
license, \$5.  
Vermon E. Fashback, no safety  
chain, \$10.  
Thayne L. Wilson, overload, \$22.  
Glenn Robert Burrill, no vehicle  
license, \$5.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Hilda Clark Baerle vs William  
Henry Baerle, divorce complaint.  
Elmer Corbin vs Raymond Al-  
bert Corbin, divorce complaint.

**STABBLAGE LICENSE**  
APPLICATION  
Thurston Dale Franklin, 1476 Kings  
16th way, and Maxine M. Min-  
ner, 1476 Kings 16th way, 1476

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