

## Defecting Russian Woman Given Asylum In Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) — A Soviet woman tourist who defected from a Russian ship appeared in a Lebanese law court and testified: "I want freedom."

The woman, Olga Alexandrovna Farmakovskaya, was fined about \$18 for illegal entry into Lebanon but was permitted to remain in the country, at least for the time being.

The Soviet embassy was reported to have demanded her extradition.

It was the first time since she fled from the Soviet passenger-liner Lidva Oct. 16 that the 42-year-old defector had come out of the secret quarters where she has been living under United Nations protection. She was accompanied into court by UN officials and a cordon of security guards.

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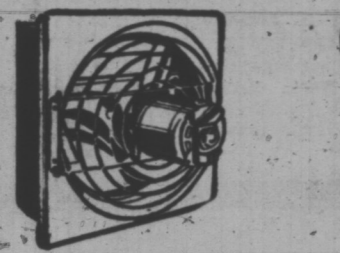
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**DON'T WANT BEER**

TORONTO (CP)—The faculty council of University College, University of Toronto, decided Thursday to give up trying to obtain a liquor licence for its common room. The council first applied for a licence in the summer of 1965. This year the Ontario liquor licensing board approved the application, but restricted the professors to having only beer, not wine. Because of the restriction the members felt there wasn't much point in having the licence because they wanted wine with their meals.

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in North Lake and Souris. In North Lake they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fraser and in Souris with Mr. and Mrs. Percy O'Hanley.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMahon and family of Nova Scotia, were recent visitors to Georgetown, where they were the guests of Mrs. McMahon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gallant.

Mrs. Maurice Donovan left last week for Boston, Mass., where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Leading Seaman and Mrs. David Hartman of Victoria, B.C., are visiting in Georgetown as the guests of Mr. Hartman's mother, Mrs. Edward Easton and Mr. Easton.

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Helen Griffin of Charlottetown motored to Georgetown on Sunday and were guests of Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker.

Mrs. Allison Grover and family left last week for Dorchester, N.B., where they will reside and where Mr. Grover is a guard at the Dorchester penitentiary. Herbert Stewart, accompanied

by Harry Yorston motored to Debert, N.S., on Sunday.

