

## **Soviet Scientist Is Said to Request Asylum in U.S. After Leaving Ship**

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A **Soviet** citizen has sought asylum here and has been turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service pending an investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

An F.B.I. spokesman, John Eyer, declined to name the man seeking asylum. The Associated Press said the captain of a **Soviet** fishing research vessel reported that Dmitri Vinogredov, a zoologist, had failed to return to the ship from a tour of Olympia with other crew members Thursday.

The news service said that the captain had reported the disappearance of the 30-year-old scientist to the **Soviet** consulate in San Francisco.

Pam Carrozza, deputy district director of the Immigration Service, confirmed that a **Soviet** citizen had asked for asylum. She said no decision had been reached on the request.

Vessel Has Crew of 68

The A.P. quoted Capt. Slava Termin of the **Soviet** vessel Babaevsk as saying that Mr. Vinogredov slipped away from a group of crew members that had been taken by bus to the Capital Mall in Olympia.

The ship, with a crew of 68, has been in the Bering Sea and docked recently at Aberdeen, Wash., for refueling.

Mark Grimes, 28 years old, of Lacey, said that Mr. Vinogredov walked into the lounge of Charlie's Restaurant in the mall, waving an American flag. "He walked in and said, 'Is this seat taken?' " Mr. Grimes told The Associated Press. "He said, 'I love America.' I said, 'Where you from?' He said, 'I'm from Russia and I'm defecting.' "

Mr. Grimes said he later took Mr. Vinogredov back to his apartment where he called the F.B.I. Mr. Grimes said he then sent Mr. Vinogredov to a nearby tavern to wait for an F.B.I. agent.

Meetings at University

Dr. Donald Bevan of the University of Washington said four scientists from the **Soviet** vessel attended meetings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the University campus in Seattle.

"The meetings were previously scheduled to let us exchange documents and research about the fisheries from Mexico up the coast to the **Soviet** areas of the Bering Sea," he said.

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Dr. Bevan said he had never heard of Mr. Vinogredov. "He was not scheduled to attend our meetings and did not. Those four scientists scheduled to attend did attend," Dr. Bevan said.

Later in the day, Captain Temin took a call on the phone aboard his ship but declined to comment.

Kevin King, of Kerr Steamship Company, the agent for the Babaevsk, said the 338-foot vessel would return to sea after refueling.

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