

Two Admit Guilt at Red Spy Trial

Russian 'Traitor' Accuses Briton of Getting Secret Data

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MOSCOW, May 7 (AP)—A confessed British spy and a confessed Russian traitor, glaring with hate at each other, pleaded guilty in a Soviet court today to charges that they relayed Soviet secrets to the West through the U. S. and British Embassies.

The Briton was Greville Wynne, 42, a businessman who has made about eight trips to the Soviet Union. The Russian was Oleg Penkovsky, 43, a former official of the Soviet Committee for Coordination of Scientific Research.

From far back in the audience, Wynne's wife Sheila waved to him and he smiled broadly at her from the dock.

Wynne faces a sentence of anywhere from seven years in prison to death. Penkovsky probably will be shot.

The U. S. Embassy declined comment, but the British Embassy issued a statement saying that the charges of spying were "absurd and totally without foundation."

Wynne pleaded guilty to "active espionage" as outlined in the indictment read at the opening of court, but insisted he held "certain reservations which I will make in my statement later in the trial."

Penkovsky, 43, direct and looking like the colonel he used to be—pleaded guilty to high treason, without reservations.

As the first day of the trial ended he responded to questions by his defense lawyer to try to show he had once been a good and loyal Soviet citizen.

"I never at any time doubted the correctness of the system," he stressed.

But he also testified during today's session that during the past two years he smuggled out 5000 photographs, documents, and other things of value to British and American intelligence agents.

Penkovsky pointed an accusing finger at American and British Embassy personnel in Moscow and others in London and Paris as he told how he had turned over secret information on rockets, artillery, the Soviet economy and politics.

By his own confession he lived it up happily in Paris and London, tried on British and American uniforms with the prospect of fleeing to safety in the West. Then the ax fell and Soviet police got him.

A court attache said tonight that the trial will continue for five days, ending sometime Saturday with the sentence.

Time after time, Wynne dis-

puted Penkovsky's testimony. He conceded that he had handed packages to Penkovsky, but denied he knew they contained either instructions for espionage or film for the little German-made Minox camera that can be concealed in a vest pocket. Moreover, he insisted he did not know the package he received from Penkovsky contained exposed film, although he admitted he turned them over to British Consular Officer Roderick Chisholm or to Chisholm's wife Janet. The Chisholms left Moscow several months ago.

The little courtroom, barely a tenth the size of the one in which Francis Gary Powers was tried in 1960, was hot in an unexpectedly warm May sun and the glare of lights for movie cameras.

The Russians expect to make a show of the case, and the big evening newspaper Izvestia gave it a full page—with pictures—a rare thing for a trial here.

Soviet law is like no other law, so Russian spectators were not surprised when Wynne said he had received a copy of the 13½-page indictment only a few days ago.

In turn his Soviet lawyer, Nikolai Borovik, said he first saw Wynne in prison in March. By then the British engineer and trade representative, who was arrested in Hungary in November, had spent nearly five months under Soviet investigation without advice even of a Soviet lawyer.

Both the indictment and Penkovsky's day of testimony indicated that Wynne was primarily a courier for getting film and other secret matter out of the Soviet Union.

But Penkovsky named many others, as involved one way or another in his operations. He recited off telephone numbers of apartments occupied by various American Embassy personnel, or otherwise said he had contacts with them in passing on information.

Repeatedly he was a guest at Spaso House, the American Ambassador's residence, while Llewellyn Thompson was Ambassador here.

It was there, he related, that he tried to pass on his latest haul of secret film to Rodney W. Carlson, of Alcester, S. D., a second secretary in the Embassy who returned to the United States last December.

Apparently because so many Soviet eyes were then watching him, he couldn't make the delivery. The indictment said the film was found in his room along with an American radio transmitter, stocks of film, paper for secret writing and a secret compartment in a desk.

The indictment said the various letters of instruction