



ATOM SPY

The secrets handed over to the Russians by the atom-scientist Pontecorvo gave Moscow the know-how on the atom-bomb explosive plutonium. That makes him No. 1.

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PONTECORVO—FULL STORY

Kremlin ordered him to Moscow

PROFESSOR BRUNO PONTECORVO, the British atom scientist who fled to Russia six months ago, was an active, fanatical Communist throughout the seven and a half years he served in the British-Canadian atom project, it can be disclosed today.

SOVIET 'READY FOR BROADEST TALKS'

From HARRISON SALISBURY. New York Times Service MOSCOW, Sunday.—It seems more than apparent to diplomatic observers today that the Soviet will enter a Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting ready and willing—if not actually eager—to discuss the broadest range of questions connected with present world tension.

Security authorities believe he was in frequent touch with Russian agents, giving them details about atomic explosive which his fellow-spy Dr. Klaus Fuchs did not know.

Pontecorvo was finally ordered to Russia by the Kremlin because he decided to resign his £30-a-week job at the Harwell, Berks, atom station.

Two Soviet agents, who contacted him in Italy when he was on holiday with his wife and three sons last August, told him he could serve Communism better by working on atomic weapons in Russia.



MRS. PONTECORVO and PONTECORVO

David's goodbye to life with father...

DAVID BURNS is six, and as far back as he can remember there have always been just the two of them—David and his father.

A day in town

David, it was decided, should live with his Aunt Mona, who is married to Dr. Doyle, in Union City, New Jersey.

'My whole life'

To the stewardess she said: "I'm looking forward to meeting my father. But I wish Daddy would come."

All sent off

Both football teams—two companies of Ukrainian voluntary workers—playing in a local cup match were ordered off by referee Mr. Clifford Shore at Shaw, near Rochdale, when the Ukrainians were leading 2-1, blows were struck and 50 spectators ran on the field and joined in.

POCKET CARTOON



by OSBERT LANCASTER

Reds beaten off

TOKYO, Sunday.—The Allies beat off four enemy counter-attacks today on the Korean central front. Otherwise, all quiet.—A.P.

200 SHOPS MAY SELL ONLY 4d. MEAT

Express Staff Reporter. THE meat ration for customers at nearly 200 shops owned by one firm may be cut to 4d. this week.

Bandits kill five soldiers

KUALA LUMPUR, Sunday.—Bandits killed five British soldiers in an ambush in Johore—Sergeant Rowley, Digby, and two others. Private J. C. Banner, Stoke-on-Trent; Private B. Harvey, Wednesbury, Staffordshire; and two others.—Reuter.

MOTHER MURDER — WAS IT REVENGE?

From ARTHUR COOK: Mansfield, Notts., Sunday. TO the list of possible motives for the killing of Florence Weatherall, 22-year-old mother of twins, who was found unclothed and strangled in a ditch at Bestwood, the police tonight added—VENGEANCE.

FRONT PAGE GAMBOLS



BUT GEORGE IF IT WAS SO UNPOPULAR FOR LOSING WHY DO THEY CALL IT THE FAVOURITE

Clearly here's a home where RACING ACADEMY is needed...

Yes, for beginner or experienced punter The Scout has devised, a fascinating guide-book. It begins TOMORROW.

ARSENAL FAN HUNTED

SCOTLAND YARD detectives are looking for an Arsenal fan, suave Leslie Walter Richard Warner. He has been missing from his sub-post office at Bexley, Kent, since last Monday.

'Good looking'

Florence told her parents the story: "He was a gentleman," she said. "Rather good looking and aged about 30. He said he was a commercial traveller."

The casebook on the man in the market

People in Mansfield told the police that, before she was married, Florence often sold ice cream from one of her father's vans in the market.

Priests ask: Do you know him?

Roman Catholic priests in Manchester yesterday asked congregations: "If you know anything about Wilfrid Williams, please come forward." The Bishop of Malines, Belgium, has asked Wilfrid Williams for information concerning the marriage of a Belgian girl, Magdalena Gillet. A priest said: "He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Roger Williams, believed to be living in Manchester."

Meat for liner

Eight tons of meat will be flown from Southampton today to victual the U.S. liner America, held up for a week for repairs.

PAGE ONE AND THE BANANAS

EVERY member of Mrs. Gladys Dove's family lost some-thing when thieves broke into her home in Cavell-road, Tottenham, N. They took Mrs. Dove's nylon, an electric iron, and a shilling. Her daughter also lost her stockings, and her three sons lost £14, a watch, hat, and a coat. And from the larder the thieves took a bunch of green bananas.

Rise too small say railmen

Express Staff Reporter. RAILWAYMEN at meetings throughout the country yesterday attacked the new wages agreement. Drivers and firemen especially criticised their 7 1/2 per cent. increase instead of the 10 per cent. demanded. But some meetings passed resolutions of appreciation—the efforts made to secure our legitimate demands. Grantham locomotive men were strongly dissatisfied, and said they would oppose any interference with their conditions. South Wales and Monmouthshire branch of the

4.30 a.m. LATEST

Table with cricket scores: BEDSER GETS LINDWALL, AUSTRALIA-1st innings, etc.

