

'Deported' After 'Conviction' 'Missing' Pair Leaving USSR

WAIDHAUS, Germany, Oct. 17 (UPI) — West German border police said today two Americans expelled from the Soviet Union after one was convicted on spy charges are believed heading for this Iron Curtain crossing point.

The two, Mark I. Kaminsky, 32, of Jefferson Township, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 31, of Path, Mo., were understood to be motoring across Czechoslovakia and to have stopped for the night at Pilsen, about 75 miles from here, police said.

MISSING

The expulsion of Mr. Kaminsky and Mr. Bennett was announced Friday by the Russians. The two disappeared two months ago while touring the Soviet Union together.

Yesterday the Russians said the two Americans were arrested on Aug. 25 in a "restricted frontier area" by Soviet guards near Uzhgorod in the Ukraine.

Mr. Kaminsky was sentenced to seven years in prison after his "confession" and conviction by a military court

in Kiev under the same Article 2 of the criminal law under which U2 Pilot Francis G. Powers was convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, according to the Soviet press.

Tass said that Mr. Kaminsky's sentence was commuted to deportation by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in view of his reported "sincere confession and repentance."

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The agency said Mr. Bennett turned state's evidence and "denounced Mr. Kaminsky's activities." Pravda quoted Mr. Bennett as saying after he had seen photographs taken by Mr. Kaminsky: "They can be of interest to the intelligence service. It stinks of espionage."

Tass said a formal protest had been lodged with the U. S. Embassy.

(In Bath, Mrs. Bennett said she was "completely baffled" by the entire affair. She said she had not heard from her husband since she was notified of his expulsion.

Mr. Kaminsky's brother, Daniel of Granger, Ind., said the charges were "poppycock" and sounded like "standard Russian propaganda.")

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