

Britain Opens Trial Of Five Persons on Charges of Espionage

London—(UPI)—Britain charged today that a spy ring of five persons, headed by a Russian posing as a Canadian citizen, stole vital naval secrets and transmitted them to Moscow from the cellar of a shabby suburban bungalow.

(The FBI in Washington has identified two of the defendants as Americans).

Finch-Tregoff Case Nears Jury

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The fate of illicit lovers Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff may be placed in the hands of a predominantly male jury this week.

Only final arguments and the judge's instructions remain to be concluded in the third trial before the nine men and three women jurors begin their life and death deliberations on the couple accused of killing Finch's wife for love and money.

The murder trial moved into its 11th week today with Cops prosecutor Joseph Powers expected by late today to conclude final arguments he began last Friday.

The jurors will listen to arguments by attorneys for both Finch, 43, and his red-haired sweetheart, Carole, 24, and Cops prosecutor Clifford Crall during the week. Superior Judge David Coleman then will give final instructions.

At the bar of justice in the famous No. 1 court of the Old Bailey three men and two women were on trial in Britain's most sensational spy case since Klaus Fuchs was convicted of giving atomic secrets to the Communists in 1950.

All the defendants pleaded innocent, a jury of 12 men was chosen with the traditional speed of British justice and the attorney general of the realm, Sir Manningham-Buller, opened the case for the crown.

He unfolded to the court a cloak-and-dagger story of how British counter espionage agents followed a winding trail through London's streets. It brought them at last, he said, to a cottage in the suburb of Ruislip occupied by a book seller named Peter John Kroger and his wife, Helen.

This place, Sir Reginald told the jury and Britain's lord chief justice, Lord Parker, who chose to preside over the case, contained a powerful radio transmitter hidden under the kitchen floor.

Weaves Story Together

"It was suitable for transmitting direct to Moscow," he said, and added that the cottage also seemed to be banking headquarters for the alleged spy ring. In the somewhat rundown cottage, guarded by double and triple locks, Sir Reginald said British agents found \$6,000 in American \$20 bills, \$2,563 American \$1 bills, \$2,030 worth of American travelers checks

and some British travelers checks.

Sir Reginald, a heavy set man who bears a likeness to the traditional figure of John Bull, stood before the jury and quietly wove together the following story which the prosecution hopes will prove that the five defendants were guilty of violating the British Official Secrets Act.

The mastermind of the ring was Gordon Arnold Lonsdale, 37, a director of a lock company. He holds a Canadian passport, but the prosecution will seek to prove he is a Russian and exchanged letters with persons in the Soviet Union.

Lonsdale gained the confidence of Miss Elizabeth Gee and her fiancé, Henry F. Houghton. Both of them are employed at Britain's Portland Naval Base and had access to documents which could compromise the security of Britain and the NATO alliance, particularly on matters involving planning against possible attack by Russia's 450-ship fleet of submarines.

Found Powerful Radio

Lonsdale took documents handed to him by Miss Gee and Houghton to the Kroger bungalow. When British agents searched the premises, they tore linoleum from the kitchen floor, removed some rubble, lifted a trap door and there found a powerful radio set, working on a high frequency band and with an aerial in its lid.

Inside a cigarette lighter were found some radio call signs, British agents tuned in and received transmissions from the vicinity of Moscow.

Sir Reginald pictured Lonsdale as a man who led a double life—British businessman and "Cmdr. Alex Johnson, assistant naval attaché at the American Embassy in London." He said "Johnson" called on Houghton last June and said they had a mutual friend in Poland.

"He was quite charming," according to an alleged statement Houghton made to police. "He seemed to know naval talk and I accepted him for what he said he was."

Two weeks later, according to the statement, Houghton introduced "Johnson" to Miss Gee.

The crown will attempt to prove "Johnson" persuaded Houghton to help him on the grounds that American authorities wanted to know whether any action was being taken on information which the British had supplied to them.

Hearing on Snake Dams Focuses on Fish Facilities

Portland—(UPI)—A Federal Power Commission hearing on rival applications for dams on the Snake river resumed here today with attention focusing on fish.

FPC Examiner William Levy was conducting the hearing, which might last several days.

Pacific Northwest Power Co. seeks to build a 670-foot high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake half a mile above the mouth of the Salmon river. The Washington Public Power Supply System has applied to build a 700-foot high Nez Perce dam 2½ miles below the confluence of the Salmon.

Both have proposed expensive fish facilities. Pacific Northwest Power Co., composed of four private firms, estimates its fish facilities would cost some \$20 million, including some \$7 million for a 17-mile canal to the Imnaha river.

