

# Soviet Union Hints That Oswald

## Spied for U.S.

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MOSCOW, Dec. 2—The Soviet Union, which has denied any connection with President John F. Kennedy's accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, hinted yesterday in two newspaper reports that Oswald spied for the United States in his two and one-half years in Russia.

Oswald, who was killed two days after the President's assassination, was reported to have described himself as a Marxist. Soviet statements have rejected this and denied that the Communists were connected in any way with the assassination, which they have blamed on a plot by American, right-wing extremists.

Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, went a step further yesterday and quoted a report that Oswald had identified himself as an American spy.

It said a Fort Worth stenographer named Pauline Bates was helping Oswald write an "anti-Soviet book" on his stay in Moscow from October 1959, to May, 1962.

"This book, she said, dealt with his sojourn in the Soviet Union," Pravda said. "In it, he sharply criticized the Soviet Union."

"Besides, the stenographer added, Oswald hinted that he had worked as an American secret agent," the Pravda report added.

(There was no hint of Oswald being a secret American agent in Miss Bates's account, as printed in American newspapers.)

### Similar Story in Trud

Trud, the Soviet trade union newspaper, carried a similar hint:

"Go-getting American correspondents will succeed in finding out to what extent his (Oswald's) hints of belonging to the Secret Service are authentic, although the authorities will surely deny this version."

Pravda mentioned also that Oswald "maintained contact with the United States Embassy and in 1962 decided to leave the Soviet Union, receiving the corresponding permission of the American Embassy and money for the trip."

In another development, it was learned in Moscow yesterday that shortly after his arrival in Moscow in 1959, Oswald slashed his wrists and was hospitalized for several days. Reliable sources said he acted after Soviet au-

thorities rejected his application for Soviet citizenship.

It was not known whether the wrist slashing was a genuine suicide attempt or an effort to evoke attention and sympathy.

Pravda's New York correspondent said that United States authorities are asking where Oswald got money for a trip to Mexico last summer.

Boris Strelnikov, the correspondent, said Oswald was jobless for long periods of time but managed to get money for the trip. He said newspapers learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was trying to find who gave him the money.

Strelnikov said American newspaper men told him thousands of letters were pouring into the White House and the Department of Justice "with a unanimous demand that the killer of the President be found and punished."

Pravda quoted newspapers in New Delhi and Vienna as accusing right-wing "ultras" of being responsible for Mr. Kennedy's assassination.

None of the Soviet newspapers in recent days has made any serious attempt to defend Oswald, a sharp contrast to the cry put up by the Russian newspapers immediately after Mr. Kennedy's assassination when Dallas police began associating Oswald with Communists. The Communist newspapers are now seizing on Western reports that Oswald really was anti-Soviet and under the influence of right-wing extremists.

### Stay in Russia

Soviet newspapers have avoided printing anything about Oswald's three-year stay in the Soviet Union beyond a mention that he once worked in Minsk and later returned to the United States with a Russian wife and their baby.

Soviet correspondents are painting the United States as in such turmoil that many people hardly dare leave their houses because of threats of those trying to cover up the assassin of President Kennedy.

"The Dallas ultras feel so confident," reported Strelnikov, "that even the mayor of that city does not dare leave his home to go into the street. Some strangers threatened to kill him because he dared to be present

at Mr. Kennedy's funeral."

He added that witnesses called by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Dallas dare not testify for fear of reprisals from the "ultras."

In Dallas, Mayor Earle Cabell called the report "utterly ridiculous." "My family and I have led a perfectly normal existence . . . without any fear of apprehension," he said.

### Possible Forger

The possibility that Oswald could forge documents at will was brought up in a copyrighted story by the Dallas Times-Herald.

Oswald was an excellent photographer. A negative of a blank draft registration card was found on him, the newspaper said. It also said he carried a draft card in a name other than his own.

He worked for a time for a printing company and possibly could have reproduced documents in that way.

Oswald left voluminous notes about his activities, particularly concerning a pro-Castro group called the Fair Play for Cuba

Committee. The notes contained many names.

The names might mean something "or they might not mean anything," a source said, the Times-Herald reported without naming the speaker.

At Fort Worth, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the accused man's mother, angrily blamed authorities last night for the killing of her son.

She said protective precautions were being taken before Mr. Kennedy arrived in Dallas. Since her son was known to have defected to Russia at one time, Mrs. Oswald asked, why he was not under surveillance?

Mrs. Oswald, a practical nurse, repeated several times during an interview that she is a person seeking the facts and not merely a mother trying to defend her son.