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British spy trials reveal more leaks

United Press International
LONDON — A Canadian college professor who worked for NATO and allegedly spied for the Soviet Union for 23 years turned over "highly damaging material," the prosecutor of Britain's latest spy trial said today.

Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers said Prof. Hugh Hambleton passed over hundreds of documents — "maybe 300" — that he took home overnight and photographed from his job with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris between 1956 and 1961.

"There can be no doubt he passed across a great deal of highly damaging material," Havers said. "The films were handed over to agents at brief meetings in different parts of Paris.

Often on the Metro — usually in dark streets."

The trial of Hambleton, who has dual Canadian and British citizenship, is the latest in a rash of spy cases that has raised fresh doubts about Britain's intelligence network.

A former diplomat at the British Embassy in Israel was convicted Monday of handing over confidential information to her Egyptian lover.

Havers said that at first the Russians sent Hambleton specific requests for documents or warned him of danger on a medium-wave radio.

The communications system was changed when Hambleton resigned from NATO in 1961 "for reasons that are not entirely clear" and went to work in Canada, Havers said.

Hambleton allegedly received a decoding machine, which was delivered in a car battery left at an underground car park in Montreal.

Havers said Hambleton, an economics professor at Laval University in Quebec, traveled extensively between 1970 and 1975, making trips to Israel, Peru and Haiti, to spy for the Russians on those countries.

At the start of the trial Monday, Havers also told how Hambleton visited Moscow in 1975 and met Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, then head of the KGB spy service.

"Andropov suggested he become involved in Canadian politics and apply pressure in parliament on behalf of Moscow," Havers said.

Nixon intervened in 1971 air-bag rule

United Press International
DEARBORN, Mich. — Former president Richard Nixon ordered John Ehrlichman to intervene in the halting of auto air-bag requirements as a result of a 1971 meeting with Ford Motor Co. executives, a White House tape transcript shows.

A spokesman for the company said Monday, however, the executives — Henry Ford II and Lee Iacocca — were not trying to kill federal air-bag standards, but merely arguing their case when they met with Nixon April 7, 1971.

Nixon, Ehrlichman, Ford, then the company's chairman, and Iacocca, who was then Ford president, attended the meeting, a transcript of a Nixon tape in the National Archives shows. Iacocca has since become chairman of Chrysler Corp. and Ford

has retired.

Six months later, a pending rule, requiring air bags in every new car starting in 1973 was rescinded by the Department of Transportation. It was never put into effect.

Auto safety experts have partially blamed the meeting for the fact air bags are not available on American cars.

Ford spokesman Jerry Sloan said the company was not seeking to quash the air-bag requirements but only to outline the firm's position. The transcript shows even though he ordered Ehrlichman to intervene, Nixon said he would reserve judgment on the issue until he heard other arguments.

"The conversation with the president 11 years ago was nothing more than what we were saying publicly at the time and have said ever since,"

said Sloan.

"To say this meeting was anything more than to explain to the president what we were already telling the public is 100 percent hogwash."

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Ben Kelley, senior vice president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said Ehrlichman boasted to him years later he had put a stop to the air-bag rule.

The meeting had been rumored for years. Its existence was never certain until the transcript was used as an exhibit in a Pennsylvania suit filed against Ford by the parents of a young girl killed in the crash of a Pinto.

John Volpe, Nixon's secretary of transportation, told the Times he had heard rumors about such a conference but had never been able to confirm it.

Gramm will consider switching, other options

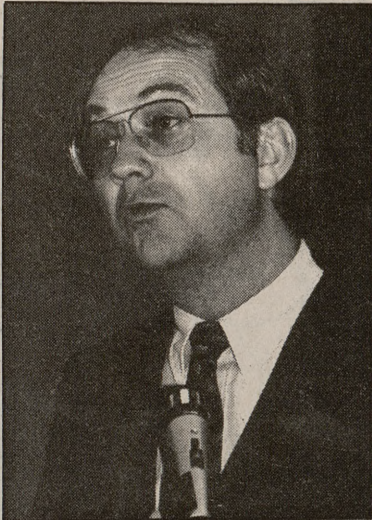
from staff and wire reports
If Rep. Phil Gramm, D-College Station, is dropped from the House Budget committee in January, he will consider options other than switching parties, Gramm's press secretary said Tuesday.

"Gramm is truly not interested in changing parties," Larry Neal said. "It is just one of a number of options that he has and he has not given any serious consideration to any of them."

Gramm also could complete his term and come back to College Station and Texas A&M, Neal said, or, as Gramm said, stay and "suffer in silence."

A source on the House Budget Committee said earlier in the week that it is almost certain Gramm will be dropped from the budget committee in January when the 98th Congress convenes and the Democratic majority makes committee assignments.

Gramm was a leader of conservative House Democrats who joined with the Republican minority last year to pass President Ronald Reagan's tax and budget cuts. The group was given the name "Boll Weevils" because



Phil Gramm

many came from the Texas and other southern states, where the boll weevil beetle plagues the cotton crop.

The committee source said that Gramm is not being singled out for

his voting record, but rather because he sat in on Democratic budget strategy meetings in 1981 and then gave meeting information to the Reagan administration. Gramm denies the charge.

If there is a fight over the budget committee seat in January, Gramm will come back to the district and meet with his constituency, Neal said. He also said that there has not been much reaction from Gramm's constituency yet.

Speculation of a possible party switch is based on Gramm's hiring of V. Lance Tarrance and Associates of Houston to conduct polls in his district. Tarrance regularly conducts polls for Republican politicians.

The poll is an election follow-up and is not meant to gauge public opinion on a possible party switch, Neal said.

