

## Account of Russian Trip Was Tailored for Use at Home, Informant Believes

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The story of Lee Harvey Oswald's arrival in New York from the Soviet Union came to light yesterday. It was a story of a man first apparently hiding from help and then falsifying his Russian experience to make it look better here.

"It was like pulling teeth to get information out of him," Spas Raikin, then a port counselor and social worker for the Travelers Aid Society of New York, recalled about the man charged with having killed President Kennedy.

What Oswald told Mr. Raikin was this:

He had been a member of the Marine Corps on duty with the United States Embassy in

Moscow; he had become acquainted with a Russian girl, married her and renounced his citizenship; he worked as a specialist electro technician in Minsk, but found things were not as rosy as Soviet propaganda promised; it took him more than two and a half years to get exist visas for himself, his wife and child.

### Facts Are Different

What the facts were, as developed elsewhere, were these:

Oswald had gotten out of the Marine Corps on a hardship claim to support his mother; he had immediately headed for the Soviet Union and sought Soviet citizenship; only then had he wound up in Minsk, where he married a Minsk girl; he got a \$435.71 United States Government loan to pay for his family's trip here.

Also brought out yesterday were his mother's worries about Oswald when he was 13 and 14 years old. Mrs. Gussie Keller lived next door in the Bronx to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald and her son when the Oswalds had an apartment in the four-story brick building at 825 East 179th Street, at Marmion Avenue, in 1953 and early 1954.

"She used to talk to me all the time and cry," Mrs. Keller said.

The mother was concerned over the boy's staying and playing by himself. His father was dead, and the mother "used to tell me that if he had a father, maybe he wouldn't act that way," Mrs. Keller said.

### Troubled With Hearing

Mrs. Oswald and Lee, the youngest of her three sons, had come to the Bronx from Fort

Worth, Tex., in September, 1952. Board of Education records said the youngster had trouble with his hearing that first year, apparently as a sequel to a mastoid operation in Texas.

Oswald's persistent hearing problem might not have been unusual after such an operation, but a specialist said it would not be likely to affect his subsequent mentality or behavior. His hearing cleared up in his second year here.

The Oswalds first lived at 1455 Sheridan Avenue, the Bronx, one block east of the Grand Concourse, according to the school records. This is a seven-story tan brick and stucco building opposite William Howard Taft High School. The boy went to Junior High School 117, 1865 Morris Avenue, for the seventh grade.

In March, 1953, he transferred to Junior High School 44, 1825 Prospect Avenue, after having moved to East 179th Street. A neighbor of that time said yesterday that Oswald's mother was then a sales clerk in a mid-Manhattan stocking store.

Like Mrs. Keller, this neighbor recalled Oswald's playing by himself and agreed that "we all thought that he was kind of queer."

This neighbor, who preferred not to have her name published, said:

"He liked Western comics. All you could hear was 'bang, bang, bang.' He would play by himself with his toy guns."

Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Keller said, "felt his teachers didn't understand him."

Her dominating interest, Mrs. Keller said, was to get back to New Orleans where the boy was born. Eventually, she and the youngster did return.

### Landed in June, '62

When Oswald came here from the Soviet Union, it was with his wife, Marina, and 4-month-old daughter, June, on the Holland-America liner Maasdam from Rotterdam June 13, 1962.

The Travelers Aid Society, a philanthropically supported service and casework agency, was then handling repatriation cases under a program for the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Oswalds were three of 42,891 persons helped by the New York agency last year.

The incoming Oswalds were referred by the Federal agency to Travelers Aid. Mr. Raikin, a native of Bulgaria, who is now an assistant professor of Western civilization at Rio Grande College in Rio Grande, Ohio, was assigned to help them.

Oswald, then 22 years old, had been cleared early by United States immigration officials as an American citizen. Mr. Raikin boarded the ship when it docked in Hoboken.

"I was under obligation to contact this man," Mr. Raikin said yesterday in Rio Grande. "I had been paging him three times for one hour on

...not allowed to...  
...one hour...  
...was hiding. He did not  
...to the...  
...finally when the people  
...let down on the pier...  
...by his luggage so I  
...him there. One thing  
...impressed me was that he  
...trying to avoid contact with  
...body.  
...Oswald was a man 5 feet  
...tall, slim. He wore a  
...suit and a light blue tie  
...and his wife, who was  
...child had six suitcases and  
...bag. Oswald reported his  
...nearest relative was his mother,  
...living at 316 East Dornell  
...Crawell, Tex.  
...Mr. Raikin found Oswald  
...remains reserved in revealing  
...any kind of information.  
...educated Oswald's considerable  
...investive version of his  
...in the Soviet Union.  
...tried talking to Mrs. Oswald  
...in Russian, and they  
...exchanged a few words, but she  
...didn't talk very much at all,  
...recalled.  
...Oswald told Mr. Raikin he  
...paid for his family's trans-  
...portation to New York, but had  
...only \$63 left on arrival. His  
...brother, Robert Oswald, of 7312  
...Lindenport Street, Fort Worth,  
...Oswald, had offered him a home  
...until he could get a job. But  
...Oswald said he thought Robert  
...would be unable to pay for his  
...trip to Texas.  
...Mr. Raikin put the Oswalds  
...on a Holland America Line  
...to the Post Authority for  
...recognition in Manhattan. There  
...other Travelers Aid workers  
...helped them and took them to the  
...Special Services Welfare Center  
...of the city Welfare Department  
...42 Franklin Street.  
...Welfare Commissioner James  
...Dunne reviewed the center's  
...on the Oswalds' residence  
...during the trip. He over-  
...saw the Federal Bureau of Invest-  
...igation for possible study.  
...if any agency had got in  
...touch with Oswald's brother,  
...and the brother provided a  
...telegram \$200 to finance the  
...family's trip to Fort Worth,  
...Dunne said.  
...Lee Oswald, his wife and  
...boy were put up for the night  
...at the Times Square Hotel and  
...next morning they left by  
...train for Fort Worth.  
...Welfare Department