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Claim He Contacted A Young Russian On Moscow Visit

Moscow, Aug. 1 (AP)—Izvestia tonight accused Don Larrimore, United Press International correspondent in Warsaw, of having tried to recruit a Russian citizen for American intelligence.

The Soviet Government newspaper said the Russian-speaking American newsman had contacted a young Russian, identified as Felix S., during a tourist visit to Moscow in 1956 and 1957.

Professor Identified

Later, it went on, an American professor of Slavic languages from Minneapolis, was said to have visited Felix and proposed that he provide secret information for Western intelligence. The professor was identified as Irving Shaw, who was said to have attended a literary meeting in Moscow. (In Minneapolis, university sources said such a professor was not known there.)

Izvestia called Larrimore a "collaborator of the intelligence of the U.S.A."

"He swears that which others later took to have been Larrimore is a recruit," the article said.

"His activities are financed, of course, not by UPI but by the central intelligence service. He did not expect in returning to Moscow to find he has decided to leave the country."

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Izvestia said Felix told Soviet secret police everything about his contacts with the two Americans after his father discovered two \$50 bills in a letter to his son from Shaw.

United Press International in New York said that Larrimore denied ever having been in CIA employ. UPI said Larrimore had worked for Radio Liberty in Munich, an anti-Communist organization similar to Radio Free Europe, before joining the UPI staff.

Granted Visa

UPI said it was puzzled by the Izvestia statement that Larrimore "did not succeed in returning to Moscow," saying the Soviet Foreign Ministry had granted him a visa to join the UPI staff there long after the alleged events in Moscow.

The UPI said Larrimore had been assigned in the meantime to the Rome bureau and the Soviet visa was not used.

Larrimore, 31, graduated from Princeton University in 1956.

He had two years of undergraduate work at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., and served three years in the Army. He was assigned to the Army Language School where he studied Russian.

Larrimore joined the London staff of UPI in 1958 and worked in Paris, Rome and Geneva. He took a leave of absence in 1962 and returned to the United States and rejoined UPI six weeks ago.