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**Reported Held in Russia**

## **U.S. Presses for Info on Missing Tourists**

The State Department continued today to press the Soviet Government for information about two missing American tourists reported under detention in a Russian border town for taking photographs.

Soviet officials have been silent on the fate of the men Mark Kaminsky, 28, of Jefferson Township, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Bath, Me.—despite repeated inquiries.

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The department said yesterday, however that another American tourist told U. S. officials he had seen Mr. Kaminsky Aug. 25 in the "In-tourist Travel Agency hotel at a Soviet border control point in Uzhgorod on the Czech border.

The department said the man quoted Mr. Kaminsky as saying he "was under detention for having taken a photograph." It also said a second tourist reported he spoke to both men at a Kiev hotel Aug. 18.

The last direct word from the two men, who were traveling together, was a postcard received by Mr. Bennett's wife Sept. 6. In the card, dated Aug. 19 and postmarked Vinnitsa, another Soviet town near the Czech border, Mr. Bennett wrote that he and Mr. Kaminsky had auto trouble but planned to leave Russia in about six days.

Mrs. Bennett said last night at Bath that she was "alarmed" to hear the latest report. She added "All along, I thought perhaps they were being held. I would feel a lot better if I knew where they are." (UPI)

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