

# Man Without A Country

Moscow

Soviet authorities have granted an exit visa to Dean C. Hoxsey, 48, a former American Marine and Communist party member, who has lived here for 17 years.

But American authorities here have told him he cannot return to the U.S.

They said the State Department no longer recognizes him as a United States citizen because when he was granted Soviet citizenship in 1957 he lost his U.S. citizenship.

Hoxsey came to the Soviet Union as a Communist member of a youth delegation for the World Youth Conference in 1957 and settled in Volgograd where he studied medicine and became a doctor.

"I'm in a real fix now," Hoxsey told American correspondents here yesterday after he was informed that his application to register as a U.S. citizen had been denied by the State Department.

He said he plans to cable his mother in California, asking her to file a petition with the U.S. Immigration Service requesting he be allowed to return to America as a family member.

Hoxsey told American correspondents that although he

accepted Soviet citizenship in 1957 he never renounced his U.S. citizenship or declared allegiance to the Soviet Union.

The speedy handling of Hoxsey's visa by Soviet authorities, puzzled American embassy officials who have been pressing for action in 12 other urgent cases — all involving U.S. citizens by birth or naturalization.

On May 15, Hoxsey reentered the headlines by fighting his way past four Soviet policemen to enter the American Embassy in Moscow and ask to return to the U.S.

At that time, he admitted being disillusioned with communism and expressed fears for his personal safety if he returned to Volgograd.

"I am an American!" Hoxsey shouted to embassy employees as the Soviet police

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were dragging him to a nearby interrogation building down the street.

Hoxsey later told reporters that he was raised as a communist in Pico, Calif., by his communist father, Lowell D. Hoxsey, a Los Angeles county tax assessor who died in 1964.

Hoxsey served in the Marine Corps between 1944 and 1946 and was wounded in the battle for Okinawa.