

Another Thrilling Tale Of a Spy's Life Unfolds

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In less than two months, an unpretentious, downbeat, apparently irresistible British novel of espionage has sold close to 125,000 copies in this country (at \$4.50 per) and is still going. On the national best-seller lists it has outdistanced such winners as Mary McCarthy's "The Group" and Helen MacInnes' "The Venetian Affair." This is "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold," by John Le Carre—as far as atmosphere from the sexy Ian Fleming-James Bond nonsense as one can get.

The man who "discovered" John Le Carre and his book tried to explain its success here the other day. John J. Geoghegan, president and editor-in-chief of Coward-McCann, read it last year in London. He made a fairly routine financial deal for the American rights. Then Le Carre's London publisher made him a little present, a quote from Graham Greene which described the book as "The best spy story I have ever read." Geoghegan did not keep that statement under wraps when he presented "The Spy" here.

But who is Le Carre? His London agent admitted this

was the pseudonym of a writer who preferred to be kept under wraps. He was known to be a member of H.M. government. Obviously he had a background of service in Germany, setting of the novel, and almost as obviously he was a part of the British M-1-5, counterpart of our CIA.

It turned out the author's real name was David Cornwall, and he was not a spy at all. He held a routine Foreign Office job in Hamburg. What was worse, from the standpoint of showmanship, he was a former schoolteacher. His American publisher was more than agreeable to keeping Cornwall under wraps and let the Le Carre legend grow.

Why is his aging hero, Leamas, so popular? Geoghegan thinks it is a matter of timing. The appeal of the Bond-type spy has reached its peak. People have started to poke fun at the exaggerated qualities of Bond's facade. Le Carre doesn't lay on melodrama with a trowel, although he gives his reader "one tremendous ride" in this private engagement in the cold war. Then there is the atmosphere of grubbiness, frustration and general im-

morality of the profession of espionage here. Leamas could be the tired Western sheriff with one more dirty job to do, which might be his last. This "High Noon" element is part of the novel's chemistry and appeal.

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The author made an indifferent film deal and by no means a spectacular paperback reprint arrangement before the book became a runaway best-seller. As a former teacher and underpaid civil servant, he was happy to get anything he could from his writing. As he told a Life reporter in London the other day: "What could I do with 100,000 pounds, I mean really?"

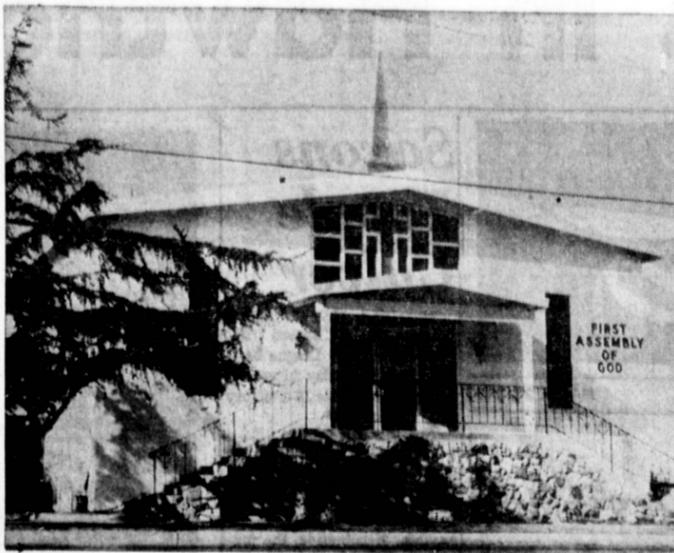
Geoghegan thinks Le Carre-Cornwall might make it anyhow, the way "The Spy" is going. He is reminded once more of what a roulette wheel the business of publishing has become.

Bloodmobile Slated for Lomita Area

The Red Cross has announced a bloodmobile will be stationed at the Kiwanis Club House, 24822 Narbonne Blvd., Lomita, Wednesday from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Lomita Rotary, Kiwanis and Harbor City-Lomita Lions Clubs, Dr. Stanton Reichel and Marvin Norfolk are serving as co-chairmen.

Donor appointments are available at TE 2-8321. The co-chairmen urge full community cooperation in the blood collection which was planned to give area residents an opportunity to conveniently participate in the Red Cross program.



DEDICATION . . . Councilman Ernest Eeles, left, and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn inspect name plate at the new Senior Citizens Area at Alondra Park which will be dedicated in public ceremonies tomorrow at 10 a.m. The area was named in honor of Councilman Eeles who is Supervisor Hahn's appointee to the County Committee on the Aging.

