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Key Allied Navy Data Said Stolen

Documents Said Sent To Moscow by Radio

London—(UPI)—Britain charged at the start of its most sensational espionage trial in a decade today that a five-member spy ring stole key allied naval secrets and sent them to Moscow by short wave radio.

The disclosure stirred fears that Russia now knows full details of how the United States and NATO plan to defend themselves against the Soviet Union's fleet of 500 submarines.

Atty. Gen. Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller never mentioned Russia specifically during his two-hour opening statement in Bow Street Criminal Court. But he said a British member of the spy ring was recruited for his espionage work by a Russian posing as a U.S. naval officer, and he left no doubt that the "foreign power" involved was the Soviet Union.

Manningham - Buller said that Henry Houghton, 55, a Briton who had served 20 years in the Royal Navy, told police he got into the espionage business through a ruse.

The attorney general said Houghton, a civilian clerk at the naval research station at Portland Navy Yard, first agreed to pass on top secret information at the request of someone who identified himself as "Commander Alexander Johnson, U. S. Navy."

Radio Set Found

Manningham-Buller said "Johnson" actually was "Gordon Lonsdale," one of the three men and two women charged with passing top secret information to the "foreign power."

The attorney general said an extremely powerful radio set was found in the house of two of the defendants, Peter and Helen Kroger, who pretended to be booksellers. He said they sent their information to Moscow by radio and micro-dot code hidden in the pages of books.

Manningham-Buller said that while the Krogers purported to carry on business as booksellers, they actually were spies.

At the start of Britain's biggest espionage case since the 1950 arrest of atomic spy Klaus Fuchs, Manningham-Buller said the information Houghton and his codefendants obtained would give "a complete picture of all secret anti-submarine radar sets and research and development into future sets."

Defendants Listed

The other defendants are Miss Ethel Gee, 45, a coworker of Houghton's at Portland which is Britain's largest submarine base; Peter and Helen Kroger, and a man listed as "Gordon Lonsdale," who carries a Canadian passport but was identified as Russian.

Manningham - Buller also brought into the case the names of American defectors William Martin and Bernon Mitchell, employees of the National Security Agency in Washington who turned up in Moscow last July. He told of a conversation between "Lonsdale" and Houghton in which the names of the two American defectors were mentioned, but he did not go into detail.

SPY ROLE CHARGED — Britain's biggest espionage case since the 1950 arrest of atomic spy Klaus Fuchs began in London today. The prosecution charged that Henry Houghton, 55, above, civilian employee at Britain's Portland submarine base, was recruited for spy work by a Russian posing as a U.S. naval officer. Houghton and four others are charged with selling vital defense secrets to a "foreign power." (UPI Telephoto)

MESSAGES SCHEDULED—President Kennedy told his congressional leaders today that he would send 10 special messages to Congress in the next few weeks, including one Thursday on medical care for the aged. Here the President poses in his office with Vice President Lyndon Johnson, left, and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. (UPI Telephoto)

Water Supply Poorer, Snow Survey Shows

The outlook for 1961 irrigation water supplies in the Rogue - Umpqua watersheds has not improved, and is actually poorer than it was Jan. 1, according to Snow Survey Chief W. T. Frost, Portland.

Frost heads the cooperative snow surveys for the U. S. department of agriculture, soil conservation service, Oregon agricultural experiment station and the Oregon state engineer.

"Mountain snow cover is now poorer than it was at this date last year," Frost said. "Stored water supplies are far below average in three out of five reservoirs."

Water content of the snowpack is 76 per cent of last year, but is only 47 per cent of the Feb. 1 average, he noted. January storms were generally warmer than usual, and deposited mostly at higher elevations, leaving lower slopes barren.

Snowpack Is Less

The accumulation of snow this winter, Frost said, is less than one-third of the usual snowpack. In an average winter, about two-thirds of the "snow crop" is deposited by Feb. 1.

Moisture in the soil mantel, the top four feet of the watersheds, is satisfactory, and will favor snow-melt runoff, Frost said.

Stored water for the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts totals about 6,400 acre feet, and is 80 per cent of last year, and only 48 per cent of the average. The Talent Irrigation district has about 20,000 acre feet in storage, which is half again as much as was available a year ago. This is largely due, Frost said, to new storage facilities at Howard Prairie and Emigrant lakes.

