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Polish Officer Claims to Be Son of Czar

NEW YORK — (UPI) — A former Polish secret service officer who spied for the United States laid claim today to the Romanoff millions for himself and his four sisters, claiming to be the children of Czar Nicholas II.

The newest pretender to the nonexistent throne of imperial Russia is Col. Michael Goleniewski, 60, who lives with his wife and baby daughter at an undisclosed Long Island address.

GOLENIEWSKI said he is prepared to back up his claim with lie detector tests, fingerprint tests, dental comparisons and medical proof that he is a hemophiliac as was the czar's only son, Grand Duke Alexei Nicolaevich.

No "proofs" have yet been made public, but Cleve Backster, an identification expert and former

FBI adviser, said recently that fingerprint and dental comparisons prove Goleniewski is Alexei. The Grand Duke's fingerprints were said to have been found on books and documents now in England.

GOLENIEWSKI'S claim was first put forward last September by Robert Speller, a New York publisher who is planning a book entitled "The Reemergence of the Romanoffs."

Today the moustachioed claimant made it official by taking a three column ad in the New York Journal-American.

The claimant said he and the four alleged Grand Duchesses — Olga, Anastasia, Maria and Tatiana— had been prevented from making their identities known for 47 years by "provocation, insinuation, and manipulation" of per-

sons interested in getting their hands on the Czar's bank deposits outside of Russia.

HE ESTIMATED these at \$400 million.

Goleniewski said three sisters are in the United States. One is Mrs. Eugenia Smith, whose book "Anastasia" renewed the Romanoff controversy when it was published in 1963.

German courts are still weighing the claim of the most famous of all the Anastasia claimants, Mrs. Anna Anderson.

Goleniewski defected in 1961 with the aid of the Central Intelligence Agency and came to the United States.

He has testified before congressional committees concerning Communist spy activities in the U. S. Embassy in Warsaw. He was given U. S. citizenship by special act of Congress.