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## MOSCOW BIDS U.S. EXTRADITE ESTONIAN

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MOSCOW, Oct. 12—The Soviet Union asked the United States tonight to extradite an Estonian accused of war crimes on behalf of Germany in World War II.

In a note delivered to the United States Embassy here, the Soviet Foreign Ministry asked Washington to hand over Karl Linnas of 21 Goldsmith Avenue, Greenlawn, L. I.

The Soviet note said Mr. Linnas was accused of having supervised the killing of Soviet citizens at a German concentration camp at the Estonian city of Tartu, and of having "directed the shooting of people and personally finished survivors with pistol shots."

The note added that after the war Soviet investigating agencies started to search for Mr. Linnas, who had fled from Estonia with the retreating German troops in 1944. "Only in 1960 it became known that he resided in the United States," the note said. Mr. Linnas became a United States citizen last year.

Mr. Linnas, who lives with his wife and three daughters in Greenlawn, was unavailable for comment last night, but his wife said they were confident that the United States would turn down the extradition request.

She said that an investigation had been made last May when her husband's name was published with five others who had been accused of war crimes.

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