Flow of the Rogue river at Gold Ray dam has averaged only 53 per cent normal since Oct. 1, and only 30 per cent normal last month, according to preliminary data furnished by the U.S. geological survey, Portland.

Stream flow forecasts for the irrigation season, which extends from April through September, indicate the larger tributaries of the North Umpqua and Rogue rivers are expected to discharge from 70 to 77 per cent of their average amounts. Smaller, but important, Little Butte creek is predicted to discharge 62 per cent of average.

Frost said that although the inflow to Fourmile lake is expected to be about 72 per cent of average, the flow into Hyatt lake, which is at a lower elevation, is expected to be only 32 per cent of average. This condition, he said, is mainly caused by a lack of snow at lower elevations.

Statewide, Oregon's 1961 water supply outlook has not improved during the last month, and now ranges from only "fair" to "very poor," Frost said.

The next report on snow surveys, and water supply conditions will be issued March 8.

THORNTON TO SPEAK

Salem – (UPI) – Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton will speak at a special assembly on crime prevention Thursday at Springfield High school.

Senate Committee Studies Interest Rate Problems

Reapportionment Declared 'Must'

Salem – (UPI) – A Senate committee was considering today whether Oregon consumers are being fooled into extravagant buying and even bankruptcy by "misleading" statements of interest rates and credit charges.

Sen. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) said they are. He asked the Committee on State and Federal Affairs to approve a bill that would require loan and credit companies to quote interest rates in simple interest terms – on a yearly basis.

Monthly Rates Quoted

Groener said many companies quote monthly rates, and borrowers don't know they have to multiply that by 12 to find out the annual charge.

He said other agencies using credit finance describe discount rates that fail to express what the consumer is actually paying on installment buying.

George Brown of the Oregon AFL-CIO said the bill, SB 221, would help cut down an alarming rise in personal indebtedness.

Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston) said the bill would "see that the price of money is quoted so everybody can understand it . . . just the same as gas, apples or bread."

Would Confuse

Opponents of the bill disagreed, and said quoting simple interest rates on an annual basis would actually "confuse" – not simplify – the situation for the customer.

The committee also heard testimony on a bill by Sen. Robert Straub (D-Eugene) and others to appropriate $50,000 for a summer camp program for boys up to 18 years. State Forester Dwight Phipps said jobs would be "no problem."

A legislator who proposes to wipe out his present work with a constitutional amendment in two years said today that nevertheless reapportionment "on the basis of the existing constitution is a must" this season.

Tackles Problem

The remarks came from Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River), head of the House Elections and Reapportionment Committee which must decide how to redistribute legislators to counties on the basis of new census figures.

The committee held its first meeting Monday to tackle the problem of seeing that everybody is fairly represented – under a constitutional formula with much room for various interpretations.

Annala himself may well lose his seat under the formula, since legislators are apportioned on the basis of population, and Hood River county doesn't have enough people.

Local Employment Reduced by Bad Weather in Month

Bad weather, which forced closure of some logging and construction operations, caused most of a continued reduction in local employment during January, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service.

He noted that the employment picture is following a fairly regular pattern for this time of year. Employment in Jackson county usually reaches a low point in January and February, when weather conditions control the amount of outside work.

The current level of employment, Patton said, is above that experienced during the last two years, but has remained well below the level of three years ago.

Jackson county has been better off than most of Oregon's lumber producing areas, he said, because of the ability of this area's large mills to continue operations with little or no layoff of personnel.

"Job placements through the local office, while down somewhat from the last two years, are holding up much better than expected," Patton said.

"This reflects both the continuing activity in the area, as well as the rather optimistic attitude of many local firms which are expecting a good business year," he added. The impact of a large amount of construction planned during the coming season will have a considerable effect on the local economy, Patton said.

Rogue Valley Manor, which opened recently, created several jobs new to Jackson county, he said, and will account for an important amount of employment.

Employment can be expected to remain low throughout February, Patton said. The seasonal upturn in local employment generally begins in March when weather conditions usually permit the resumption of some outside work in both constuction and logging.

Price conditions in the lumber industry, which have been a major cause of this season's cutbacks, may delay the employment, increase, or spread it out over a longer period of time, he added.

Courier Service For Curriculum Center Approved

The Jackson county rural school budget committee last night approved allocations for a courier service for the county curriculum materials center, but further action on the center's budget was delayed.

