

Sex scandal rocks Britain

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LONDON — A new "establishment" cover-up burst on Britain Wednesday with the revelation that a brilliant British diplomat had been involved in child pornography.

Sir Peter Hayman was high commissioner to Canada between 1970 and 1974.

However, Canadian police and security officials say they knew nothing of the alleged activities until November, 1980.

Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers had publicly pleaded that Sir Peter not be named in a House of Commons question because Scotland Yard had investigated his case and decided not to prosecute.

But Tory MP Geoffrey Dickens, alleging another "establishment" cover-up like the one involving Sir Anthony Blunt, went ahead and tabled questions naming Sir Peter.

The scandal has been simmering for four months, since the satirical magazine Private Eye said Sir Peter was involved in child pornography and the mailing of pornographic literature while he was British high commissioner in Ottawa.

The Edmonton Journal was the first Canadian newspaper to raise the issue.

Dickens wants to know if Sir Peter will be prosecuted for receiving and sending pornographic material through the mails.

He has also asked the Tory House leader, Francis Pym, to set up a Commons committee to investigate the security implications of diaries found in the diplomat's London flat which contained accounts of sexual exploits.

London police are also believed to have found on a bus a package of pornography addressed to Sir Peter under his Secret Service code name of Henderson.

Although he was not popular or particularly respected during his four years in Ottawa, Sir Peter is considered to have had a brilliant Whitehall career in a series of top security jobs. And it is this connection that bothers those such as Dickens, who say he was a prime candidate for blackmail, particularly by the Russians.

How, asks Dickens, did such a potential blackmail risk come to hold highly sensitive posts at the ministry of defence, at NATO and in Berlin? From 1964 to 1966, Sir Peter was Foreign Office minister and deputy commandant in the British military government of West Berlin.

In the 1950s he served on the British delegation to NATO. And as far back as 1949, he was personal assistant to the chief staff officer to the ministry of defence.

It smells like the same kind of cover-up which kept Sir Anthony Blunt working at Buckingham Palace as curator of the Queen's pictures even though he had betrayed secrets to the Russians and helped in the escape of master spies Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess and Kim Philby.

Sir Peter retired after his tour of duty in Canada and has been living with his wife, Lady Hayman, in the Oxfordshire village of Chekendon where he is regarded as a pillar of the local community.

He has a married daughter who lives in Canada. The diaries which were seized in Sir Peter's London flat, apparently referred to many exploits with prostitutes in Ottawa and to pornography involving children.

Public pressure to have him identified grew last week when Tom O'Carroll, chairman of the PIE, was convicted of conspiring to corrupt public morals and was jailed for two years.

It was expected that Sir Peter would either be named or made to give evidence at O'Carroll's trial. Instead, he was simply referred to as a "senior civil servant."



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Grease is in!

Citadel's Shoor Theatre reverbrates with the powerful sound of rock and roll as the musical Grease gets under way for a six-week run. Journal critic Keith Ashwell discovered there isn't enough greaseball in his personality to allow him to enjoy the show, but he found something worthy of applause in the production. Ashwell review on Page B12.

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Big cash

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Split with national group over constitution

Alberta Indians jump ship

By LINDA GOYETTE

Alberta Indians have quit the National Indian Brotherhood (NIB) in a bitter dispute over the constitution.

"This very difficult and regretful decision has come after several weeks of serious deliberations," Alberta Indian Association president Eugene Steinhauer said Wednesday.

Mr. Steinhauer described NIB leaders as "sell-outs" who have failed to protect Indian interests in negotiations with the federal government.

So far, Alberta's 44 chiefs and 38,000 treaty Indians stand alone in their decision to leave the national organization — although Manitoba and British Columbia Indians may not be far behind.

"We will not urge them to follow us," said Mr. Steinhauer.

NIB president Del Riley was not available for comment. Indian leaders from other provinces and territories are expected to discuss the mass resignation in Ottawa today.

Alberta chiefs find fault with the NIB on four counts. They say:

- National leaders approved patriation despite an amendment that would permit provincial premiers and the federal cabinet to define treaty and aboriginal rights without Indian participation;

- NIB leaders ignored the chiefs' instructions and aligned themselves with Metis and Inuit lobby groups;

- NIB failed to address other important issues while lobbying for favorable constitutional amendments;

- They cite an "unwanted" Indian government bill and the Indian affairs department's operational plan for the 1980s as issues that should have been blocked at the national level.

- Mr. Riley was unable to cope with the constitutional issue.

"He failed to demonstrate the necessary skill needed to unify the Indian people of Canada on the most crucial issues," said Mr. Steinhauer.

Alberta chiefs have also decided to lobby British parliamentarians

independently within the next three months, he said.

Mr. Steinhauer added that Alberta Indians will support a new national congress of chiefs which could effectively replace the NIB as the political voice of Canada's 300,000 status Indians.

It is unclear whether other provincial Indian organizations will leave the NIB — although many groups oppose patriation.

"I can appreciate the position Alberta is in," said Lyle Longclaus, chief of the Four Nations Confederacy in Manitoba. "We are still considering withdrawing too."

Mr. Longclaus said Manitoba and British Columbia Indian leaders have disassociated themselves from all compromises made on their behalf by the NIB.

"How can they negotiate for all of us when approximately half of us are not in favor of patriation?" he said.

Yukon Indian representative Ray Jackson said he was not surprised by the Alberta decision.



Rosser

Woman certified dead comes alive in morgue

STROUD, England (AP) — Jacqueline Rosser was resting in a hospital bed Wednesday — less than 24 hours after being certified as dead and taken to a hospital mortuary.

Rosser, 32, was found unconscious from a drug overdose at her home in this Gloucestershire county town.

"It's a miracle recovery," said her father, Harry Harris. "It's such a tremendous relief. We still can't believe it."

Officials said Rosser was certified dead by general practitioner Dr. Graham Voss and taken by an undertaker to Gloucester Royal Hospital mortuary, 16 kilometres from her home.

Funeral director Barry White said he was wheeling what he thought was Rosser's corpse into the mortuary when he noticed a change in her facial expression.

"Soon after that, the mortuary technician noticed that she had started breathing and he called the resuscitation unit, who were there immediately," White told reporters Wednesday.

Harris said his daughter, a divorced mother of two children, remained in a coma Tuesday and regained consciousness Wednesday morning.

District coroner Dr. David Faulkner told reporters he authorized Rosser's removal to the mortuary because her "death was reported to me in the usual way."

"It is a most unfortunate incident — something I have never heard of before," he said.

Harris said he will not seek an inquiry because he believes Voss was not to blame. "To all intents and purposes, she was dead," Harris said. "We accept he did all the right checks."