

Bramhalls, Russian Friends Again Recall Years with Red Cross



SEATTLE RESIDENT BURLE BRAMHALL ENJOYED HIS SECOND REUNION IN THREE YEARS WITH SOME OF THE SURVIVING MEMBERS AMONG THE 'PETROGRAD CHILDREN' HE HELPED CARE FOR AS A RED CROSS WORKER AT THE TIME OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION ALMOST 60 YEARS AGO. MR. BRAMHALL IS SECOND FROM RIGHT IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT AND MRS. BRAMHALL IS SECOND FROM LEFT, HOLDING FLOWERS. THE EXPERIENCES OF MR. BRAMHALL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS RELIEF COMMISSION TO SIBERIA ASSIGNED TO CARING FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED DISPLACED RUSSIAN CHILDREN OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD IS DETAILED IN A FASCINATING BOOK, WILD CHILDREN OF THE URALS, BY FLOYD MILLER. THE BRAMHALLS HAD A BIG PUBLIC REUNION WITH THE SURVIVING 'CHILDREN,' MANY OF WHOM ARE NOW GRANDPARENTS, THREE YEARS AGO IN LENINGRAD, AND THEY WERE FETED BY THE RED CROSS SOCIETY OF THE U.S.S.R. THE LATEST REUNION, IN AUGUST, WAS WITH SMALL GROUPS, INFORMALLY AT THEIR HOMES. THE PHOTO AT LEFT WAS TAKEN ON ARRIVAL AT LENINGRAD AIRPORT. THE PHOTO AT RIGHT SHOWS SOME OF THE CHILDREN IN 1918 WHEN THEY FIRST CAME UNDER CARE OF THE AMERICANS.