

# INCLUDING TWO AMERICANS British Convict Five Spies

By The Associated Press  
LONDON — A Soviet master spy and two Americans linked to the Rosenberg and Abel espionage cases were convicted Wednesday as agents for Moscow, along with two Britons.

The five spies drew unprecedented prison terms of 15 to 25 years. The court ruled their crime went beyond Britain's official secrets statute calling for a maximum of seven years.

A jury of 12 men convicted the five of stealing British navy secrets including details of the atomic submarine Dreadnought, built with the help of U. S. blueprints.

Background Withheld  
The background of all five had been withheld from the jury so as not to jeopardize a free trial, under British procedures. Scotland Yard disclosed it after the conviction, and Chief Justice Sir Robert Lister Parker imposed these sentences in Old Bailey court:

Gordon Arnold Lonsdale, 37, who claimed to be a Canadian, represented himself sometimes as an American, but actually was a Russian, 25 years as the directing force of the spy ring.

Peter Kohn Kroger, 50, and his wife, Helen, 47, posing as book-sellers and owners of a small suburban home, 20 years each. They were identified in court as Morris Cohen and his wife Lorna, American citizens, associated with Communists since the Spanish Civil War.

Henry F. Houghton, 56, an admiralty clerk, 15 years for selling Lonsdale antisubmarine test documents.

Miss Ethel Elizabeth Gee, 46, Houghton's sweetheart, 15 years for providing documents which wound up in Lonsdale's hands.

Lord Parker called the espionage case "one of the most disgraceful in peacetime history." Consequently, he said, he was reaching back into common law for the penalty. Under the common law, which goes back almost to the Magna Carta, "there is no maximum sentence," he explained.

Professionals  
Lord Parker called Lonsdale and the Kroger-Cohens "professional spies."

The Old Bailey crowd let out gasps of surprise at the sentence. Order had to be called by the bailiffs.

But the five defendants, who had pleaded innocent, took the sentences impassively.

Before sentencing, Scotland Yard Supt. George Smith said Rudolf Abel had photographs of the Krogers when he was arrested in New York four years ago. The highest-ranking Soviet spy ever captured by the FBI, Abel drew

30 years in 1957 for stealing U. S. military secrets. He is in Atlanta Penitentiary.

Smith said the Cohens vanished from New York late in 1950. Atty. Gen. Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the prosecutor, asked Smith if that was about the time of the arrest of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, later electrocuted for stealing U. S. atomic secrets for Moscow. Smith said it was. The point

was not pursued.

The secret service officer said: Lonsdale went to the United States from Canada in 1955, then to London. The Canadians disown him. Letters found in the Kroger-Cohen home appeared to establish

him as a Russian, writing in that language to what seemed to be a wife in the Soviet Union.

Kroger, originally Cohen, was a New Yorker at least as an adult

after 1934, fought for the Abraham Lincoln Communist Brigade in the Spanish civil war and worked for the Soviet export company Amtorg on his return in 1938 until 1942.

He married Lorna Teresa Petra, of Polish descent, in July 1941 in Norwich, Conn., served with the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps in France and Alaska in World War II.

## Folklore Society Meeting Set At Texas University

Special To The Battalion  
The 45th annual meeting of the Texas Folklore Society will be held at the University of Texas Mar. 31 and Apr. 1.

High point of the meeting will be the designation of J. Frank Dobie as a Fellow of the Society. He will be the third man so honored and will become the only living Fellow of the Society. The others were the late John A. Lomax and Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., the Society's founder.

The Texas Folklore Society was organized Dec. 29, 1909, with 66 members by Lomax, who was then teaching at A&M, and Dr. Payne, a faculty member of the University of Texas Department of English.

Dr. John Q. Anderson, professor in A&M's Department of English will present one of eleven papers to be presented at this year's meeting.

Other papers are to be presented by Dr. David DeCamp and Roger Abrahams, University of Texas; Dr. Joseph T. McCullen, Jr., Mrs. Mary E. Strout and Mrs. Grace Pleasant Wellborn, Texas Tech; Meade Harwell, Pan American College; Dr. Elizabeth Brandon, University of Houston; James Howard, Del Mar College; Francis E. Abernethy, Lamar State College of Technology, and Paul Patterson, Crane.

Serving as chairman of various sessions will be Dr. William S. Burford and Dr. Wilson M. Hudson, University of Texas, and Dr.

George D. Hendricks, North Texas State College.

Dobie will be honored at a Mar. 31 dinner in the Driskill Hotel's Maximilian Room. Dr. Martin Shookley of North Texas State College will preside. Mrs. Kelly McAdams of Austin will present the six-volume "Thompson's Motif-Index" to the Folklore Archive.

The gift will be accepted for the society by Dr. Mody C. Boatright of the University of Texas, secretary-treasurer and editor. University of Texas students, Clara G. and Mario R. Guzman will present music and dances from Chile.

Dr. Everett A. Gillis of Texas Tech is the Texas Folklore Society president.

## FOR THIS SUMMER NSF To Continue Undergrad Grants

The National Science Foundation has continued support of four undergraduate research participations for the summer of 1961 in the A&M Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition.

Dr. H. O. Kunkel, a professor in the Department of Animal Husbandry, said applications are now being accepted for the participations.

"The participations will be effective on or after June 5 and are for a total of 10 weeks," Kunkel said. "The award includes a payment of \$600, which has been interpreted in the past as being exempt from income tax. No additional employment will be permitted during the period of appointment."

He said one participation will be in the chemistry of plant toxins, one in mechanism of ultraviolet catalysis of hydrolysis and two in physical methods for separating and characterizing heterogeneous proteins of animal blood serum.

Applicants should be students interested in a research career after graduation, and should have a demonstrated aptitude in chemistry, Kunkel said. Applicants should have had at least two semesters of undergraduate college and have an excellent academic standing.

He said applications are accepted in Room 324 of the Heep Building. Awards will be announced by Apr. 21.

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## DOUGLAS

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ers Club of New York and the Swiss Alpine Club, is listed in "Who Knows and What" (the "Who's Who" of Science), and is an authority on glaciers for the "Encyclopedia Americana."

As an explorer he has climbed erupting volcanoes and fast moving glaciers. He has helped name new mountains, ridges, peaks, passes and glacier tongues for forthcoming maps.

He takes pictures of brown, grizzly and polar bears, white whales, moose, elk, mountain goat, sheep and chamoix.

As one of the only eight men in the world gathering scientific data on tidal-front glaciers, he has organized expeditions to survey and map little-known glacial areas.

Besides photographing color visual ventures for his lectures, he contributes photography to "The Encyclopedia Americana," and "International Geographic Publications."



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