

Ann Has Busy Day in People's Court of Russia

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By ANN LANDERS
MOSCOW — "I understand you give advice on domestic problems in American newspapers," said an Intourist representative. "In Russia you would be unemployed. The system takes care of the emotional needs of the people. We are too busy and hard-working to

have problems." I heard a good deal of hog-wish while I was in Russia. By all odds, this was the most ridiculous bit of nonsense. There are plenty of domestic problems in Russia and I spent a session in the People's Court listening to them.

I MADE THREE formal requests to visit a Soviet courtroom. Three times I was refused. In desperation I phoned

Henry Shapiro of United Press International. "Just walk in," Henry advised me. "Russian law guarantees everyone the right to enter the People's Court. Nobody can stop you."

With my sketchy knowledge of Russian how could I understand the proceedings? Eleonora, my interpreter, wouldn't dare accompany me on this excursion. She'd been instructed to tell me the courtroom was out of bounds to tourists.

I remembered a pleasant gentleman who had occupied the adjoining seat on the Soviet jet from Leningrad to Moscow. We were both stopping at the Ukraine Hotel. His name was Henry Kline and he was a Russian-born American — and a New York lawyer. On the slim chance that he understood Russian and was willing to serve as my interpreter, I issued the invitation.

MR. KLINE admitted to a limited knowledge of Russian and agreed to accompany me to the People's Court. He conceded he knew "a little" about Russian law (his cousin in Comsk was an attorney and they had compared notes just last week).

At 10 the next morning Mr. Kline and I appeared at the People's Court. I counted 32 people seated quietly on the hard wooden benches. For the

most part they were shabbily dressed and appeared to be tense and troubled. The women outnumbered the men four to one.

The air was stale and the women fanned themselves with newspapers. A large portrait of Lenin hung on the wall. Faded green velvet curtains with gold fringe gave the room an air of moth-eaten aristocracy.

Mr. Kline explained that the woman in the center was the judge elected by the people. The other woman and the man were "lay assessors." Lay assessors are selected by fellow employees of a factory, foundry, collective farm or construction unit. They serve 10 days a year and it is considered an honor to be chosen to serve.

In this Godless society witnesses are not sworn in, of course, but serious punishment is meted out if it is demonstrated that a witness has testified falsely.

THE FIRST CASE was presented by a seedy female attorney. She wore a navy blue crepe dress which looked as if she'd put it in the washing

machine. Yards of braids were wound tightly around her head.

Her client Thomas Benolganova, a dishwasher in a small hotel, was suing his wife Ulinova for the right to live in her apartment. In 1955 Thomas had run afoul of the law for speculation (selling at a profit). He was sentenced to serve four years in prison. When Thomas returned home he found his wife had a permanent house guest named Gregory.

The attorney emphasized that Thomas was not interested in enjoying the "wifely companionship" of Ulinova. He wanted only to live in the apartment and mind his own business.

ULINOVA WAS NOT represented by counsel. She spoke in her own behalf. Thomas, she said, drank too much and had a bad temper. He had struck Gregory on two occasions and had spied on them. He wore Gregory's best suit and helped himself to the food in the ice box although he never brought home anything to set. She asked the court to order him to stay out of the apartment.

The case was heard in 50 minutes and the judges adjourned for 15 minutes. Thomas won the right to stay in the apartment. Ulinova and Thomas were still legally married, the judge ruled, and a man has the right to live in the same apartment with his wife. Thomas was ordered to pay one-third of the rent, however, and contribute to the grocery bill if he intended to eat there.

Thomas grinned and shook hands with his attorney. Ulinova burst into tears. Gregory, scarlet with rage, led her from the courtroom.

THE NEXT CASE was presented by another lady attorney who wore a mannish suit and a boyish bob. She represented Helen and Akim Rigavitch. Both Helen and Akim worked at the Moskovitch automobile factory. The Rigavitches were suing Irene and Louis Servinova. Irene operated an elevator and Louis was a hod-carrier. The suit was for 2500 rubles (\$250). Their case was a striking illustration of the tension and misery that is so often the product of communal living.

The Rigavitches and the Servinovas (plus a third family) share a four-room apartment. One bathroom serves the six adults and seven children.

The Rigavitches charged that the Servinovas broke their \$110 TV set and were three months in arrears with their share of the electric meter bill. They also complained that the Servinovas had broken two windows during an argument and refused to replace them.

MOREOVER, SAID the Rigavitches, the Servinovas were selfish about the bathroom and often lingered for unreasonable periods of time so the others would be late for work. They never bought their own soap and frequently used ex-

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