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## James Bond Wasn't Typical

THE late Ian Fleming created a superficial aura of invincibility about the quality of British secret service. Not that anyone believed that James Bond was based on reality; it just seemed in character to believe that the home of Sherlock Holmes must possess one of the best intelligence services in the world.

Not so—and the year 1968 is likely to be the year of our total disillusionment.

A series of spy books is in the process of coming to market. Several of them center around Harold A. R. (Kim) Philby, 56, today living in Russia and the greatest spy of them all.

The trouble is that Britisher Philby, a Cambridge man, was a spy for the Russians. He fooled the British spy agencies so thoroughly that he was able to do such things as:

- Pretend to be a pro-Franco newspaperman while covering the Spanish Civil War for a London newspaper. He even was decorated personally by General Franco, all the while sending the Soviets information on Franco's activities.
- Worm his way to become head of the British counter-intelligence department created to oppose Russia's postwar drive to control Europe. As such, Philby once took "personal charge" of an important Russian defector in 1945 (the defector knew about Philby) and had the man quietly shipped back to Russia and sudden death.
- ✓ • Went to Washington where he got clearance to U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) secrets not even known to members of Congress. If the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., had known about Philby the McCarthy hearings might have ended differently.
- Worked with the CIA in setting up an insurgency in Albania before the Communist

regime had consolidated its power. Philby made sure that the Allied infiltrators were met at the beach by Albanian police.

THE sad story of British secret service could go on. Commander Crabbe, the mysterious frogman sent to explore the hull of a visiting Russian warship, was an odd choice. He drank heavily, was short of breath and couldn't swim well without his flippers. Maybe the Russians caught him—or maybe he just sank.

All of these things are included in a well-researched book, "The Philby Conspiracy," by three London newspapermen. It is Book of the Month Club selection for July. It should bring back painful memories among our British cousins.

The authors come up with some conclusions that are meatier than most spy-thriller endings. They discuss the reasons for British vulnerability during the World War II days. One of the chief reasons—relating to the fact that Britain had never been invaded ideologically since Elizabethan times—was that the British governing mentality of 1940 was ideologically naive.

The reasons why a man like Kim Philby might turn against his own people just hadn't been thought of in Britain—or weren't widely known. Surprising, considering that Karl Marx wrote "Das Kapital" while living in London.