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RADIO MAN ARRESTED ON SECRETS CHARGE

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William Martin Marshall (24), a wireless operator in the British diplomatic wireless service, was charged in London yesterday with having communicated to a Soviet Embassy official information calculated to be useful to an enemy.

Marshall was arrested on Friday night and charged under the Official Secrets Act.

It is alleged that he communicated information to Povel Kuznetsov, second secretary to the Soviet Embassy.

Marshall told the magistrate that he would prefer to remain in custody.

His mother, who had headed the queue for the public gallery, broke down and wept when the magistrate announced that he would be remanded in custody for a week.

British authorities are unable to take any action against Kuznetsov until judgment is pronounced.

It is generally assumed that should Marshall be found guilty Britain would ask for Kuznetsov's recall.

Park Incident

Chief Inspector William Hughes, of Scotland Yard's special branch, who arrested Marshall, said that he saw Marshall on Friday night in King George's Park, Wandsworth, with another man, and arrested him as he was leaving the park.

Well-informed people said that 'it was understood that the man with whom Marshall was walking in the park was a foreign embassy official who claimed diplomatic immunity and disappeared.

It is understood that the official concerned was a member of the staff of the Soviet Embassy, whose chief, the retiring Ambassador (Mr. George Zarubin) left yesterday for Moscow before transfer to Washington.

Messages

Officials in London said that Marshall's duties consisted in the transmission of Foreign Office messages from the Foreign Office radio station at Hanslope (Buckinghamshire).

The messages were in cipher, in code and in clear. It is understood that Marshall would not himself have access to ciphers or codes in the course of his duties.

He joined the Foreign Office as a temporary civil servant in 1948. He was posted to the Middle East and Moscow among other places abroad and returned in December, 1951.

-Reuters.