

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 32 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 impounding of the grand jury which indicted the 12 top U. S. Communists for violation of the Smith Act.

The New York World-Telegram, a Script-Howard newspaper, 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 Her name will not be published unless it is revealed officially or in court.

Adviser to FDR

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 (UPI)—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 "polburo" of American Communists appeared in Federal Court today and posted \$5000 bail. He has been on vacation in New England.

3 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 Stache.

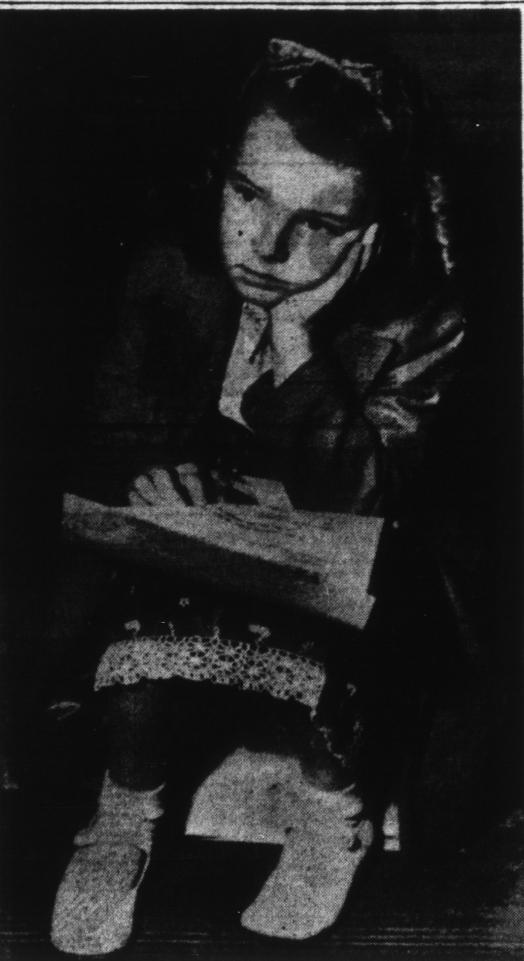
Another defendant, Carl Winter, party chairman, in Michigan, was taken into custody yesterday. He is editor of the Daily Worker, surrendered in Federal Court here.

All Deny Guilt

All pleaded innocent and were freed on bond. Winter posted \$10,000 bail, while the Civil Rights Congress put up \$5000 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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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.

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. 15 as the days upon which men 18 through 26 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 day 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.

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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 the man 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

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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

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Women's New Look Burns Up Fire Chief

MIDDLEBROOK, England, July 22 (UPI)—Fire Chief A. J. Leyland warned the women of Middlebrough today to shun the new look.

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

A. Box Jacket—\$14.95
Skirt with slash pockets—\$10.95

B. Skirt with box pleat in back, one
quilted pocket—\$10.95

Weskit—\$5.95

Sportswear Accessories, Third Floor

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, 28, 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 its 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 Greenbush 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.

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.

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 unit for duty 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.

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**State May Oust Head
Of Marion County Welfare**

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for "complete breakdown of administration."

It was understood today that state board officials were hoping the County Board would dismiss Mr. Wooden of its own motion, thus removing the responsibility from the state group.

However, it seemed improbable that the county board would take such action, in view of its firm defense of Mr. Wooden in the past when his job has been threatened.

The latest anti-Wooden outcry movement grew out of public disclosure of his failure to establish emergency quarters where police can take abandoned children. Indianapolis officers have been forced to put children in jail for lack of housing.

Other "anti-Wooden" movements have popped up ever since his appointment in April, 1944. Some criticism 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 workers whom he had fired arbitrarily. Many workers have been in protest over his policies. Just last week some of his own employees complained to Mayor Peeney about the way the department is run.

Robert Adams, former presi-

dent, and B. L. Curry, appointed

last week after the death of William Shaffer, president, could not be reached for comment.

Liberal Draft Policy Assured

Only 1 Per Cent Face First Induction Call

WASHINGTON, July 22 (UPI)—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 12 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.

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