

Soviet Finds '69 Kremlin Gunman Is Insane

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MOSCOW, March 20 — The Soviet Supreme Court has declared insane the man who fired several shots last year at a car in a motorcade carrying astronauts and political figures to a Kremlin celebration. The court ordered him confined to a special mental hospital.

A short article tonight in the Government newspaper, *Izvestia*, gave the first details on the investigation of the shooting, which led to intense speculation and rumors after it took place on Jan. 22, 1969.

It confirmed some of the information that leaked out at the time — that the gunman was a Leningrad resident whose last name is Ilyin and that the driver of a limousine carrying four Soviet astronauts had died of wounds.

The only official statement until today was a brief Tass announcement on Jan. 23, 1969, entitled "A Provocation," which said that the drivers of the limousine and a motorcycle escort had been wounded.

Second Driver Wounded

Today's report said the motorcyclist was "lightly wounded." It also disclosed that Ilyin was born in 1947, which would make him 23 or 22.

The *Izvestia* report — also distributed by Tass — was headed "In the Supreme Court, U.S.S.R.," and was printed on the last page. It appeared to do little to refute much of the speculation prevalent at the time of the incident.

Many Soviet citizens and foreigners believed that the intended victims were not the four astronauts in the car fired upon, but rather Soviet officials, possibly including the party leader, Leonid I. Brezhnev, and President Nikolai V. Podgorny, who were in the motorcade.

The fact that the Supreme Court, the highest legal body in the Soviet Union, handled the case indicated the seriousness attached by the leadership to the shooting.

According to unofficial reports circulated at the time, the incident occurred inside the Borovitsky Gate of the Kremlin, where the motorcade was proceeding to a celebration in honor of the just-completed mission of Soyuz 4 and Soyuz 5, which had linked up in space and carried out the first transfer of space crews.

In the lead car of the motor-

cade were the four Soyuz astronauts. They were waving from their open car to the crowds along the street. They were Col. Vladimir A. Shatalov, Col. Boris V. Volynov, Col. Yevgeny V. Khrunov, and Aleksei S. Yeliseyev, a civilian engineer.

Behind them, in the limousine, were earlier astronauts: Maj. Gen. Georgi T. Beregovoi, Mrs. Valentina V. Nikolayeva-Tereshkova and her husband, Col. Andrian G. Nikolayev, and Col. Aleksei A. Leonov.

The gunman, according to today's account, "fired several shots" at the second car.

"As a result," the account said, "the driver of the car was mortally wounded and a member of the motorcycle escort lightly wounded. The assailant was apprehended. He turned out to be a certain Ilyin from Leningrad, born in 1947."

The names of the two men who were shot were not made public.

Reports at the time said Ilyin was a military officer absent without leave from his unit in Leningrad and that he was dressed in a policeman's uniform obtained from relatives in Moscow. The *Izvestia* account gave no other information on Ilyin's background and did not disclose where the shooting took place, or any other details.

Tells of Examination

The statement said that "a psychiatric examination was conducted in the course of the investigation," and continued:

"Taking part in it were members of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Medical Sciences Andrei V. Shezhnevsky, corresponding members of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Medical Sciences Viktor M. Morozov and Georgy V. Morozov and other psychiatrists." It was not known if the two Morozovs were related.

"The examination established that Ilyin is suffering from chronic insanity in the form of schizophrenia," the report said.

"Having studied materials of the investigation, and on hearing conclusions by experts and witnesses' testimony, the court found that Ilyin committed socially dangerous actions in a state when he was not answerable for his actions," it said.

"But considering that Ilyin is a socially dangerous person, the court decided to isolate him from society and send him for compulsory treatment at a

special psychiatric hospital," the report concluded.

It could not be ascertained where the hospital was or when the court had reached its findings.

Soviet law permits higher courts to hear cases at their will and a decision on a person's mental state can be reached in preliminary session rather than in an open trial.

The announcement last year, which called the shooting "A Provocation," left open the possibility of a conspiracy, but

today's statement appeared to rule that out.

There was no indication of why such scanty information was made public today, even though Soviet authorities knew of the wide curiosity surrounding the shooting here and abroad.

If Ilyin, even though insane, was a military officer and was planning a political assassination, this would reflect on the honor of the armed forces and might be a reason for the paucity of information released.