

3 Britons Charged In Spy Case

London

Three Britons, said to be associates of two Americans ordered expelled on security grounds, were charged yesterday with offenses under Britain's Official Secrets Act.

A police spokesman said the Britons, two journalists and an ex-soldier, will appear before magistrates today.

Supporters of Americans Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball, who have until March 1 to name the country to which they want to go, said the three Britons are members of the Agee-Hosenball Defense Committee.

The committee was formed to fight the deportation order against Agee, a onetime CIA agent who has become a critic of the agency, and Hosenball, a journalist working in London.

The police spokesman identified the three Britons, held at Muswell Hill police station since early Saturday, as John Berry, Duncan Campbell and John Aubrey.

The spokesman said Berry, a 33-year-old former member of the British army's Royal Corps of Signals and now a truck driver, is charged with communicating secret information to unauthorized persons.

Campbell, 24, and Aubrey, 31, both journalists, are reportedly charged with unauthorized receipt of secret information.

The spokesman gave no other details.