

where he saw that it was just the opposite of everything that he had thought it would be, and the first thing that caused him to begin to change his idea toward it was this matter of gold mining. It wasn't the getting of gold out of the ground, it was getting gold from the people. He said that he found that when the Russian government decided they needed more gold to buy gold from foreign nations they immediately called upon the people to turn in the gold they had and to give it as a gift to the government. But then he said that the government proceeded to bring pressure to exploit it from anyone who had it. He told of an American in New York who had been employed in the government and had become quite well off after a long period of hard work in the housing industry in this country. He was very well off, and he went back to Russia to visit his father, and he found his father living like most of the Russians do which is in a very poor condition, and he wanted to bring his father back to America with him, but the government would not let him leave the country. They are very strict about this. And consequently he decided that if he couldn't bring his father to America with him he could at least make his father comfortable there, and so he arranged to send a certain sum of money to his father every month so that his father would have enough to live comfortably there in Russia. And he left the country and came back here. And then very soon afterward his father ^(9 1/2) was seized by the ~~we~~ and he was put in prison and was forced before he could get out to sign these statements that he voluntarily out of his great interest for the Soviet system turn over to the government that which he would ^{receive from his son} as a gift to the government. And at that time there was a great determination of the government to get all the foreign exchanged that they could, and R. says that there were thousands of people who were arrested for no other reason than that they had contact in foreign countries from which the money would be sent them, or that it was from what they had condoned or something of that [?]. And these people were submitted to puggery, he described. First they took them in a room which was very hot and the temperature would be extremely disagreeable when you would be there and you would just stay there. You could hardly move you were crowded together so. You would stay there maybe for two or three days. They were so uncomfortable they could hardly stand it. They would bring you out and stand you up ^(10 1/2) there would be hundreds of chairs and tables where there would be ice water and he would sit there and drink his ice water and he'd have anything