

Menshikov and Dulles Discuss—4 Children

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Russia's energetic and peripatetic Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov created a stir this afternoon by calling on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles within minutes of the latter's return from the Far East.

It turned out that the matter Ambassador Menshikov so mysteriously declined to discuss with reporters was the case of Pyotor, Pavel, Rostislov and Yuri Kozmin. Their parents went back to Russia in June, 1957, and now want their children, still in this country, to join them immediately.

The background of the case was this:

In Chicago in 1957, the parents of the four children, Mr. and Mrs. George Kozmin, who came to the United States from Russia in 1951 as displaced

persons, decided they wanted to return to their homeland.

Three of the children lived in orphan and foster homes, and the fourth with his parents. When the parents sought to take the children back to Russia with them, a court suit ensued.

Judge John J. Clayton jr. ruled that while the parents could go, the children must remain in this country. He based his ruling, in part, on the fact that both parents had spent some time in a mental institution after arriving in the United States.

The Russian Embassy intervened in the case, but Judge Clayton stood by his ruling.

Mr. Menshikov, it was learned today, had received instructions from Moscow to raise most forcefully the issue of returning the children.

What the outcome will be remains in doubt.