On a motion by Sam Harbison, Medford lawyer, the committee approved allocation of $2,184 for a panel truck, $12 for license and title, $150 for maintenance, $1,000 for gas, oil and lubrication, and $125 for insurance. Hiring of a courier at $4,000 was excluded from the motion.

After considerable discussion, the committee directed James McDonald, curriculum materials center director, to re-examine categories of dues, printing, supplies, and equipment and reduce the amounts requested if possible.

Objections Raised

Objections arose after the budget committee started an item by item examination of long lists of supplies, printing and office equipment. William A. Starzinger, Rogue River, objected to a requested $37.50 for professional books. McDonald agreed to supply more information on the item.

Harbison added that the $5,245 requested allocation for printing is "clear out of sight." The 1960-61 allocation was $1,594.50.

McDonald explained that the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county is considering to do cataloguing for the center in partial exchange for the courier service dropping off books at branch libraries.

McDonald said the committee should consider the budget with the total impact the center has on county education. Catalogues have to be in the hands of each teacher using materials from the center. Up-to-date cataloguing is required for smoother and more rapid handling of materials. The districts are demanding these services, he said.

Duncan Urged To Tell Candidacy For Governor

Salem—(UPI)—House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery today urged House Speaker Robert Duncan of Medford to declare that he is a candidate for governor "since obviously he is."

Montgomery, Eugene Republican, described the public welfare hearing here tonight—which Duncan will preside over—as a "grandstand play."

Speeches Cited

Montgomery cited the number of speeches Duncan has made around the state so far this session—with many more scheduled—and said this "is all part of the plan."

"This is fine," Montgomery said, "but in deference to members of the house, I think he should declare himself."

Other Republican sources here said Duncan not only is preparing to run for governor in 1962 by making himself better known, there are rumblings of a campaign organization being formed in Jackson county.

Duncan has not indicated he is a candidate for governor.

'Obviously Not Candidate'

Duncan said, "Obviously I'm not a candidate for governor. People who get excited about future political ambitions lose sight of what they're trying to accomplish at present."

He added: "I don't intend to put myself in that position."

He also said he was not aware of any campaign movement in Jackson county.

Extension Service Buildings Planned

Bids for construction of two buildings for the Jackson county extension service will be opened at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, according to Architects Edson and Pappas, Medford.

The buildings, which will be an auditorium and an administration building, will be constructed adjacent to the Jackson county fairgrounds. The structures will be connected by a covered walkway.

The auditorium building will measure about 36 by 84 feet and include a 250-seat auditorium and a demonstration kitchen. The administration building will measure about 70 by 77 feet and will provide for office space for the county agent, 4-H and agriculture offices and home extension offices.

The buildings will be constructed off Stewart ave. next to the fairgrounds.

Log Truck Certificates Draw Wad of Protests

Salem – (UPI) – The Senate Highways committee received a wad of protests Monday over a bill to require certificates for log truckers.

The protests came in the form of petitions circulated by the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, Medford, bearing more than 1,000 signatures. Spokesmen said the certificates were unnecessary and would restrict logging trucks.

Mayor Signs New Trailer Ordinance; Purpose Explained

Mayor John W. Snider signed the city of Medford's new trailer ordinance Monday which prohibits house trailers from being located on individual lots in the city. The ordinance became effective upon his signing it.

The ordinance had received the unanimous approval of the city council at its meeting last week. It also received the unanimous recommendation of the city's planning commission.

Under the new ordinance, trailers already on individual lots in the city will be allowed to remain as long as their owners have previously obtained a city permit.

Owners of trailers who have failed to obtain city permits will have six months in which to either move out of the city or move to a trailer court.

Permanent Residences

The ordinance applies only to those trailers being used as permanent residences.

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the Mail Tribune this morning that the new ordinance is necessary in order to protect residential property in the city. The main objection to trailer houses, he said, is that they decrease property values.

City Planning Consultant Ned Langford said there are 75 trailers now in the city which are located on individual lots. Of these, an estimated 30 are there without permits.

The need for a new ordinance at this time was necessitated by the considerable trailer population increase in the city in recent years, according to city officials. Langford pointed out that during the past two years alone the number of trailers on individual lots in the city has increased by 30.

Decrease Property Values

Duff explained that trailer houses decrease property values for two main reasons. One is because of their appearance, and the second is because of a "prejudice" of home owners against living near trailers.