"Because Congressman Gramm ran unopposed in the election, there is a question as to whether it was what the people wanted," Neal said. "It is simply an after-election poll to see what the people want — what they're thinking about."



It may go plate-tinum

staff photo by Irene Mees

Jennifer Stone, left, of Houston, and Russell Sanders, of Lake Jackson, put the finishing touches on "Rhapsody in Blue," in front of the Academic Building. The sculpture is the fourth in Sanders'

"Greatest Musical Hits: a five-part series." This is the first time anyone has helped him and Stone paint the paper plate art. Stone and Sanders are senior environmental design majors.

Klan leader not going to mostly Mexican jail

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — A Ku Klux Klan leader who feared he would be assigned to a Texas prison with an inmate population that is 82 percent Mexican apparently was the victim of a government mistake.

Stephen Don Black said Monday the government incorrectly had informed him he was assigned to the La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution near El Paso, a move he had said would endanger his life.

But Black actually is scheduled to serve his three-year sentence at a facility in Tucson, Ariz., he said.

The Klan leader was convicted on a charge of attempting to overthrow the government of the Caribbean is-

land of Dominica. Black and nine other men were charged with violating the Neutrality Act.

One of those other men, Joe Daniel Hawkins, will be sent to La Tuna and will face a hostile Mexican inmate population, Black said during a phone interview.

Black, Hawkins and other Klan members have been outspoken in their opposition to a congressional bill that would grant amnesty to 12 million Mexicans who have entered the U.S. illegally.

"We submitted a written appeal to redesignate Danny's place of confinement," Black said. "We were ordered to report Monday, December 6, so they'll have to do something very

quickly. If they do not, we'll have to go to court."

Black said he would base the appeal on a claim the law was unconstitutional and that he was the object of selective prosecution.

"I feel the Neutrality Act is vague in its definition of a nation at peace with the U.S., since we haven't been at war with anyone since World War II," he said.

"The law is not specific about which nations we are at peace with. If we were guilty of violating the act, then other people are too. Certainly everybody who participated in the Bay of Pigs was guilty of violating the law and, of course, the CIA for many years has been participating in covert acts."

Bryan residents voice views on proposed zoning of city

by David Marchand
Battalion Reporter

Ten Bryan residents voiced strong opposition to proposed zoning for that city at a public hearing Tuesday night.

About 50 people met in the Bonham Elementary School's auditorium, where Bryan Mayor Richard Smith explained that although zoning "has not had much support in past years," the city council was sponsoring the hearing "to get input from the citizenry" on the issue.

"(The city council has) an open mind on the subject," he said.

Dr. Richard Ziprin of The Oaks subdivision in Bryan was one of only two zoning supporters. A petition calling for a "straw vote" on the issue

was ignored by the city council, which left him with the impression that the council "doesn't much care for the democratic process," he said.

August Fridel, who said he has been in business in the area for more than 50 years, said three proposals previously considered by the council would "violate (his) freedom of enterprise." A zoning measure "is a dastardly ordinance that degrades my human rights as a citizen of this country," he said.

Hubert H. Graham, 2324 Oxford in Bryan, said that "friction and arguments are going on all the time" about zoning in College Station. He related a story of a long-established chicken farm on Elinger Drive that developers gradually closed in on. After

smelling the chickens, the developers wanted to run that farmer off.

"I don't think that's fair," he said. Al Bass, a Bryan resident since 1946, said: "I have nothing personal against those who want zoning."

"I would fight and die for (a proposal's) right if it became necessary. I would also fight and die for my right to be against (zoning)."

Jesse Henton of Tee Drive in Bryan handed out a sketch representing what he called "encroachment of government into our private lives."

He said: "We are a nation built on the standards of free enterprise. I don't think a restricted and fettered people will progress anything like America can."

'Preppy' author to include A&M in guide

By Jan Werner
Battalion Staff

If Lisa Birnbach's new book is as successful as her "Official Preppy Handbook," people all over the country will know about Silver Taps, Elephant Walk and other uniquely Aggie activities.

Birnbach was on the Texas A&M campus Tuesday conducting research for her new book, "Lisa Birnbach's College Book." The book, scheduled for publication in the spring of 1984, will include information about 150 American colleges and universities, including Texas A&M University.

The book will concentrate on the non-academic features of each school — its social activities, political orientation and sexual attitudes. But the schools will not be compared or ranked, Birnbach said.

"I want to let people know about each school's climate, politically and

socially," Birnbach said. "College — and college students — have changed a lot just since I was in school, and I'll be writing about what it's like to be in school now."

After the success of "The Official Preppy Handbook," Birnbach began lecturing at colleges and universities across the country. Students everywhere told her about the difficulties of adjusting to college life, and she said she began to see a need for a guide to collegiate life.

Birnbach contracted with her new publisher to write such a book, and she is spending a year gathering information at 150 college and university campuses.

"This definitely won't be a satire in the Preppy Handbook vein," she said. "Of course, I'm going to be as witty and entertaining as possible, but it will be a serious work, one I hope will be useful."

Birnbach said she is visiting only

those campuses in which she is interested.

Birnbach said she first heard of Texas A&M about a year ago, while lecturing at another Texas school.

"I think someone told me an Aggie joke or something," she said.

Since then, she said, she has become aware of Texas A&M's great wealth, its dedication to sports and its efforts to upgrade the faculty.

After spending a day touring the campus, Birnbach said she was struck by a unique atmosphere here.

"I've never, ever seen such loyalty or adherence to tradition," she said. "No one described the university without using the word 'tradition' at least once."

"Wherever we went, students kept smiling and saying hello," she said. "It was truly unlike any other campus. All this will probably get a chapter of its own."



Lisa Birnbach

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Cloudy skies through Thursday. High of about 77, with tonight's low about 65. Variable winds about 10 mph.