

Russian Wartime U.S. Spy Ring Held Whirl Within Whirl

Blond Found Reds Received Tipoffs on Tips

Discovery Led Her to Go to FBI

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NEW YORK, July 22—So secret and so guarded were the Russian espionage rings in wartime United States that even the heads of the rings weren't told that other spying syndicates existed.

Generally, they learned that these other combines of spies were working only when one of their operatives, engaged in his own work, stumbled across the agents of another Russian ring.

That was how a good-looking blond spy ring leader discovered that she was not the only Soviet Mata Hari in this country—and tipped off an FBI investigation which led directly to the recent indictment of 12 Communist leaders.

It was only by chance that one of her 50 Communist agents, all of them U. S. government employees, came across the trail of another Soviet emissary who was systematically getting secret information from the State Department.

Russians knew He dutifully reported this to his blond boss and she relayed it hastily to the Russians.

"Yes," replied the Russian chieftain calmly. "We know about it. It is all right."

Time and again she received evidence that other spy rings were ferreting out American secrets and dispatching them to Russian intelligence.

It was then she began to realize that, as director of a vast espionage net, she no longer was just aiding the Communist Party, of which she was a member, but was sabotaging her native country.

Remorseful, she informed the FBI. That agency launched a year-and-a-half investigation and brought about the impending of the grand jury which indicted the 12 top U. S. Communists for violation of the Smith Act.

The New York World-Telegram, a Scripps-Howard news paper, has been in possession of the facts about the blond spy for some time but withheld them at the request of government officials. It revealed them only when the Communist leaders had been arrested and indicted. Her name will not be published unless it is revealed officially in court.

Adviser to FBI One of her spies was a personal adviser to President Roosevelt. Another, she told FBI, worked for a cabinet officer. Still another became secretary to a Senator.

One of her most trusted aids was employed by the Board of Economic Warfare. This man once was shown by his superior an FBI list which described him as unreliable for a security post. The man borrowed the letter, took it home and photographed it and forwarded the copy to the Russians.

He finally resigned when his job was put in a lower pay classification. After the blond spy told her story in 1945 to the FBI, the aid to the cabinet officer continued in his job. When he resigned in 1947 he received a letter of commendation from President Truman.

3 Still Sought In Red Roundup

NEW YORK, July 22 (UP)—Another member of the 12-man governing body of the American Communist Party indicted by a Federal grand jury promised to surrender today and the FBI pressed a search for three others.

Irving Potash, manager of the Furrier's Joint Council (CIO) and only union official who is a member of the alleged "poliburo" of American Communists appeared in Federal Court today and posted \$5000 bail. He has been on vacation in New England.

5 Men Sought Federal agents still sought Robert Thompson, chairman of the New York State Communist Party; Gilbert Green of the Chicago district and Gus Hall, party chairman in Ohio.

The 12-man national board was indicted under the Smith Act and charged with advocating the overthrow of the government by "force and violence."

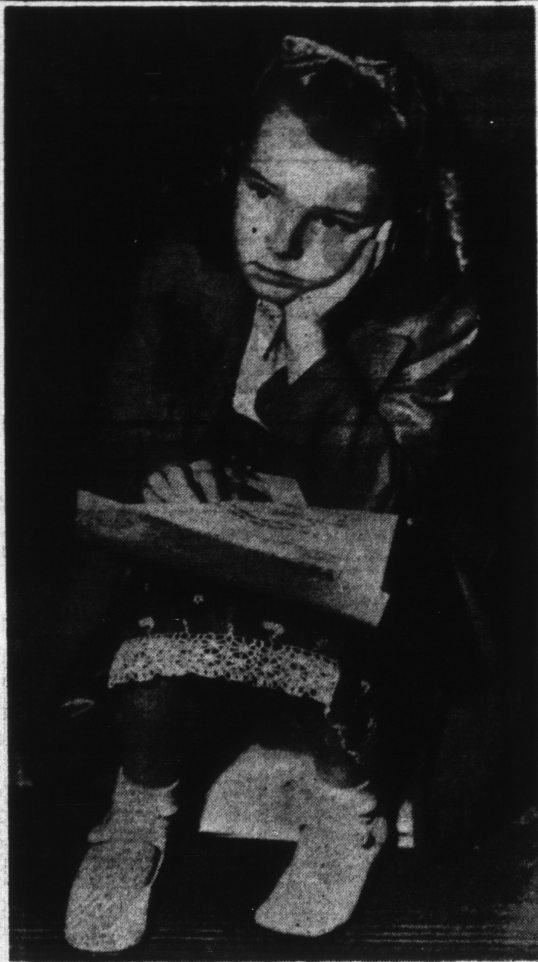
Six of the defendants were arrested and arraigned here Tuesday. They included William Z. Foster, party chairman; Eugene Dennis, general secretary; New York City Councilman Benjamin Davis; John Williamson; Henry Winston; and Jack Stachel.