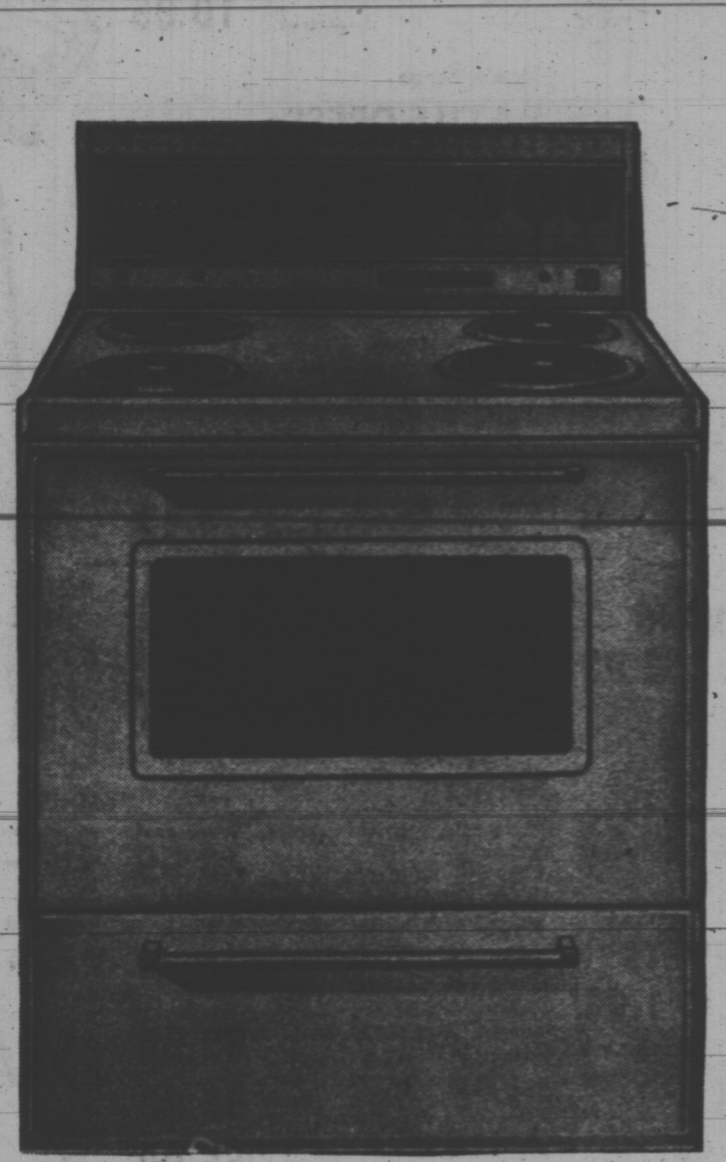
**TIGNISH**

Attending the Catholic Women's League conference held in Kinkora on Sunday from Tignish were: Mrs. Harold Cormier, Mrs. Carman Hogan, Mrs. Walter Hogan, Mrs. Joe Conway, Mrs. Wade Harper, Mrs. Alcide Boudresult, Mrs. Irving Mockler, Mrs. Joe E. Bernard, Neil Pond, Elizabeth Gavin, Mrs. Alfred Handrahan. Attending from St. Felix were: Mrs. Desie DesRoches, Mr. Colin DesRoches, Mrs. Alfred Perry, Mrs. Sixtus Gillis, and Mrs. Stanley DesRoches.

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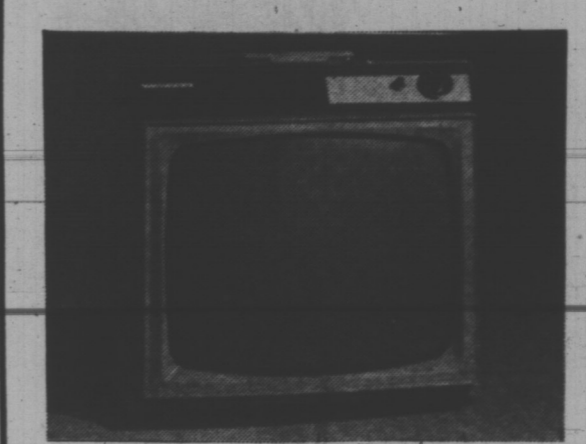
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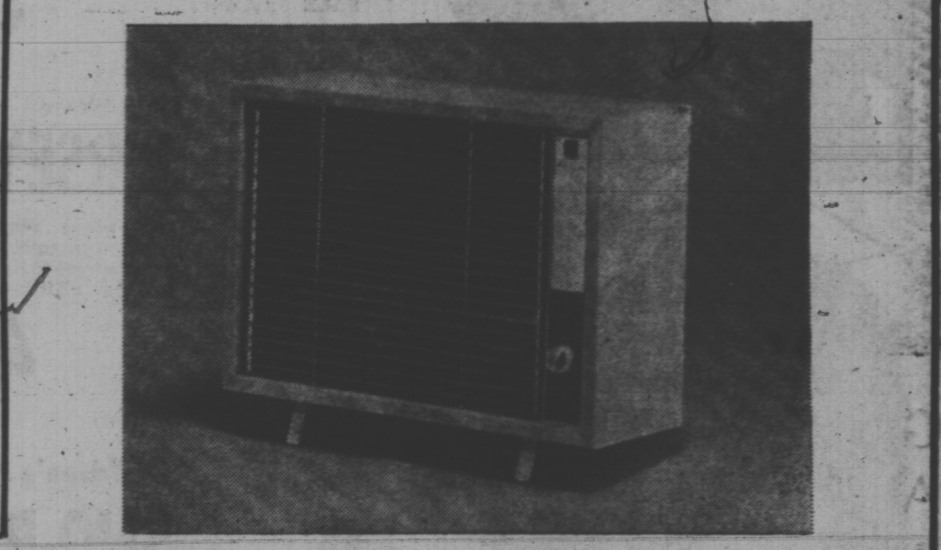
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