

Dr. Otto John Identified As Top Communist Agent

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN (AP)—Dr. Otto John is identified now by useful Allied powers as Russia's master German spy.

The man who dined cozily in Washington two months ago with Allen Dulles, Central Intelligence Agency director, and carried favor with the British Secret Service for 10 years sits openly in the Communist camp today.

Until he motored into Berlin's Soviet sector the night of July 20—casually as driving around the block—Dr. John was security chief of the West German government.

His Office for Protection of the Constitution received two million dollars a year from the federal treasury on espionage. His mission: to ferret out and expose Communist and Nazi plotters inside the Bonn republic.

This work was directly connected not only with the security of the West German state but of 400,000 allied troops.

RED CONTACT

From his intelligence headquarters in Cologne, Dr. John maintained continual contact with representatives inside Germany for Britain's M15 intelligence network, the French Deuxieme Bureau and America's CIA.

Inevitably, he learned a great deal about what the Allies did on their own to fight Communist espionage, which is periodically reinforced with new agents and additional money from the Soviet stronghold of East Germany.

He cut quite a figure, this blue-eyed, blond, 6-foot lawyer, with a cloak-and-dagger bent. With the benefit of hindsight, Allied intelligence now assumes that he must have been a double agent in Soviet service for many years.

Fear of eventual exposure is

considered the primary motive for his switch. The British say now that they became uncertain about John about 10 months before his overt defection. They never told the Americans, French and West Germans of such doubts, however.

MIXED LIFE

This personable, talented deserter, born 45 years ago in the historic university town of Marburg, has mixed with princes and revolutionaries, Gestapo brutes and Red stool pigeons, austere idealists and sex-mad libertines.

A boy wonder with a legal degree, he was appointed business trustee of Lufthansa, the Nazi government's international airline, in 1936, when he was barely 27.

It is known that he established contact with a German baron who deserted the Nazi diplomatic service for British asylum in 1939, then deserted the British for Communist East Germany after the war.

Allied intelligence can only speculate now on the possible links that John forged with the Red Chapel (Rotkapelle) and Red Three, the Soviet spy rings that sprung up within Hitler's occupied Europe after 1941.

BOMB PLOT

When the bomb plot against the Fuehrer was hatched in 1944, John was in on it along with hundreds of other officials. When the assassination failed, John escaped on a Lufthansa plane to Madrid, and the story is that he turned over top secrets of the V-weapon rocket base at Peenemuende to British agents who spirited him on to London. He was soon welcomed into British counterintelligence.

At last, resettling in the Bonn republic, John was the British-favored choice in 1950 to head the new federal security office. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer did not care for him, but John got the job.

John often received mysterious Soviet zone visitors. He also cultivated two old friends: Dr. Wolfgang Wohlgemuth, much-married West Berlin playboy and parlor pink, and U.S. Counterintelligence Capt. Wolfgang Hoefler, a German who had emigrated in 1938 and acquired American citizenship.

U.S. TOUR

Promoting for himself a coast-to-coast tour of the United States, John returned from it in mid-June after being cordially welcomed to the CIA headquarters and Pentagon in Washington and to U.S. defense plants.

At 9 p.m. on July 20—the 10th anniversary of the bomb plot—John was driving Wohlgemuth and himself in the latter's sedan when a West Berlin customs officer halted them at the Sandkrug bridge over the Spree Canal.

Behind, in a British sector hotel, Mrs. John, a woman seven years older than her husband, and Prince Louis Ferdinand were waiting for John to come back from an unexplained errand and join them at dinner. They had all attended unassuming memorial services that day for anti-Nazi slaughtered by the Gestapo.

"I must warn you that you are entering the Soviet sector," the customs officer told John.

"That's where we want to go," he answered lightly, and drove on.

It was three days later, on July 23, that Capt. Hoefler, while being questioned on the John case by two higher counterintelligence officers, went distraught into the next room of his Berlin apartment, took out his service pistol and killed himself with a bullet through the head.



IMPRESARIO BALDY EVANS has booked another stellar attraction for Klamath Falls. This time it is Russ Morgan and his Orchestra. The Morgan aggregation will be at the Armory on Wednesday, September 15, fresh from triumphs on radio, television and in the movies.

SP Officials Stop In KF, Announce Improvement Plan

President D. J. Russell and other directors of Southern Pacific Company were in Klamath Falls last night, en route to Portland for a quarterly meeting of the board, Wednesday and Thursday.

The group spent the night here so that the journey by train on to Portland might be made in daylight hours, for an inspection of the company's properties. They departed this morning.

Henry L. Corbett of Portland will be host to his fellow Southern Pacific directors while they are in that city.

Keeping pace with Oregon's growth, Southern Pacific is making heavy investments in this state. President Russell pointed out, The largest outlay, approximately \$2,250,000 is for the installation of Centralized Traffic Control between Klamath Falls and Eugene, he said. This improved form of train dispatching increases the capacity of single track by 50 per cent or more. The part between Klamath Falls and Crescent Lake was placed in operation last year. The portion between Eugene and Crescent Lake is about 50 per cent completed and should all be in service by winter, it was stated.

The Crescent Lake-Eugene installation began at Eugene and has progressed up the Willamette River to near Oakridge, which is expected to be reached this month. Sidings are being lengthened so that each, with two exceptions, will be able to hold a train of 100 freight cars, or more.

Train radio installations have been completed between Klamath Falls and Eugene, it was reported, so that head and rear ends of freight trains can be in communication for more efficient operation. In addition, wayside radio stations are in service between Eugene and Crescent Lake.

