

# POWERS' KIN TELL FAITH IN RED LAWYER

## Hold Conference on Pilot's Trial

### CHARGE CONCEALMENT

United States charges Russians may have something to hide in U-2 pilot case. Story on page 2.

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (AP) —

The family of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers met his Russian lawyer for the first time Monday and expressed confidence that he is competent and will do his best to help the accused flyer. Powers goes on trial Wednesday on espionage charges.

"The conference with the defense attorney was most useful and we have confidence he will do all possible to help our son," said the flyers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Powers in a brief statement.

As they emerged from the conference in a building in a side street half a mile from the Kremlin, the party was met by about 300 Russians attracted by the crowd of waiting correspondents. The Russians pushed and shouted questions about what was discussed but were told nothing.

### Mum on Some Points

Alexander W. Parker of Richmond, Va., an attorney who accompanied the pilot's wife, Mrs. Barbara Powers, called the meeting with the Russian attorney, Mikhail Illich Griniov, "highly satisfactory."

But after a defense strategy conference with Griniov that lasted more than an hour, Parker declined to discuss the trial itself or the

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condition of Powers. Griniov told them he had just come from a long morning conference with the accused flier. Parker told a press conference:

"Everybody was impressed by his [Griniov's] sincerity, his apparent ability, and frankness. We were favorably impressed with him and his desire to cooperate. He has a heavy job, a great job, and he is going to give the best he has got.

"This feeling is general among all the [Virginia] attorneys."

### Has Busy Record

Griniov is a kindly faced little man with thinning, close-cropped gray hair, and a tiny beard. He is said to have handled many criminal cases in the Soviet Union.

Griniov was one of the Russian prosecutors at the Nuernberg trials of Nazi leaders who were condemned to death or imprisoned. So was Powers' chief prosecutor, Roman A. Rudenko.

Griniov delayed the meeting with the family for more than an hour, saying he needed time to rest after a long talk with his client.

Barbara was accompanied by Parker and another attorney, Frank W. Rogers of Roanoke.

The flyers' parents were accompanied by Carl A. McAfee, an attorney from Norton, Va.

### Arranged by Intourist

The appointment with Griniov was arranged by V. Babkin, head of the American section of Intourist, the official Russian tourist agency. The appointment had to be made thru Intourist because the Virginia lawyers are here in an unofficial capacity and will at-

lead Powers' trial only as spectators.

Parker, a former president of the Virginia Bar association, told reporters he had also asked Intourist to arrange an appointment for Barbara with Premier Nikita Khrushchev. She hopes to see him before the trial, but it is not likely this will happen. She says she wants to make a personal plea for clemency.

The Russian government says Powers has pleaded guilty to the essence of the charges and Khrushchev has said he will not intervene. He has promised, however, to do anything he can to help the family.