The large majority of residents would dislike living next to a trailer, he said. So, when a trailer does locate on a lot it automatically decreases the value of property around it.

Duff said that, "by allowing trailers on individual lots you are granting a privilege to a minority at the expense of the majority." There are an estimated 11,100 dwelling units in the Medford urban area, of which only 220 are trailer houses.

Both Langford and Duff pointed out that the house trailer problem is not unique to Medford. Langford said most cities prohibit trailers on individual lots, and many of them even prohibit trailer parks. Medford has nine trailer parks.

Court Declines Stadium Money

The Jackson county court this afternoon declined allocation of $5,000 for a preliminary study of the stadium proposal and approval of the stadium committee.

"The court is still of the same opinion that this is not a matter for the county court to decide but a matter for the registered voters of this county," County Commissioner Chester Wendt said.

Last Thursday the stadium committee requested that $5,000 be allocated from county funds for engineering, architect's drawings and to obtain more accurate data.

"We also don't feel it is any function of ours to either approve or disapprove the appointment of this stadium committee," Wendt added.

A committee of John Weisbrod, chairman, Harry Chipman, secretary-treasurer, Lee Ragsdale, Dr. Alexander Petersen, and William Askwith met with Wendt Thursday. He told them that the matter would have to be considered later by the entire county court.

Wendt said a letter is being mailed to the committee this afternoon to tell the court's decision and reasoning.

Kennedy Asks Congress To Hike Minimum Wage

Washington –(UPI)– President Kennedy asked Congress today to raise the minimum wage to $1.25 an hour and broaden its coverage to prevent "the growth of an underprivileged and underpaid class."

Kennedy's proposal would boost the minimum from the present $1 for employees covered by the federal law and extend coverage to an additional 4.3 million workers.

Schedule Explained

Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg explained that the administration bill would raise the hourly minimum for employees now covered from $1 to $1.15 the first year, $1.20 the second year and then to $1.25.

For the newly covered employees, the minimum would start at $1 an hour and then be raised to $1.05 the second year, $1.15 the third year and $1.25 thereafter.

Coverage of the minimum wage law would be extended to employees of these enterprises:

Service Establishments

–Any retail or service establishment with an annual volume of sales exceeding $1 million.

–Laundering, cleaning and clothing repairing firms with an annual volume of sales of more than $1 million.

–Local transit firms.

–Other enterprises not included in the first three classes with an annual volume of sales exceeding $250,000 or or $350,000 in the case of construction firms.

–Gasoline service establishments with an annual volume of sales of at least $250,000.

Sports Bulletin

Pendleton – (UPI) – Three members of St. Mary's high school's state class B championship football team have been named to the East Shrine team for the annual game here Aug. 26. They are Andy Knutson, center; Dick Evans, fullback, and Fred Lucas, tackle.

Gary Sloper, end from Phoenix high school, was named to the West team.

WEATHER

Forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight. A few showers late tonight and Wednesday morning, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 38. High tomorrow 52 to 55.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Yesterday	55
Lowest this Morning	30

PRECIPITATION

To 10 a.m. today	none

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:33 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:18 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	12:40 a.m.
Last Quarter tomorrow	8:50 a.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Mercury, low in west after sunset.

Venus, low in west	9:01 p.m.
Mars, high in south	8:59 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn rise	6:27 a.m.

Trucker Fined For Park Travel

William Schiller, Maywood, Calif., was fined a total of $75 Monday for operating a truck and trailer and for improper after-dark lights on the truck in Crater Lake National park.

He appeared before U.S. Commissioner Frank Van Dyke, Medford. He was charged with driving a commercial truck through the park Jan. 12, and had requested two continuances before the commissioner.

Park Superintendent Otto Brown said Schiller's empty truck became stuck during a heavy snow storm.

Schiller was fined $50 for operating a truck in the park, and $25 for improper, after-dark lighting on the Davidson-Western Plywood company owned vehicle. A 10-day jail sentence was suspended on the trucking charge, and $15 of the $25 fine for improper lighting was suspended.

Brown noted that "heavy trucks over ¾-ton are not compatible on the park's low speed and mountainous roads, which are subjected to heavy sightseeing traffic. The roadways were not constructed with sufficient base material to accommodate this type of traffic without serious damages being incurred.

