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RUSSIAN TEACHER LEAPS TO FREEDOM

At the Soviet Consulate in New York, a complicated international drama reaches its tense climax. Behind guarded doors is the drama's central figure, a middle-aged school mistress - Oksana Kosenkina - who was brought here to safety by the Soviet Vice-consul, after anti-Communist sympathisers had allegedly kidnapped her on the day she was to return to Russia. Suddenly, Mrs. Kosenkina leaps from a forty-foot high third storey window. She is alive, but critically hurt. Entangled in wires which broke her fall, she is carried inside the Consulate. New York police race into the courtyard from a next door building to take charge. A Foreign Consulate has not the extra territorial rights granted to an Embassy and the police - in escorting the woman to hospital - are strictly following their duty. As soon as she recovers - Mrs. Kosenkina will tell her story to the much-publicised spy-enquiry.

At the Roosevelt Hospital, the protesting Soviet Vice-consul and his woman assistant are barred at first. Police say Mrs. Kosenkina jumped to gain her freedom.

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At the Soviet Consulate in New York, a tense, international drama plays toward a searing climax. Behind these guarded doors a Russian schoolteacher, Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina, has remained for six long days, while the courts, the State Department, and the Soviet Government debate her freedom. Suddenly, Mrs. Kosenkina leaps from a third-story window. Alive, but critically hurt, and entangled in wires which broke her fall, she is carried inside the Consulate by Soviet aides and New York police who swarmed over this courtyard wall from the next building. Warner Pathe News was first on the spot, and also captured the graphic record as Mrs. Kosenkina is taken from the consulate to a waiting ambulance for hospitalization. By now the police have taken full charge. At Roosevelt Hospital, despite protests by the Russian vice-consul and his woman assistant, Soviet officials are barred. Police state Mrs. Kosenkina is afraid to see them, and quote her as saying she jumped "to get out of the cage." It was from this sunnyside retreat near Nyack, N.Y., run by the anti-Communist Tolstoy Foundation, that Mrs. Kosenkina was escorted by the Soviet Consul General six days before. M Countess Alexandra Tolstoy says the chemistry teacher had come to seek escape from returning to Russia. Soviet diplomats say they liberated her from kidnapping. But then why did she jump?

In Cassville, N.J., another anti-Communist retreat moves into the headlines as one indicated hiding-place of a second Russian school-

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teacher, ~~enkhbatar~~ and his family -- also objects of an international storm. Then, in Washington, Mikhail Samarin, right, appears with Congressman Earl Mandt. Under U.S. protection, Samarin goes to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. And even as Molotov angrily demands his return, Schoolteacher Samarin answers eloquently for himself....