Another defendant, Carl Winter, party chairman in Michigan, was taken into custody in Detroit and yesterday John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, surrendered in Federal Court here.

All Deny Guilt All pleaded innocent and were freed on bond. Winter posted \$10,000 bail, while the Civil Rights Congress put up \$500 in U. S. government bonds for each of the others.

Communist Party headquarters attacked the indictments as "an American version of the Reichstag fire."

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HOLLYWOOD ALLOWANCE—While most children her age would settle for a 15 cent allowance raise, Gigi Parreau, 7-year-old starlet, received court approval for a screen contract which starts at \$250 and jumps to \$1500. She has been ordered to save 15 per cent of her earnings. A third-grade pupil, she has appeared in 17 films.

Hunger for Fruit Leads to Slaying

Girl, 17, Admits Being in Gang

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 22 (UP)—A 17-year-old married girl today confessed that a "sudden desire to eat some fresh fruit" led to the burglary of a roadside fruit market that resulted in the death of one of her companions yesterday.

Mrs. Gloria Potter told Sheriff Claude Houser that she was a member of a gang that included her two younger sisters when they tried to rob the stand early yesterday.

Cecil Van Dusen, 21, of Burlington, Mich., was shot and killed by 16-year-old Jackie Lee Brady of Roseland, Ind., who told authorities he had been hired as a night watchman at the market.

Implicates Sisters The Potter girls' confession also implicated her sisters, Edith, 13, and Ruth Ann Krivansk, 14, and 17-year-old David Sigris, 17, South Bend, who also later confessed to being present at the time of the burglary.

The older girl said that she and her companions were hungry and were talking about fresh fruit before they decided to "help ourselves" at the fruit market.

The three girls and the youth were held in St. Joseph County Jail pending further investigation.

Chased Into Woods The young watchman told police he heard a noise Tuesday night in front of the food market, and saw two men hurrying away with their arms loaded with groceries. He fired a shot at the floor, he said, and chased them into the woods nearby.

There he found Van Dusen crawling on the ground, he said. Brady fired again, wounding the man fatally.

Police, who also found an abandoned car near the store, continued their search for another man who they believed might also be implicated in the burglary attempt.

N. C. Polio Epidemic Shoots Up to 830 Cases

RALEIGH, N. C., July 22 (UP)—The swelling toll in the North Carolina infantile paralysis epidemic shot to 830 cases for the year with 47 new victims reported to the state health department today.

The total of new cases for the day tied yesterday's as second heaviest of the year in the nation's most acute outbreak. The total for July jumped to 413 and one case from June made last month's total 290. Twenty-eight counties reported new cases.

Wormy Business Gets Him in Bad

MACON, Ga., July 22 (UP)—There's no noise, no smoke, no picket lines or any sign of industry around Abe Crosby Jr.'s plant here, but the neighbors have complained.

Mr. Crosby was summoned to court today on charges of operating a business in a zoned area. He had refused to take down a sign at his place on Coleman hill.

He runs an earthworm hatchery.

Women's New Look Burns Up Fire Chief

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, July 22 (UP)—Fire Chief A. J. Leyland warned the women of Middlesbrough today to shun the new look.

"With knee-length skirts," he explained, "scorched legs were sufficient warning of fire. Now a woman's calves are protected, and flames will reach her dress before she realizes her danger."

New Draft Setup Being Formulated

Summers Drawing Up List of Boards

Indiana's new selective service director, Lt. Col. F. Lyle Summers, today began final preparation of the tentative lists of Hoosier draft boards.

The lists will be sent to Gov. Gates to be used as the basis for his recommendation to President Truman for appointments to the Governor's recommendations are expected to go forward within a week.

Col. Summers, whose appointment by the President, was announced officially yesterday, said he understood that only about 20 state directors have been appointed thus far.

State Far Ahead Thus with Indiana's system well on its way toward actual operation it appeared the state is far ahead of many others in the organization of the new draft setup.

The state director said the exact number of draft boards in Indiana has not yet been decided but that there will be between 90 and 94. He said the state had experienced little difficulty in obtaining volunteers to serve on the boards.

President Truman has proclaimed Aug. 30 to Sept. 18 as the days upon which men 18 through 25 will register for selective service. The first day will be for men born in 1922 after Aug. 30.

Register at Any Board Col. Summers reminded registrants that on their designated days they may register at any draft board available. The permanent address they give at the time will determine which draft board has jurisdiction over them.

Veterans of World War II who are within the age limit and former service men are to be given deferment credits depending upon the time and length of their former service.

Meanwhile, 18-year-olds seeking to enlist for one year continued to appear today at recruiting stations here and throughout the nation. In Indianapolis, Navy and Marine Corps stations filled their quotas of one-year enlistments yesterday.

The Army station here today accepted 14 enlistments by 18-year-olds. This is the station's quota for the next seven days.

