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# KASENKINA STORY

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On today's article Mrs. Kasenkina's story seems to dramatic climax. In it she relates the story of how she was guarded on her return to the Russian consulate, tells about her ordeal during the famous press interview and how Lomakin framed it, and how a tiny flame of hope began to rise in her heart, a hope for freedom through action by an American court.)

Installment 26  
By OKSANA S. KASENKINA  
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There was no visible muzzle on me when I was taken that afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 7, to face a group of reporters representing the New York press, yet I was gagged just as effectively as if I had worn one.

The stage was set for a mock interview, in free America, on the order of the show trials put on in Moscow during the Great Purge. The stage manager and his assistant were Consul General Lomakin and Vice Consul Chepurnykh. Serving as a backdrop for the act was a small contingent of picked consular aides lined up against the wall in the rear. In my eyes their visages stamped them as being NKVD veterans.

I was so fagged out when they led me into the room that I was afraid I would get dizzy and fall

off the straight-backed chair offered to me. So I asked Chepurnykh to let me sit on a sofa.

That not a single representative of the press present at the interview spoke Russian was, I am convinced, not due to any pre-arrangement. The effect, however, was to deliver me wholly into the hands of my puppeteers. It enabled them to frame the case according to their fantastic scheme and to present the fabrication to the world and to the American government as the truth.

The conversation with the reporters being carried on in English, I barely understood what was going on. And I felt so humiliated at the role assigned to me that I could not look squarely at the newspaper people.

Lomakin and Chepurnykh started off by giving to the press their own agreed account of the events which had made me seek shelter at the farm of the Tolstoy Foundation. From my subsequent questionings by the American authorities I ascertained how bizarre their account was and how replete with downright inventions. As an instance, it might be sufficient to cite the reported statement by Chepurnykh that my husband was a scientist who had been killed in the war. In my questionnaires and applications filled out in Moscow prior to my departure for America I had consistently recorded that my husband had died in 1927.

When questions were addressed to me, they were interpreted for me by my keepers, and my answers, in turn, were interpreted and elaborated by them in a way which made some of the reporters look skeptical. My own condition spoke better than anything I could say in the circumstances.

When the photographer got ready to take my picture, Lomakin, the latter urged me in Russian, "Smile!" I was made to pose facing Lomakin. Instead of smiling, I had to stifle a cry. Fortunately the picture shows the pressure under which I was laboring.

When the ordeal was over and the reporters rushed out, Lomakin escorted me upstairs to the room assigned to me. "All's well that ends well," he remarked with satisfaction. "You'll stay here with us until the next Soviet ship sails back home." And then he added: "As for Samarin—he's a durak—a fool."

A couple of the consular women who were to dog my steps during the next few days came around to visit with me and to draw out any further information I might yield. From them I learned that when the Samarins and I had failed to come to the pier the morning the Pobeda was to sail for Russia, the departure of the ship was postponed in the expectation that we would show up.

Since our luggage was on board, the Soviet authorities at first thought that some traffic accident might have delayed us. Later, when a search revealed our disappearance, they became convinced that

**Private Funeral Rites For Actress**  
KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 22. (AP)—A private funeral service will be held for Elissa Landi, 43-year-old

actress and novelist, who died of cancer yesterday at Kingston Hospital.  
The time and place of the service were not disclosed by the family.

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**Cardinal Is Ill**  
WARSAW, Poland, Oct. 22. (AP)—August Cardinal Hlond, primate of Poland, is critically ill in St. Elizabeth's Hospital here. Last rites of the Roman Catholic Church were administered to the 67-year-old cardinal who developed pneumonia after an appendicitis operation.

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The States' Rights Democrats candidate for President opened his campaign in this "political border-state" last night at a rally here in which he branded the proposed Fair Employment Practices Act "a despicable piece of legislation."

A crowd estimated at 2,200 by Auditorium Mgr. Charles McElravy heard Thurmond's talk.

An unscheduled speaker was Mississippi's Rep. John Rankin. He aimed the bulk of his speech "at the New York State FEPC" and called Republican Presidential Candidate Thomas Dewey a "moustached midget."

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**Worker Is Killed**  
HOUSTON, Oct. 22.—M. H. Kirby, employe of the Robinson Transportation Co., was crushed to death yesterday when 5,100 pounds of oil field pipe rolled on him as he unloaded his truck.

