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MOSCOW DISSIDENTS FLEE OLYMPIC GAMES

Many Going Voluntarily to Escape
Forcible Removal by Police

Drunks Face Restraints

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MOSCOW, May 19 — Widespread rumors that the authorities will clear Moscow of dissidents and other trouble-makers before the influx of foreign visitors to the Summer Olympics are quickly becoming self-fulfilling prophecies.

Most of the prominent dissidents not in jail or internal exile say they are planning to leave the city well before the July 19 opening ceremony. The others say they are coming under pressure from the authorities to do likewise.

"The superintendent of our building asked my husband and me the other day what our plans were for the summer," suid Natasha Vladimov, wife of Georgi Vladimov, the dissident writer who is also head of the Soviet section of Amnesty International, the international human rights group.

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"When I told him we didn't plan to go anywhere," Mrs. Vladimov said, "the superintendent told me: 'I think it would be better for both of you to leave Moscow during the Olympiade.'"

No Place for Untidy Activities

The Soviet authorities say Moscow was chosen to host the 22d Olympic Games because it is a model "Socialist city." The model clearly excludes untidy activities like dissent.

Seeing trouble ahead, many dissidents are not waiting for official warnings to make themselves scarce during the games. Aleksandr Y. Lerner, a longtime activist in the Jewish emigration movement, said he would take his wife and their Irish setter on vacation to the Ukraine in mid-June. Their apartment in southwest Moscow has been a place of pilgrimage for visiting supporters from the United States, britain and Israel.

"If I didn't go by myself, I'm sure the authorities would send me away somewhere of their own choosing, and maybe I wouldn't be able to come back at all," he remarked.

Sakharov Banished to Gorky

Andrei D. Sakharov, the human rights activist, was banished last January to Gorky, an industrial city closed to foreigners. His wife, Yelena Bonner, is allowed to make visits to Moscow but has she avoided directly disobeying security police orders not to use her Moscow apartment as a gathering place for conferences and meetings with foreign supporters.

Roy A. Medvedev, a dissident historian who considers himself a Marxist, is also leaving Moscow soon for the summer, as he usually does, wishing like many other activists here to avoid Dr. Sakharov's

"The climate has changed," Dr. Lerner said. "While our leaders were interested in détente with the West, public support in America and Europe for our cause helped us. Now, it only makes the Soviet authorities more determined to do as they want with us no matter what the West thinks."

Kopeleys to Leave for Summer

Lev Z. Kopelev and his wife, Raissa Orlova, writers who have incurred the wrath of the authorities for supporting Dr. Sakharov, are also leaving Moscow at the end of this month to spend the summer in the countryside near Leningrad.

Normally, their apartment is a gathering place for tourists and intellectuals from the United States and West Germany, where Mr. Kopelev is well known. This year, in the wake of Dr. Sakharov's banishment and official sanctions against them, Mr. Kopelev has applied for permission to go to West Germany in answer to a long-standing invitation to lecture and study in Darmstadt. His wife says she will join him if he gets permission.

Scores of other dissident figures here—human rights activists, religious figures, people who have applied to emigrate to Israel—have been arrested and tried in Moscow and other Soviet cities since last fall. Organized dissident activity is at a low.

Muscovites Warned About C.I.A.

The Soviet press, meanwhile, has been warning Muscovites that U.I.A. agents and anti-soviet provocateurs may try to infiltrate as tourists during the Olympic Games, possibly to collaborate with dissidents to spoil the image the authorities wish to present to the world.

"I Don't think anybody plans to try to organize any protests or demonstrations in Moscow during the Olympics," said Dr. Lerner, who has been trying to emigrate to israel since the early 1970's. "The people who come to enjoy the games just wouldn't understand — it wouldn't make us very popular."

Rumors abound that the police plan to sweep Moscow clean of an estimated 300,000 drunks and habitual troublemakers, though the former were still in abundance during last week's May 1 and May 9 holidays here.

'Special Watch Service'

The wife of a former official, now living in retirement, says that a few days ago their doorbell rang and a police auxiliary volunteer announced: "There will be a special watch service in our building during the Olympiade. We want you to volunteer for it."

"What 'watch service?' the retired official asked. "To see to it that people don't get rowdy or drunk or create a bad impression during the Olympics," the man answered.

Vladimir Voinovich, a dissident writer who has lived quietly but in official disgrace in Moscow since he was expelled from the Union of Writers in 1974, came under pressure to get out of the country last winter, and in April, he agreed to go.

"They told me they wanted me out by July 15 — before the Olympics, in other words," he said recently. "I told them I couldn't leave until September, but not to worry — I'll be spending the summer far from Moscow," he said. "That's apparently all they wanted."

Vasily Aksyonov, a 47-year-old writer who quit the union last December after it expelled two younger colleagues, also decided to emigrate. Friends say he has been told he will be allowed to go.