"To protect both park visitors and the roadways, for whose use they were intended to serve, we will continue to enforce established roadway tonnage limitations," Brown added.

More Facilities Planned at Lake

Plans are proceeding for construction of additional facilities at Howard Prairie lake, City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth told the Jackson county recreation commission last night.

County Engineer Robert Carstensen has been asked to develop plans for a temporary 650-foot extension of the boat ramp at Howard Prairie, he said.

Present pier plans have been approved, materials priced and they will be ordered this week, Haworth said. The county has also retained an architect for construction of a service building at Howard Prairie, Haworth said.

The parks and recreation director said work will get underway possibly next week on the pier. A column anchor type of piling will have to be used, he said.

Extension of the boat ramp will be 650 feet by 30 feet to meet the low water level conditions expected this summer.

The service headquarters building will be constructed if that item is approved in the 1961-62 budget, Haworth explained.

Medford Inventor Says Emigrant Dam Insecure

E. M. Tucker, owner and inventor of the Tucker Sno-Cat, contended at Monday's Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon that the newly rebuilt Emigrant dam is insecure. Another speaker, however, disputed Tucker's reasoning.

Tucker said that such occurrences as an earthquake, tornado or windstorm could cause water to spill over the top of the dam. If this happened, he said, the entire dam would give away, and "a wall of water, 20 feet deep . . . could rush over the valley without warning."

Walter Jones, an appraiser, who said he has been connected with the Talent project since its start, said the bureau of reclamation engineers took every safety precaution when they designed the dam.

No Water Over Top

Jones also stated that it is designed so "there will never be any water running over the top of the dam."

Emigrant dam, now nearly completed, is located south of Ashland and was started in the fall of 1958 to provide additional water for the Talent Irrigation district.

It is an earth-fill dam built over an older concrete dam. The concrete dam was 110 feet high, and had a capacity of 8,000 acre-feet of water. The earth-fill will raise the dam's height to 190 feet, providing for a capacity of 40,000 acre feet of water.

Jones pointed out at Monday's meeting that dirt and rock extend for one-quarter mile on either side of the old cement structure. Also, the earth-fill extends beyond the ends of the dam.

Further Insurance

To further insure the strength of the dam, Jones said, a water proof material has been driven under pressure into the rock at either end of the dam for a distance of from 150 to 200 feet and sealed. He added that there "can't be a drop of water going through the rock"

Tucker's remarks on Emigrant dam caught most of the 30 persons at the roundtable by surprise. There were no bureau of reclamation representatives at the meeting, and Jones' comments were made in the form of an impromptu rebuttal.

After Jones spoke, several others also attested to the safety of the dam, and expressed complete confidence in the engineers who designed the structure.

'Foremost Authority'

One man said the dam was designed by the "foremost dam authority in the country, if not the world," and added that, "we have nothing to fear at all."

Tucker indicated, however, that he doesn't take much stock in the safety assurances of the engineers. He pointed to the 1948 Vanport flood and a similar flood near Yuba City, Calif., and said those people, too, "were told by the engineers they were safe."

Tucker also cited the recent "Texas tower" disaster off the coast of New York, and said that was supposed to be safe. He did not cite any instances where a dam of the Emigrant type had given away, however.

Tucker spoke first, and made no attempt to reply to the comments made by Jones and the others.

Offers Suggestions

After claiming that the dam was unsafe, Tucker offered several suggestions, which, he said, would make it safer. One of these would be to pump concrete into the earthern portion of the dam. The other would be to place a metal shield between the back of the dam and the water.

Commenting on Tucker's suggestion to pump concrete into the dam, Jones said an earthern dam is "far more resistant to earthquakes than concrete would be." He said that no amount of concrete would ever hold an earthquake, and pointed out that in earthquake construction, it is better to have a building that will give a little, than one that is solid.

Jones said that a concrete tunnel and spillway have been dug into the side of the mountain approximately one-quarter to one-half mile from the dam itself.

Designed for Flood Control

The spillway and tunnel are designed for flood control and can carry more water than could ever flow into the reservoir at one time, he said, making it impossible for the water to rise over the top of the structure.

Jones also pointed out that there are built-in pressure gauges in the back of the dam which will automatically warn the dam superintendents if the pressure should rise. The dam gates and tunnel could then be opened to relieve the pressure, he said.

Jones said the dam is "an exceptionally good dam."

"Men, I Think There's A Better Way to Use Them"