**Itasca Cotton Company Must Bargain With CIO**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Itasca Cotton Manufacturing Co. at Itasca, Tex., to bargain collectively with the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO. The union, the NLRB ruled, must be the company's exclusive representative of all its production and maintenance employes, excluding plant protection employes, clerical employes and supervisors. The order was issued after the NLRB heard a complaint filed by the union against the cotton manufacturing company charging unfair labor practices.

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**LITTLE CHANCE SEEN**  
**Wallace Appeals To Green For Illinois Ballot Place**

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Blocked by a Supreme Court decision, Henry A. Wallace and his Progressive Party today appealed directly to Republican Gov. Dwight H. Green to get the third party's state and national tickets on the Nov. 2 Illinois ballot.

But there appears to be no chance that the Progressives will be on the state ballot. The political effect seems to favor the Democrats.

Wallace himself, disappointed because Illinois is regarded as one of his strongest strategic states, asked Green in a telegram that he call a special legislative session or have the state certifying board order the Progressive tickets to be put on the statewide ballot.

Green made no public comment. Associates said he plans none and that it is now "a physical impossibility" to make ballot changes.

The U. S. Supreme Court yesterday refused by a 6-3 vote to order the third party on the ballot. Its decision upheld a 1935 Illinois law.

The Progressives contended the law is unconstitutional after the state electoral board decided Progressive nominating petitions had failed to comply with the law. Their appeals were supported by some Republican state officials and opposed by some Democratic officials.

A few hours later Wallace made his appeal to Green. He said that Green and other certifying officials should put the Wallaceites on the ballot because an Illinois assistant

attorney general had told the court that the legislature and state officials made "a mistake" in enacting the law.

Otherwise, Wallace said, Green should call a special session of the legislature and "thus assure" the Progressives a place on the ballot. Green associates said any special session probably would find time an element. Partisan and two-thirds majority difficulties would prevent quick action. They also said that the certifying officials can't do anything because they are bound by the state electoral board decision. And anyway, they said, it's too late—ballots already are printed and there isn't time to print new ones.

**Progressive Candidate Wants Fearless Plan For Abundance**

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Henry A. Wallace says "fearless planning for abundance—not scarcity" could make it possible for the average American worker and farmer to earn \$100 a week.

"It can be so," the Progressive Party presidential candidate contends, "if we plan for it in the same resolute way that the men in Washington and Albany today are planning for war."

Speaking last night over the American Broadcasting Co. network, Wallace said:

"We can get \$100 a week, but we cannot achieve this goal unless the productivity of the entire world is stepped up. This will take planning through the government, the establishment of a world-wide ever-normal granary through the UN this will mean making available American technology to every country

in the world—including Russia."

Wallace, a farming expert and former secretary of agriculture, declared:

"I know something about this question of planning because I personally planned to produce abundance in the corn fields, and I saw this dream come true..."

"I know that it is possible in 10 years to double the output per hour of labor on all the farms of the world. All that is required is a plan to do it and a will go do it."

"But it cannot be done by the men who sit in high places in Washington and Wall Street. They are not interested in such plans. These apostles of scarcity protect their vested interests."

"They are doing their best to keep atomic energy out of effective peacetime use. They are doing their best to prevent the building up of the backward areas of the earth."

**Farmers Planting New Cover Crops**

Roscoe Johnson, cooperating with the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, planted ten acres of Abruzzi rye and hairy vetch and thirty acres of rye last week on the farm of Mrs. Nell Frazier two miles west of Big Spring. Johnson drilled in the rye and vetch for cover crops to protect the land from blowing. He inoculated the vetch seed to insure good growth of the vetch which will improve the fertility of the soil by adding nitrogen. Johnson planted the cover crop in a good stubble of maize stalks. The maize stalks give added protection to the land to control blowing Johnson said, and improve the soil by adding organic matter.

Soil management and improvement measures are only part of the coordinated soil and water conservation program. Johnson follows in cooperation with the district.

Winter cover crops were also planted last week by E. A. Richters on the J. G. Arnett farm and H. B. Reagan on his farm land in the Midway soil conservation group. Richters planted 38 acres of Abruzzi rye on a sandy field a mile and a half east of Big Spring. He had a rye and vetch cover crop on the field last year which kept the field from blowing and furnished a lot of grazing Richters acres.

