

30-Year Soviet Spy Career Revealed

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London (UPI)—The son of Harold (Kim) Philby, the British spy who defected to Moscow in 1963, said yesterday that his father worked for the Russians for 30 years. Philby once was Britain's chief liaison man in Washington with America's Central Intelligence agency.

Philby's son John, 24, said on a British Broadcasting Corp. commentary that he met his 55-year-old father in Moscow two weeks ago. "I have come home," he quoted his father as saying. Two London newspapers pieced together an account yesterday of Philby's activities over three decades that read like an incredible spy novel.

These accounts say that at one time he was chief of Britain's anti-Soviet section and came close to being named head of the entire British counter-intelligence network, MI-6.

Philby was graduated from Cambridge University in 1933. One year later he began a long career with Soviet intelligence by becoming a courier, the papers said. He soon graduated to higher level Soviet intelligence work, according to the accounts. During the late 1930s, Philby masqueraded as a pro-Nazi journalist and reported from the Franco side of the Spanish civil war.

When World War II broke out, Philby's friends recruited him into British Intelligence, and his career rose rapidly. By the end of 1944 he headed a new counterespionage department directed against the Soviet Union.

In 1947, Philby was named chief of British intelligence in Turkey, and two years later he headed the Washington staff, working closely with the CIA and the FBI. Philby's closest brush with

discovery came in 1951 when he tipped off two Soviet spies that their activities had been uncovered. British atomic spy Donald Maclean and agent Guy Burgess were able to flee to the Soviet Union because of Philby's warning. Philby immediately came under suspicion and he was dropped from the Washington assignment.

Slowly, however, Philby worked his way back into British confidence. He was sent to Beirut as a correspondent for the British newspaper, The Observer. Philby continued his doubleagent activities until 1961, when a Soviet defector made allegations about his history with the Soviet spy system. Philby, still working in Beirut, fled to Moscow in 1963 when informed that a case was being compiled against him.