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LONDON, Nov 14, REUTER -- A BRITISH JUDGE TODAY GRANTED AN INJUNCTION STOPPING PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF TWO MEN THE SUNDAY TIMES NEWSPAPER ALLEGED WERE SPIES WHO PENETRATED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE 1940s.

THE PAPER SAID THAT AS IT PREPARED ITS STORY FOR TOMORROW'S ISSUE, A HIGH COURT JUDGE ORDERED THE BAN. THE ORDER, LASTING 6 WEEKS, WAS APPLIED FOR BY A MAN WHO FLEW TO LONDON AFTER LEARNING HIS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE DISCUSSED, IT SAID.

THE SUNDAY TIMES SAID THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNED MEN IDENTIFIED BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AS COMMUNISTS WHO LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR YEARS AND MOVED IN THE UPPER ECHELONS OF AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE.

THEY HAD CLOSE TIES WITH BOTH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WHITE HOUSE AND, ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, HELPED WRITE A SPEECH FOR A FORMER U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT. AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE DID NOT BOTHER TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS UNTIL THE LATE 1940s, IT SAID.

THE PAPER SAID THE MEN WERE CONTROLLED BY ANTHONY BLUNT, SELF-CONFESSED SPY FOR THE SOVIET UNION DURING WORLD WAR II AND ART ADVISER TO QUEEN ELIZABETH UNTIL HE WAS EXPOSED TWO YEARS AGO.

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