Found Unconscious A 15-year-old girl was found unconscious on Holt Rd. near Tyndall Towne today, her hand clutching a crumpled note, reading: "Somebody must die, either he or I." Police, who said she took an overdose of pills, sent her to General Hospital.

2 Face Furniture Smuggling Charge

Time State Service

SHELBYVILLE, July 22—Grand larceny charges have been filed here against Herschel Harrison, 43, of near Blue Ridge and Gordon Montgomery, 23, of Shelbyville. The men are accused of the theft of approximately \$1500 in furniture from the Bradley Hall Furniture Store. Bond for the two men was fixed at \$2000 and both were released after their provision.

Harrison and Montgomery, both employees of the furniture firm, are accused of taking furniture from the store over a six-month period and later selling the articles at public auctions at Greensburg and Franklin. Furniture smuggled out of the store ranged from electric clocks to an entire living room suite. Discovery of the living room furniture led to their arrest.

Far More Generous He indicated that the overall deferment policy will be far more generous to registrants than it was in World War II.

Under the new law, some 9.6 million men in the 18-through-25 age bracket must register, beginning Aug. 30. Gen. Hershey said no draftees will be in uniform until Oct. 1—instead of Sept. 22 as originally planned.

He said that, because of deferments and exemptions, only about 600,000 men actually will be considered for induction. The Army has estimated it will need from 225,000 to 250,000 men in the first year of the draft.

Diaper Designed To Give Baby A 'New Look'

DETROIT, July 22 (UP)—A new non-fold diaper was hailed today as an invention likely to revolutionize the baby pants business.

The new diaper was introduced at opening sessions of the National Institute of Diaper Services convention.

Shaped like an hour-glass, with extra padding at the center, it gives baby a streamlined "new look" and eliminates old-style bulkiness. In addition, diaper men said the new diapering technique is more comfortable and the padding increases absorbency.

ITS INVENTOR is Fred Dexter, a Houston, Tex., pean grower whose unexplained interest in diapers led to perfection of the new technique.

While diaper men watched anxiously, the new-invented diaper was tried publicly for the first time by Mrs. Hope Lewis, Detroit, on 14-month-old Paul Ashley, son of Detroit Health Commissioner W. J. Ashley. Paul giggled and the demonstration was acclaimed a success.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS OLD New York City first tried traffic control by light signals in 1918. Policemen turned the lights on and off by means of levers.

Liberal Draft Policy Assured

Only 1 Per Cent Face First Induction Call

WASHINGTON, July 22 (UP)—Prospective draftees were assured today that deferments will be more than liberal, especially for the 25-year-olds.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said he expects fewer than 1 per cent of the nation's 1.2 million 25-year-olds to be called up when inductions start about Oct. 1.

Rules governing occupational deferments have yet to be determined. But Gen. Hershey said they will apply "with a lot more force" to men in the upper age brackets. In this way, he said, industry will not be hit hard.

Other "oust Wooden" movements have popped up ever since his appointment in April, 1944. Some criticisms were:

ONE: Mr. Wooden has never been certified as a qualified director of the state personnel board because he was 13th in the list of 14 candidates who took eligibility tests for the Marion County directorship. On these grounds the federal and state governments refuse to reimburse Marion County for any part of his salary.

TWO: The county department was the target of criticism in a child welfare survey here last year. The Community Surveys report named no names but it gave the local department a very poor rating, citing "lack of knowledge of the essentials of sound child welfare program" on the part of the administration and lack of "administrative ability."

THREE: Mr. Wooden's administration has been marked with widespread dissatisfaction among workers and outspoken criticism of his policies. He was indirectly rebuked last year when the state personnel board reinstated a worker whom he had fired arbitrarily. Many workers have quit in protest over his policies. Just last week some of his own employees complained to Mayor Feeney about the way the department is run.

The welfare board also followed the "no comment" line. The three members who could be contacted—Mrs. Eleanor Dunn Moore, Harper Ransburg and Mrs. William T. Ray—said they would not care to comment on possible action either by the state or county board.

Robert Adams, former president, and B. L. Curry, appointed last week after the death of William Shafer, president, could not be reached for comment.

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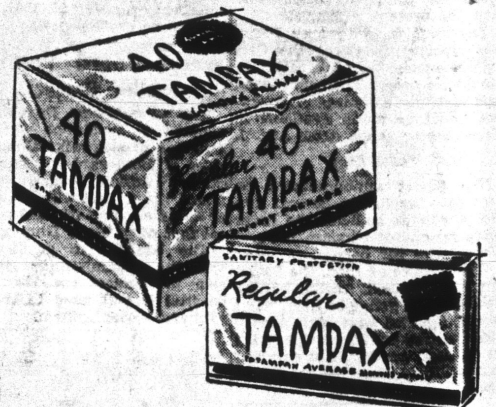
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