

# Russians Strive to Get Control of Girl in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17 (AP)—A Swedish "Kosenkina case," involving a 19-year-old Russian girl, is developing in Stockholm. The story has caused a sensation in Sweden and was front paged by every newspaper.

A Swedish Foreign Office spokesman said today the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm has asked repeatedly that the girl be sent back to Russia. The Foreign Office declined all the Russian requests and told the Embassy "to leave the girl alone," the informant said.

The girl came to Sweden in 1944 and has been working as a maid here. In September, 1945 the girl applied for an alien's emergency passport. The Swedish Alien's Commission granted her request "after careful consideration," a commission source said.

The Foreign Office spokesman said that several times during 1946 the Soviet Embassy asked the girl to go back to Russia and showed her letters from her father, a Soviet Army officer, asking her to return. The girl recognized her father's handwriting but refused to leave.

The Embassy also asked the Swedish Foreign Office to make the girl return, claiming she was "kept prisoner" in Sweden. Swedish authorities who had been "following the case closely" took no action, the spokesman said.

**Attache Calls on Girl**

The girl now is working with a Swedish family living just outside Stockholm. On Aug. 5 a Soviet attache appeared there and wanted to give her a letter from her father. The house is in a restricted zone where no foreigners are allowed unless they have special permission.

The girl refused to see the attache, identified as Vladimir Petropavlovsky, and he left without giving the letter to her employer. On Aug. 11 Petropavlovsky returned accompanied by Sergei Nikishin, second secretary at the Embassy, and a Swedish policeman. The girl again refused to see the Russians, but the policeman delivered the letter. The girl claimed the letter actually was written by Nikishin.

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The identification cracked a major knot that has blocked the committee's investigation of Soviet espionage activities. Hiss, up to this day, has claimed, persistently, that he had never met Chambers.

Rep. John McDowell, Rep. of Pennsylvania, a subcommittee member, said that Hiss "has finally agreed that Mr. Chambers was known to him as George Crosley."

He also said that Hiss said he submitted his apartment to "Crosley" and "gave" him his automobile.

Committee members said Hiss and Chambers have been subpoenaed to appear before the committee in open session here next Wednesday.

Members of the subcommittee which met with Hiss and Chambers in New York today were Chairman J. Parnell Thomas, Rep., of New Jersey, of the full committee; Representative Richard M. Nixon, Rep., of California, and McDowell. The committee's chief investigator, Robert Stripling, also was present.

Subcommittee members said that Hiss had admitted knowing Chambers under an alias, but denied again that he was a member of a prewar Communist spy ring or ever had had any affiliations with any Communist groups.

**Solves Puzzling Problem**

The magazine editor said that he left the Communist party in 1937 and tried to take Hiss with him. He gave a minute description of his visit to the Washington home of the former State Department official where he exercised all his persuasive powers.

Chambers said that he reduced Hiss to tears but that the latter refused to sever his Communist connections. He said that Hiss was determined to stick by "the party line."

Hiss, testifying under oath, called the charges "complete fabrications." He said that he was not aware that he had ever set eyes upon Chambers but added that he wanted to do so as soon as possible.

Committee members, obviously disturbed over the clash in testimony, rechecked Chambers in a secret session. He repeated his story and added the information that in his Communist party days he was known as "Carl."

**Chambers Only Friendly Witness**

Hiss, rechecked in a closed door session yesterday, repeated all his denials. He added that he had never known a man named "Carl" who had tried to persuade him to enter or leave the Communist Party.

The committee set Aug. 25 as a date on which the two were to confront each other, presumably for the first time.

The issue reached major proportions because it supplied an important test of Chambers' veracity. The magazine editor "is the only 'friendly' witness thus far to corroborate the testimony of Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed ex-Soviet spy."

Hiss, a slim, boyish looking man, was a top New Dealer in the State Department during the Roosevelt Administration. He accompanied the late President to the Yalta Conference and was one of the leading figures in the organization in the United Nations.

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## Clark Denies Spy Hearings Cleared With His Office

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark said tonight the Justice Department had never given its approval to public hearings by a Senate committee on alleged espionage activities among government employees.

The Attorney General made his statement in a continuation of a letter exchange with Senator Ferguson, Rep. of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee on expenditures in the executive department, which recently aired stories that government wartime secrets found their way to Soviet agents.

Clark recently suggested to Ferguson that such open testimony had possibly damaged Justice Department efforts to prosecute.

Ferguson said in a public speech in Michigan yesterday that his committee had taken up the question of open hearings with Clark's office early in June and "received word that it would not in any way interfere with their work."

A letter from Ferguson to Clark making the same assertion was delivered to the Attorney General today.

In a stiffly worded reply, which Clark made public, the Attorney General said:

"Before receiving your letter, I read in the press this morning a statement from you that you had cleared with my assistants as early as June 9, 1948, the public hearings that you have held with reference to espionage charges. This is incorrect."

**Teacher**  
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What Mrs. Kosenkina actually said, the two Soviet officials said, was: "I do not want to say anything and I do not want to see anyone." But even that meant nothing, their statement added, because "Mrs. Kosenkina was especially coached before the representatives of the Soviet consulate were admitted to her room."

The statement made this demand: "The consul general of the USSR, in compliance with the commonly accepted international legal means of defense of citizens of his country, insists and will insist on his right to enjoy free access to the sick Soviet citizen, Kosenkina, and to have a representative of the Soviet consulate-general be present in her room."

The new demand represented a reduction of the demand delivered to the State Department in Washington last Saturday by the Soviet Ambassador. He asked for complete custody of Mrs. Kosenkina and his demand was rejected.

Tonight's demand was accompanied by an accusation that Mrs. Kosenkina was being subjected to harassment and pressure.

**Blast Laid to V-2 Explosive**

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## Museum

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A museum spokesman said officials regretted having to shut anyone out, but that more than 4600 in the building might cause damage to some of the valuable objects on display.

Since admission is free from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 only on Tuesdays, larger crowds are expected only on the other two Tuesdays the exhibit will be in Boston—Aug. 24 and 31, the last day of exhibition. Tuesday is also the only time the museum is open at night.

Three thousand paid admissions were recorded yesterday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. almost 6400 free admissions from 1 to 5 and approximately 4600 more free admissions from 7 to 8:10, when the doors were locked.

The largest previous all-day crowd at the museum was on a Sunday in 1934, when about 10,000 people came to see Whistler's famous portrait of his mother. That particular Sunday was Mother's Day.

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CHATHAM, Aug. 17—A 28-year-old Westfield pilot was killed near here this morning when his single seated Air National Guard fighter plane plunged into the sea off Monomoy Point and sank immediately.

The victim, 1st Lt Edward W. Meacham Jr., whose address was given as Oak st., Westfield, was a member of the 131st Fighter Squadron, at present on a two-weeks tour of duty at Otis Field, Camp Edwards.

Meacham's body was recovered by Coast Guard officials from the Chatham station shortly after the crash.

According to National Guard officers the plane, an F-47, was on a scheduled bomb training mission with several others when it dived out of control into the water. Officers are investigating the cause.

Meacham, a veteran of World War II and an employee of the Springfield Street Railway Company, is survived by his wife, Mary J. and small son, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitney Meacham. All are of Westfield.

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