

ANOTHER AMERICAN TOLD TO QUIT BRITAIN

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Deportation Order, Second in Two
Days, Is Issued Against Agee,
Author of Anti-C.I.A. Book

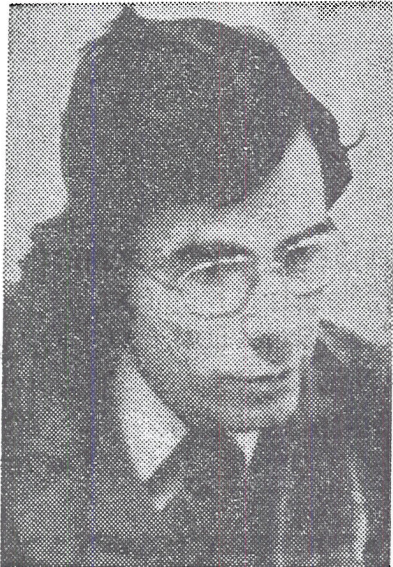
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LONDON, Nov. 17—Philip Agee, a former Central Intelligence Agency employee who has exposed some of the agency's secrets, has been served deportation papers here, the British Government said today.

Mr. Agee, 41, who lives in Cambridge, was accused of threatening Britain's security and of maintaining contacts with unidentified foreign agents.

Just yesterday, another American, Mark Hosenball, was handed a deportation order. He has been a reporter for The Evening Standard, a London daily, since July and previously worked for a British counterculture magazine, Time Out. The Home Office called him a security risk,



United Press International
Philip Agee

but he was not said to have been dealing with foreign agents.

The deportation orders showed signs of creating difficulties for the Labor Government, which has had a narrow margin recently in mustering support for controversial legislation. A Laborite member of Parliament, Arthur Lewis, said he would refuse to vote with the Government unless the two Americans were allowed to bring their cases to court. They have only the right, within 14 days, to seek revocation of the orders before an independent government advisory panel.

Britain's National Union of Journalists has rallied to the men's defense.

"These two have been victimized by the Home Office for the crime of doing their job and doing it well, perhaps too well for the comfort of the authorities," a union officer said. "It is the duty of journalists to disclose any matters of legitimate public concern."

Speculation About U.S. Role

Mr. Agee and others speculated that the United States was somehow involved in the deportation orders. The Home Office, which is responsible for internal security, rejected the allegations. The American Embassy also denied any involvement.

The Home Office said Mr. Agee had been ordered deported on the ground that he had maintained regular contacts with foreign intelligence agents and had been involved both in disseminating information and in aiding others to obtain information that "could be harmful to the security of the United Kingdom." The Home Office indicated that the foreign agents were enemy spies, but it would not elaborate.

Mr. Hosenball was accused only of having obtained information harmful to British security. To be more specific would in itself threaten security, the Home Office said.

It appeared that American interests, if not American pressure, had a part in the deportation orders. One British Government source suggested that the moves might be related to Counter-Spy magazine, a Washington publication committed to uncovering intelligence activities. The publication by Counter-Spy of a list of agent names is thought to have led to the terrorist murder last December of Richard S. Welsh, a C.I.A. agent in Athens.

Connections With Counterspy

Mr. Agee is a Britain-based associate editor of Counter-Spy. In the issue scheduled for publication this week he is expected to have an article about his controversial book, "Inside the Company: C.I.A. Diary," published here two years ago.

Mr. Hosenball's connections with Counter-Spy are less clear. The Daily Telegraph today quoted Julie Brooks, one of the magazine's editors, as having said that Mr. Hosenball was "one of our English group." Later she said she had been misquoted. Mr. Hosenball said he neither worked for the magazine nor endorsed its activities.

Counter-Spy was at least indirectly involved in an article that Mr. Hosenball wrote earlier this year with another Time Out writer about an electronic surveillance network allegedly based in Cheltenham, England, and operated in partnership with the National Security Agency, the communications intelligence agency of the United States. A source for the article was identified as Winslow Peck, a former employee of the agency and now a Counter-Spy editor.