Southern Pacific has spent more than \$512,000,000 for new diesel locomotives and modern freight and passenger cars since the end of World War II, Russell said, many of which are now operating in Oregon. He described the diesel locomotives as especially helpful in speeding schedules so that freight from southern and central California is now delivered at Pacific Northwest points a day earlier than a year ago. Movement of southbound traffic has been improved to provide for earlier deliveries at California destinations.

Commenting on the economic scene, the rail president said that optimism over the future of Oregon is based on continued population growth; on the fact that this state contains large stands of virgin timber, and on the prospect that ample power, fuel and water will remain available for all needs.

He said Southern Pacific is describing the attractions of Oregon in its national advertising program and declared that the railroad's streamlined trains—particularly the Shasta Daylight—are important factors in fostering Oregon's tourist industry. He reported that the Shasta Daylight has carried a total of 1,450,000 passengers since its inauguration in 1949, an average of about 388 a day. It is the means of showing many persons the beauties of Oregon.

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DAR Requests Oregon Books

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The DAR genealogical library in Washington D.C. is one of the largest in the world. It is used by lawyers in tracing families in order to settle estates and is open to use by non-members of DAR upon payment of a small fee of 25c per day.

Anyone who has any of the books listed or who knows where such books are, is asked to call the librarian of Eulalona Chapter, DAR, Klamath Falls, Mrs. Irene Foster, phone 3879.

Eulalona Chapter is also interested in unpublished family histories and anyone having such histories is asked to call Mrs. Foster.

Any woman who is eligible to join DAR and would like to find out about the local chapter may call Mrs. Foster or Mrs. Guy Barton, Chapter Regent at phone 5381.

The list of books wanted follows:

Portrait and biographical record of Western Oregon, Chapman Publishing Company, 1902.

The Trail Blazers, historical and genealogical record of early pioneer families of Oregon, Missouri and the South.

Thirty-one years in Baker County. A history of the county from 1861 to 1893, Isaac Hias, 208 pp. (sketches historical and biographical pp. 92-104) Baker City, 1893.

History of Benton County, incidents of pioneer life and biographical sketches of early and prominent citizens, David D. Fagan, 332 pp. Portland, 1883.

Ewell Genealogy of John, 1734-1878, E. H. Ewell, 78 pp. (Goodspeed's - \$12.50)

Peters, Richard Peters, his ancestors and descendants, 1810-1889, Nellie Peters Black, 145 pp. Atlanta, 1904.

Stephens (genealogical tree), Mrs. Horace Morre Holden, C. B. Art. (Crawford, Ga.)

History and genealogy of the Stewart, Elliott and Dunwoody families, Joseph Gaston Bulloch, 23 pp. Savannah, Ga. 1895.

Wilson, A tribute to our ancestors, Family History, Hattie W. Shinn, 108 pp. Unbound, 1898. (Goodspeed's - \$5.00)

Wood, Descendants of brothers Jeremiah and John W. S. Wood, 292 pp. 1885 (Goodspeed's \$19.00)

History of Baker County 1861-1893, I. Hias, Baker City, 1893.

History of Klamath County, L. Sisemore, Rachel A. Good, ed. Price—Embree Family, Eli K. Price, 67 pp. Philadelphia, Pa. 1881 (Goodspeed's - \$3.50)

Cordon Issues VFW Statement

U. S. Senator Guy Gordon of Roseburg, Oregon has issued the following statement to the 33rd national convention of the Disabled American Veterans in Miami Beach, Florida, August 15-21, in response to the query, "What in your opinion does the disabled veteran need most?"

"The American who has sacrificed a measure of his productive capacity in the defense of his country needs—above all else—the peace of mind that can come only with the secure knowledge that his sacrifice was not a futile one. That his act of self-immolation is never forgotten by his people.

"He needs the assurance that he will continue to play a vital role in the economy of our great country, that he is not only wanted but is eagerly sought. And finally, he needs the comforting assurance that his two sturdiest battle weapons—freedom and a respect for human dignity—will be handed down unimpaired to his children."

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Annual Dog Show Planned

The Fifth Annual All Breed Dog Show of the Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc., will be held at the exhibit building, Klamath County Fairgrounds, Saturday, September 4. This will be an unbench show and entries close Monday Noon, August 23. Entry blank can be obtained by calling Mrs. Betty Allen, 2-1456. Entry fee for first class in which a dog is entered is \$4.50. Each additional class for same dog is \$1.00. Entry fee for Local Class is \$1.00 but entries in this class must be first entered in one of the regular classes of the show. This class shall be open for dogs and bitches whose owners reside in Klamath County. No puppy born after March 4, 1954 will be eligible for entrance in this show.

This Dog Show is one of four shows in four days in the Cal-Ore Circuit: September 3, Shasta County Kennel Club, Redding; September 4, Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc. Klamath Falls; September 5, Southern Oregon Kennel Club, Medford; September 6, Eugene Kennel Club, Eugene.

Mrs. Helen D. Maring of Portland will be show superintendent and the Local Bench Show Committee is Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald, chairman, Mrs. Patsy Beck, Mrs. Jean Ravizza, Mrs. Edna Pentecost and Juanita Ledesma. The proceeds from the Klamath Dog Show will be for the benefit of the Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

Pendleton Holds Oregon Ram Sale

PENDELTON (AP)—A pen of three Suffolk brought the top price of \$275 a head at the Oregon Ram Sale, sponsored here Monday by the Oregon Wool Growers Assn.

The average price for the 258 rams sold was \$124.48 compared with \$152 at the 1953 sale.

Number of rams sold and the average price by breed: 136 Suffolks, \$178.07; 89 Rambouillets, \$69.92; 10 Lincolns, \$40.00; 7 Hampshires, \$96.43; 4 Columbias, \$40.00; 5 Lincoln-Rambouillets \$50; 8 Corriedales, \$50.94.

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