

18 Texas Marine Asks to Be Soviet Citizen

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MOSCOW, Oct. 31 (AP).—A 20-year-old Texan strode into the American embassy today, slapped down his passport on the consul's desk and said: "I have made up my mind. I'm through."

He was Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine of Fort Worth who said he had applied for Soviet citizenship.

THE EMBASSY urged him not to sign papers renouncing his American citizenship until he is sure the Soviet Union would accept him.

Oswald—who is living at the Metropole Hotel—was not immediately available for comment. He is the third American during the past three months to apply for Soviet citizenship while visiting Russia.

Nicholas Petrilli of Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y., changed his mind after filing the renunciation form.

Robert Webster, of Cleveland, completed the formalities 10 days ago and has disappeared into the anonymous mass of the Soviet population.

OSWALD'S MOTHER and brother, of Fort Worth, said he left there about two years ago.

Acquaintances said Oswald had few friends and that he rebelled at school. His one ambition, they said, appeared to be to join the Marine Corps.

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