Foursquare Churches To Hold Sunrise Rites

Easter sunrise services will be conducted by the Foursquare churches of the Centinela division at the Roosevelt Memorial Park, 18255 S. Vermont Ave., at 6 a.m. The Rev. James P. Lowes, pastor of the Torrance church, will serve as divisional superintendent.

The program will open with a call to worship by Boy Scout Troop 253 under the direction of Allen O'Have, scoutmaster. The Rev. James P. Lowen will extend greetings to the congregation, followed by the singing of "America" under the leadership of the Rev. Norman Smith of the Inglewood Church.

Dr. Watson B. Teaford, pastor of the Crenshaw Imperial church, will deliver the invocation; the Rev. Carl Hays, pastor of the Gardena church, the scripture reading; and the Rev. Clarence Bumstead, pastor of the Lawndale church, the Easter message.

Musical selections will include: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," congregation; instrumental quartette, Foursquare pastors; mixed quartette, Torrance group; and "He Lives," congregation.

The Rev. Cyrus Giles, pastor of the Redondo Beach church, will deliver the benediction.

Methodist to Hear Special Easter Sermon

"Oh, What A Wonderful Morning!" will be the sermon topic at the Alondra Park Methodist Church, 3153 W. Compton Blvd., Easter Sunday. Text of the message will include, "Then the women went away quickly from the tombs, their hearts filled with awe and great joy, and ran to give the news to his disciples." (Matt. 28:8.)

Fulbright Will Speak to Grads

Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will deliver the commencement address at Long Beach State College June 12.

The commencement exercises will be held at 10 a.m. in the Long Beach Arena, according to Dr. Carl W. McIntosh, president of the college.

Diabetes Assn. Slates Meeting

The Long Beach Diabetes Assn. will hold a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the City Health Department, 2655 Pine Ave.

The evening will be devoted to a panel discussion on "Management of Childhood and Adult Diabetes," according to Charles R. Brantingham, DSC, chairman.

Menorah to Hold Sedar Ceremonies

Rabbi Jerome A. Unger will conduct a congregational Sedar on the second night of Passover next Saturday at 7 p.m. at Temple Menorah, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach. Members of the congregation and their children will participate in the reading from the Haggadah, which is the narrative of Passover.

Cantor and Mrs. Harry Newman will be heard in several solo selections and will lead the congregational singing.

The Sedar meal will be prepared by a caterer and traditional dishes will be served.

Reservations may be made by calling the temple office at FR 8-8444.

Chapel Sets Sunrise Rites For Easter

The Wayfarers' Chapel will hold Good Friday services at 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m. The Rev. Robert Loring Young, minister, will participate in services being held at the Hollywood Riviera Methodist Church.

Easter sunrise services will be held outside in the Chapel amphitheater at 5:45 a.m. A coffee hour will follow the service.

Other Easter services at the Chapel will be held each hour beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through 12 noon.

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered at the 11 a.m. service only.

Vesper services will be held at 5 p.m.

Birch Governor To Speak Here

John H. Rousselot, former congressman and currently western district governor for the John Birch Society, will speak on "Civil Rights — Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause" at Torrance High School Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Evangelist Will Conduct Services

The Calvary Community Church, 1117 Milton at Raymond, will hold Pre-Easter services beginning tonight and continuing through Saturday each evening at 7 p.m.

Jim Clark, radio evangelist (KGER) will be the principal speaker with special music by the radio quartet, according to the Rev. Fred McQuade.

Foursquare Sets Egg Hunt, Drama

The Harbor City Foursquare Church, 255th and McCoy streets, will hold an Easter egg hunt for children of the Sunday school Saturday at 10 a.m. A practice session for the children's Easter program will follow.

The church will present also a drama, "The Talking Cross," Easter Sunday at 7 p.m.

Biblical Women Speech Subject

Miss Sune' Richards, minister, will speak on "The Women of the Bible" at the Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave., Good Friday, at 8 p.m.

Miss Richards will present her paintings related to the text of her speech at the meeting.

Rail Crossing Work Approved

An agreement with Pacific Electric Railway Co. for improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard across the PE tracks near Normandie Avenue in the Carson area has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

The crossing work will be done as part of the county's proposed improvement project extending from Normandie to Vermont avenues and estimated county cost is \$7,015.

Garden Checklist

1. Pinching out terminal growth of bushy plants leads to more and showier blooms.
2. A regular garden spray program will assure you of a more beautiful, healthy, insect-free garden.
3. Plant dahlias NOW. They want the best soil you can provide. Perfect drainage and staking. Plant the stake first, then put the neck of the dahlia carefully near its base.
4. Set out annuals and perennials from nursery flats. The more the merrier.
5. If we hit a period of a week without rain, start using the hose. In the spring particularly it is essential to keep plants growing lustily.



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