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Philby Says He Wrecked CIA's Balkan Revolt

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MOSCOW, Dec. 18—An Eng-

lishman was a soviet spy, Harold "Kerf" Philby, 55, said he personally torpedoed the American plan for an anti-communist revolt in the Balkans.

For this service among others, he was awarded the Soviet Union's Order of the Red Banner. Philby said in an interview in the soviet government newspaper Izvestia.

The interview marked the 50th anniversary Wednesday of the state security committee (KGB), Philby's employers.

Izvestia said that, in the spring of 1951, the American central intelligence agency was planning a counter-revolution in a communist-ruled nation in the Balkans. It did not name the country.

Helped Revise Plan

Philby at that time headed a British intelligence liaison mission to Washington and sat in on the planning talks.

The revolution was to touch off revolts in other communist countries, Izvestia said.

"Philby approved the plan and made a number of amendments," it said. "He was an expert and the CIA realized it. But this operation, which is still hidden, ended in disaster.

"All possible theories were analyzed—except one—that a regular officer of the soviet intelligence service was sitting in on the conference."

Spy for 30 Years

Philby was a soviet spy for 30 years, until the day in 1964 when he fled from Beirut to take up residence in the Soviet Union. He gave an interview to a western correspondent last month—the first time he had broke silence since 1964. Since then, he has been seen about Moscow, occasionally with Melinda Maclean, formerly of Glencoe, Ill., the estranged wife of Philby's onetime friend and fellow spy, Donald Maclean.

The KGB boasted that it had captured a spy named Afonov who was working for United States intelligence.

it used his radio apparatus and secret dispatches to transmit misleading data about the location of troops, defense bases, and the submarine fleet.

Fabrications, U. S. Says

"Apart from attempting to glorify the Chekists — from the old KGB name of Chek — on their anniversary, the article

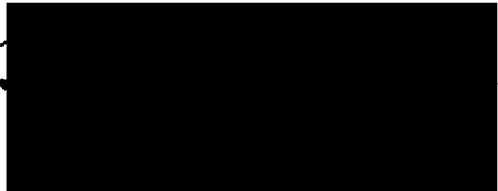
seems to be part of a series of soviet fabrications regarding alleged western and particularly United States espionage," the United States embassy said in a statement.

KGB also said that two United States military attaches had been caught snooping at a military installation.

The embassy reported that the incident occurred in June of last year at Orsha, a town about 300 miles west of Mos-

cow. It said "they were briefly detained but the accusations against them were without foundation."

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