

OK'S MEETING OF NOSSENKO, RUSS IN U. S.

Defector Agrees to Interview

BULLETIN

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The United States announced today it is prepared to grant political asylum to Yuri I. Nosenko, the Russian secret police official who defected to this country.

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Washington, Feb. 14 — The United States has agreed to let Soviet Union officials interview Yuri Nosenko, Russian security expert who has sought asylum in the United States,



Yuri I. Nosenko.

the state department said today.

Nosenko, who disappeared from the Russian disarmament delegation in Geneva, Switzerland, last week, is at an undisclosed location in the United States, Richard I. Phillips, state department press officer, told reporters.

Phillips disclosed that in a note delivered by messenger to the state department Wednesday, the soviet embassy requested information as to the manner in which Nosenko pre-

sented himself to American authorities and asking that soviet officials be permitted to interview the defector.

Request Is Granted

Nosenko agreed to such an interview, Phillips said, and American officials will be present. The interview will be held at an early date, the spokesman said.

Phillips said no action has been taken on the other part of the Russian request — asking how Nosenko made contact with American officials.

Neither has action been taken on Nosenko's request for political asylum in the United States. Phillips said the matter was pending.

Denies Kidnap Charge

Phillips denied that Nosenko had been kidnaped by the United States, a charge reportedly made in Moscow today when American Ambassador Foy Kohler was summoned to a conference on the Nosenko case with Andrei Gromyko, Russian foreign minister.

Nosenko, 36, has been described as an official of KGB, the Russian committee for state security. He was in Geneva as a member of the soviet delegation to the 17-nation disarmament conference.

Last Sunday, Russian officials reported to the Swiss police that Nosenko had disappeared Feb. 4, the day before he was scheduled to return to Moscow.

Monday, the state department disclosed that Nosenko had asked for political asylum in the United States.

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