Reagan planted 8 acres of Abruzzi rye and 20 acres of Dixie Wonder peas on his place a mile south of Midway. He will turn back the peas to the land next spring for a soil building crop to add nitrogen and organic matter to the soil. This will improve the fertility of the soil and make it soak up more water. Experiments with crop residues made at the Amarillo Experiment Station show that fard with a good cover of litter will soak up around eight inches of rain in an hour while bare soil will soak up only a quarter of an inch an hour.

J. H. Homan planted 65 acres of Abruzzi rye and hairy vetch last week for cover crops on his farms in the Lomax and Hartwell soil conservation groups. Homan drilled 35 acres of the cover crops on his farm a mile north of Lomax and 30 acres on his farm two miles southwest of the Couble school.

Lines were run last week for terraces on 20 acres of new ground on the farm of Willis Winters, district cooperater in the Vincent soil conservation group. Winters is terracing the new ground as part of his coordinated soil and water conservation program in cooperation with the district.

Edwin G. Schwarz made out a conservation plan last week for irrigation of improved pasture on the

J. G. Arnett farm and city property east of Big Spring. Schwarz had the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service in making out his irrigation plan.

Ocie Smith has a good stand of improved pasture grasses growing on irrigated land on his farm five miles northwest of Tarzan. Smith, who is a district cooperater, planted the pasture grasses in September to get a good growth before frost. He expects to start grazing the pasture in March or April.

**SOIL CONSERVATION**  
**Farmers Planting New Cover Crops**

**Warren Backs State Tidelands**  
FORT WORTH, Oct. 22.—Election of a Republican administration would eliminate a threat of federal confiscation of tidelands, Earl Warren said here yesterday.

The California governor, Republican candidate for vice president, said the tidelands are "the heritage of every school child in Texas." He emphasized that "our platform pledges us to leave the ownership with the states," where it rightfully belongs.

Warren urged support of Jack Porter of Houston, Texas Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate. He spoke at municipal airport during a plane stop on his flight from Miami, Fla., to Grand Junction, Colo.

Charley (Red) Ruffing leads all pitchers in World's Series victories with seven.

**TIPPY LOSES**  
**Chuck Fusari May Get Ray**  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 22.—If a couple of imponderables work out, Ray Robinson may lay his welterweight title on the line against Charley Fusari, the reformed Irvington, N. J., milkman.

The imponderables are, in order of importance:

1. Can Ray make the 147-pound welter limit any more? There are many who say he can't.
2. Does Fusari want to fight Robinson? After Charley stopped Tippy Larkin, the veteran Garfield, N. J., winner in the Armory last night in the Tournament of Champions first indoor promotion, Fusari said he was eager to meet Robinson.

However, Vic Marstillo, Fusari's manager, hemmed and hawed over the proposition.

"Sure, we'll fight Robinson," Vic said, "but the terms would have to be right, something to keep both me and my boy here happy."

Robinson promised the winner of the scrap a title shot, but until the Fusari camp decides on its strategy, Ray doesn't have to do much worrying.

Larkin, who was knocked out by Fusari once before, managed to stay on his feet this time, but when Referee Paul Cavalier stopped the proceedings in 2:35 of the sixth of the scheduled 10-rounder he was wobbling all over the ring.

After the first round, in fact, it was obvious to the crowd of 7,687 that it was just a matter of time until the hard-punching Fusari would halt 31-year-old Tippy.

Larkin's poor showing and the fact that he kept his left down and crouched almost all the way drew scattered boos from the crowd.

"We planned it that way," said Angelo Pucci, his manager. "We figured that we'd make Fusari shoot at the moving, weaving target instead of a stand-up guy, then, if possible, get him in the end. It just didn't work out that way."

Larkin said later, "I simply was not in shape."

Fusari weighed 147, Larkin 143½.

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**Porter Predicts Johnson To Resume Campaign Speeches**  
DALLAS, Oct. 22.—Jack Porter, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, predicted in a statement released here today that Lyndon B. Johnson, his Democratic opponent, will start campaigning again.

"Within a few days you'll see another amazing thing happen in Texas politics," Porter's statement read. "You'll see Lyndon Johnson start campaigning again—the first time in history a Democratic nominee has had to come back to the voters in a general election and ask them to send him to Washington."

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