WPPSS proposed fish facilities costing some \$28 million for Nez Perce dam which has received opposition from fisheries interests because it would block natural runs of the Salmon. WPPSS is composed of 16 public utility district members in Washington.

Want To Be Heard

WPPSS said it could successfully get the salmon and steelhead past its proposed dam.

Some 21 intervenors representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho and federal wildlife agencies, sportsmen's organizations and commercial fishermen have asked to be heard.

The elaborate fish facilities include plans for both getting mature salmon upstream and fingerlings downstream.

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BRANDT GREETED—West Berlin Mayor Willie Brandt, right, is greeted by German Ambassador Wilhelm Grewe as he arrives at Washington's National Airport. Brandt is in Washington for talks with President Kennedy and other high U.S. officials about the future of the embattled former West German capital. (UPI Telephoto)

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Oregon Delegation To Air Boardman Plans With Boeing

Salem—(UPI)—An Oregon legislative delegation will meet with Boeing Airplane Co. officials in Seattle Wednesday to seek first hand information on the company's plans for developing the Boardman industrial park in northeastern Oregon.

House Speaker Robert Duncan and Senate President Harry Boivin announced the meeting. Duncan said he hoped Boeing officials would return here to explain their plans before the Joint Ways and Means committee "so that the entire legislature may have the opportunity to similarly inform itself."

Gov. Mark Hatfield had no comment on the meeting.

Asked for Lease

Boeing has asked to negotiate an 80-year lease for the 100,000 acre site, and Hatfield has asked the legislature for \$900,000 to cover possible costs of completing the project.

Ways and Means committee last week ordered a delay in acting on the bill until more information could be obtained. Hatfield had urged speedy approval.

Some legislatures expressed fears the company, which has made no specific commit-

ments might tie up the land at \$60,000 a year without developing it. The sagebrush tract with Columbia river frontage is considered ideal for static rocket and missile testing.

Delegates Named

For the House part of the delegation, Duncan named Ways and Means Co-Chairman Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) and Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston).

Boivin tentatively named Ways and Means co-Chairman Daniel Thiel (D-Astoria), Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) and Sen. Melvin Goode (R-Albany).

Boivin said if his schedule permitted he might go himself.



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More Midwest Snow; Tornadoes Reported

By United Press International

A new snowstorm rocketed into the upper Midwest today powered by winds expected to reach gale strength on the thawing Great Lakes.

Michigan and Wisconsin braced for up to a half-foot of snow and the U. S. Weather Bureau warned of sleet and snow accompanying 40 miles an hour gales on Lake Huron, Erie, St. Clair and Michigan.

High winds and tornado conditions that threatened southern Illinois and Indiana during the night shifted east into the Ohio valley. A Weather Bureau spokesman said the winds appeared to be losing strength as the low pressure center broadened.

Tornadoes Sunday scraped Missouri and Arkansas and hovered over southern Illinois. The Ozark twisters killed a woman and injured her husband and 10 others at a West Plains, Mo., prayer meeting. At least 33 other persons were reported injured in Missouri and Arkansas.

Rain shifted inland from Vancouver bay and western Washington state, lacing the Rocky mountains with mixed showers and snow at higher elevations. Showers also pelted most of the northern Great Plains.

Thunderstorms blanketed a wide area south and east of the Ohio valley and lower Mississippi valley east to the Atlantic coast.

Sunday's tornadoes scraped a 150-mile border belt in Missouri and pummeled at least six widely separated northwest Arkansas communities. Funnel clouds were spotted at Sparta, Bremen and Coulterville in southern Illinois' Randolph county but no damage was reported.

Six persons were hospitalized and eight others were treated for minor injuries at Busch, Ark., in a twister near the Missouri border. Four tornadoes skipped through the Ozarks north of Clarksville, Ark., injuring nine persons at Woodland Mount Zion.

A rural Altus, Ark., mother and her three young children were hurt when a tornado crushed their farm home. A house next door was not damaged.

In Missouri, a twister struck about seven miles southwest of Springfield, Barns, garages, two radio towers and numer-

ous power lines toppled as the tornado chewed an overland path three miles long.

Another tornado overturned a house at Tipton Ford, injuring a little girl.

Power failures accompanied twisters in Redding's Mill, Mo., south of Joplin, where half the size of marbles had fallen earlier in the day.

An airport hangar, several planes and dozens of boats on Taneycomo and Table Rock lakes were damaged by a tornado that raced through Taney county, Missouri.

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