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# U.S. TO PROTEST ON DETENTION OF PAIR IN RUSSIA

## Tourists Expelled After Being Retained Seven Weeks — One Accused of Spying.

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The United States is expected to protest to Russia against the detention of two American tourists who were held incommunicado by Soviet authorities for seven weeks.

The State Department appeared to be proceeding cautiously, however. Officials said they wanted to get a full report from Harvey C. Bennett and Mark L. Kaminsky before taking action.

The Soviet Foreign Office told the United States Embassy in Moscow yesterday that Bennett, of Bath, Me., and Kaminsky, from Cass county, Mich., had been expelled from the Soviet Union at the Soviet-Czechoslovak border town of Uzhgorod.

### Left Assigned Route.

The Soviet report conceded that Bennett and Kaminsky had been retained since Aug. 25. They were held, the Foreign Office said, because they went off their assigned route as they approached Soviet border. They were accused of having penetrated a significant distance into a forbidden border zone.

The Russians charged that the men had taken from Kaminsky a notebook he had been carrying containing information on military objectives.

Therefore, the Soviet report said, Kaminsky was accused of violating Article 11 of the law on state security, understood to be a law on espionage under which Francis Gary Powers was convicted.

### Traveling by Car.

Bennett, a student, and Kaminsky, a Russian language teacher from Ann Arbor (Mich.) high school, had gone to the Soviet Union July 27, traveling in a car. The State Department said they registered at the United States embassy in Moscow and were warned about "things to be careful of," presumably including any acts which might be construed as espionage.

The department made a series of inquiries of Soviet authorities which produced no substantial information on the men until yesterday.

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