Central 8000

National Union of Railwaymen recorded "disappointment." And from Brighton a message was sent to Mr. Atlee asking him to "freeze" the cost of living so that the increased wages would be worth while.

Boy is shot

STOCKHOLM, Sunday.—A 15-year-old boy was shot in the shoulder by Stockholm police today after ignoring their warning to halt.

Car-crash girl wins title

Express Staff Reporter. MILAN, Sunday.—Nineteen-year-old Jean Westwood was advised to give up skating after a car crash four months ago. Tonight, with her partner Lawrence Denny, she won first place in the international ice dancing contest at Milan. They have danced together for only five months. Jean, a doctor's daughter, is an occupational therapist in Liverpool.

Clinched at last

KARACHI, Sunday.—Pakistan and India today signed a trade agreement after a 17-months' hold-up.

Advertisement for Virol, a health supplement. Includes text: 'FOR 3 DAYS', 'Virol will help your child to keep fit and healthy', and an image of a Virol bottle.

2,500,000 men

These conclusions arise from three points made in the Soviet Note:—

1 For the first time in post-war changes the Soviet has announced the size of its armed forces. It says they number about 2,500,000 men—of, as the note specifies, less than half the combined forces of Britain, the U.S., and France.

2 The Soviet is prepared "to use all opportunities for improving relations with Britain and is ready to negotiate," although it lacks "full confidence" in Britain's desire for better relations.

3 The Soviet says it is time the Austrian peace treaty was ready, but accepts itself from responsibility for delay.

'A bridgehead'

The Note also says:—"Britain has fallen under American subjugation. She is losing independence because she has turned into a U.S. military base. The British Government has started to make Western Germany a part of it again. After Krupp's release from prison it restored him and his friends to power in the Ruhr. It also released and returned to power well-known Hitlerite generals. Britain has begun to restore Western Germany's war industry and army and to turn her into a bridgehead for a new war."

'Tidal waves'

The Note disclaims responsibility for liberation movements in Malaya and Indo-China and says to accuse Russia of supporting them is as ridiculous as to accuse her of causing earthquakes and tidal waves. It makes plain that Russia will continue to extend sympathy to these movements.—Daily Express copyright.

The No. 1 readers

NEW YORK, Sunday.—Britons buy more newspapers than any other nation. In 1949-50 600 daily newspapers were bought by every 1,000 people.—Reuter.

FOOLED SECURITY MEN

After the arrest of Fuchs, formerly a German, Pontecorvo was given six further screenings. The authorities were so well satisfied with the results that he boasted: "I came through clean as a whistle."

Before joining Harwell he fooled the Canadian Mounted Police, who screened him during the three years he worked at the Chalk River atom station, Ontario.

These screenings were particularly rigorous since Pontecorvo had been a close associate of Dr. Alan Nunn

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TO PROFESSOR PONTECORVO: Gratitude of a Harwell colleague.

Mays, now serving a 10-year sentence for helping Russian spies in Canada.

Pontecorvo escaped suspicion initially because his dossier contained no reference to his politics beyond stating he was a refugee from Mussolini's Fascism.

A check-up by British agents in Italy would have shown that Pontecorvo was so deeply involved in the Communist movement there that he feared persecution on political grounds.

This check-up was never made because of a misunderstanding between British and Canadian security officials when he first joined the atom project—then centred in Montreal—in 1943.

HE WAS 'GOOD OLD PONTEY'

The Canadians thought the British had cleared him. British Security files show that clearance was left to the Canadians.

This man who was called by a fellow-scientist as "typical Italian—hot-blooded but harmless" was therefore allowed to take a leading part in designing the plutonium production plant at Chalk River.

He was able to get experience in handling heavy water and the other raw materials, which will be used in hydrogen bomb experiments.

Security chiefs are convinced that through his trusting colleagues at Harwell—to whom he was "good old Pontey"—he must also have been able to get information of Britain's latest atomic advances.

Pontecorvo deceived his fellow-scientists so completely

Just think of the British housewife

Express Staff Reporter. NEW YORK, Sunday.—President Truman's right-hand adviser on foreign policy tonight held the British housewife up as a model for Americans.

Mr. W. Averell Harriman was asking the people to prepare for sacrifices. "Think for a moment," he said, "what our new effort means for the British housewife."

For more than ten years she has had a weekly ration of meat, which would be barely enough for one serving in an American family—except for children, milk has been scarce, often unobtainable. "She has been closely rationed on many items of food, clothing, and other household needs. Now she faces a new austerity," Mr. Harriman said. The free nations could win without world war. He had "more faith in victory" than at any other time since he ended his term as envoy in

£2,680,000 lost

WASHINGTON, Sunday.—The U.S. lost £2,680,000 on the sale of 30,000,000 lb. of surplus Ceddar cheese to Britain, said a Republican Senator, Williams today.