

Secret Intelligence Service

Sydney Reilly

September 27, 1925 in Moscow was arrested a British spy, Sidney Reilly. He was one of the key figures "conspiracy ambassadors" against Soviet power. Mysterious person Reilly, made him a legend. His incarnation, was found even as James Bond, 007.

The agent of British Intelligence ST-1. Sidney Reilly



Personality and background

"The pale, long-visaged, scowling man with a high sloping forehead and restless gaze" winter 1917 came from the British cruiser "Queen Mary" in Murmansk. Among his ambitious plans was the murder of Vladimir Lenin.

Sydney, aka Sigmund, he's George. In the history of one of the most famous British spy Sidney Reilly longer dark spots than the known facts. His biography is so messy that this character seems only the fruit of someone's imagination. But it makes it quite real.

In 1925, at the Lubyanka he turned British citizen who participated in the conspiracy against the Soviet government, the so-called "conspiracy of ambassadors." This is the only problem was the first and last in the brilliant career of spy Sidney Reilly.

But before becoming a British spy, Sidney, whose parents named either George, whether Solomon led quite a good life. He himself said that he was born in Ireland. However, sometimes it slipped recognition and that his life began in Russia in 1872. He claimed that his parents are nobles.

But researchers doubt it. It is said that the future of the great spy brought Rosenblum and Sophia Gregory, and they lived in Kherson province. When their son was 20, he broke off relations with his family and sailed to South America, where he became known as Pedro. Sam Reilly explained his sudden departure family scandal. And it may well be true.

One of the many versions of the biography Reilly says a boy named Solomon and Solomon was the illegitimate son of Michael Rosenblum, who entrusted the education of the child to his cousin Gregory and his wife. Solomon, who had no idea about the mysteries of his family, grew quiet boy, spent a lot of time studying and was very close to his mother, Sophia Rubinovnoy. When she died, Solomon was heartbroken. And then it even hit the news that he was born in a completely different family. Perhaps, at this moment, and there was Sidney Reilly cold-hearted and calculating mind. Sidney Reilly says biographer Dmitry Belanovsky:

"He thought he grew up in a noble family, but it turns out that he is not a gentleman, and a Jew. And this was such a spiritual conflict. All the subsequent events that happen to him, it is an attempt to prove that he is Superman. From 1905 to 1914 he lived in Russia. At the beginning of 900s he worked machinations in Port Arthur, and there is an assumption that he gave to the Japanese secrets of Port Arthur. He moved in the highest-ranking community officials, including Russian businessmen, adventurers - in this environment he felt like a fish in water."

Apparently, Reilly felt confident and in other circles of society. Some call it altogether a swindler, who, thanks to his extraordinary charisma, was able to ingratiate himself with the administrators of the story. This tells the Soviet intelligence historian Alexander Kolpakidi:

"Do not shun anything, including murder. He was an agent of Scotland Yard. The British intelligence, he served a little. Most of his life he served a snitch in the service of the Metropolitan Police. In this capacity, he performed various indiscretions. He was introduced following the Russian anarchists . They killed the courier who was carrying the money. He was a stunningly brutal, not stopping at nothing when he needed money. He is British intelligence has served a total of one and a half years. impressed. In exploration, unlike movies serve the people rather modest, quiet. He got there, and it made an impression, was a man of an entirely different kind - a braggart, a talker. But it was very charming, like any crook. Such a person from the community, carrying himself as a gift to mankind. Adventurer very rare. There is a legend that he was in the First World War was in Germany, there stole some documents. In Russia, it is very often at the end of the 19th century. Home his trip - he at the beginning of '18 came through Murmansk, Arkhangelsk in St. Petersburg, Moscow. Here he tried to overthrow the government."

However, many researchers doubt that such impulsive and hot-tempered man, who, moreover, did not have any talent, could achieve such heights. Writer, historian of the security services, the vice-president of the Association of veterans of special services "Berkut" Valery Malevany tells a very different story of the life of the British agent:

"Reilly - not an easy figure. The real name of his Edelstein. Reilly - by his wife. He married an Englishwoman. He himself Odessa, a Jew. The poor Jewish family. But his take-off ... In 1904, he joined MI6 ordinary sergeant and was promoted to lieutenant. This is a great post. The more he became curator of the Russian party. This is a very large value."

Whatever Sidney Reilly in childhood and adolescence, whatever its history, just know one thing - that he became an agent of British intelligence and brilliantly distinguished himself in this position. It is said that he was always ready dozen different passports, and their names and legends he changed easily. So he travels as a chef with the expedition in the wilds of the Amazon. That timber merchant in the guise of stealing military secrets Port Arthur.

The defense of Port Arthur

And in 1912, gets access to Russian military secrets are already

official: as an employee naval group in St. Petersburg. It's amazing how one person could have much to do in my life. Says Alexander Kolpakidi:

"This is an international man of mystery. He was involved in the mass of large gambles. Occasionally when a person reaches into so many adventures, and he was involved in a large quantity. In addition, his personal life, a crazy number of wives ... The last wife was younger than his years 20 popular actress, a beauty that does not believe in his death. By the way, no one believed that he died, everyone thought that he was alive, he was seen in different countries. Like Elvis Presley. People saw what they wanted to see. Do not We believe that such a great adventurer could plunge so cheap."

All of these adventures and the money earned theft and espionage, great schemers were few. Sidney Reilly, who admired Napoleon said: "If Lieutenant-Corsican has managed to destroy the traces of the French Revolution, the British agent and Reilly" with such capabilities, what he has will be able to be the owner of Moscow".

Possibility became even more when British diplomats have relied on Reilly in the anti-Soviet conspiracy. He was to penetrate the circles of the "red" of the elite and organize a rebellion among disgruntled Soviet system. The British agent was in the whirlwind of events, says author and historian Valery Malevany special services:

"Reilly, his whole figure, it is a struggle MI6 Soviet intelligence agencies. In 1918, when it was organized by the Cheka, the famous was a conspiracy of ambassadors when the ambassadors of America, England, France and Germany have decided to overthrow the government of Lenin, as a man of the Rockefeller Foundation, and put the bank's representative Rothschild - Trotsky. This conspiracy of ambassadors has led to the fact that Reilly barely took the legs of the British Embassy. Namely, he accompanied the then British Ambassador and - unheard of - in the 18th year after the SR rebellion, suddenly arresting diplomats. At the same time, it is Reilly MI6 had prepared on the instructions of the murder of the German ambassador to Soviet Russia continued the war."

And the conspiracy began with the full confidence of the Entente participants that very soon they will share pieces of Russia. British diplomat Lockhart assembled a team of trusted people, among whom was also Reilly. The conspirators have established an

extensive network of agents, and seemed to have thought through all the details. Yet miscalculated.

In 1918, diplomats from Britain, France and the United States gathered to discuss the situation in Russia. The Bolsheviks in power does not suit them, and this had to do something. Word took the head of the British mission, Robert Hamilton Bruce Lockhart:

"The challenge now - to overthrow Soviet power everywhere: like here in Moscow and in the suburbs. Domestically, we rely on the Cadet Party, the Socialist-Revolutionaries, Mensheviks, on the White movement. But all of them without our help outside of victory will not do. It is crucial implementation of a coordinated joint action plan. Associated Anglo-American fleet in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk, American and Japanese troops in the Far East with a shock army of Kolchak, the south - Ataman Krasnov and the Volunteer Army. As for our actions in Moscow, then I ask to rely on my experience. In July this year at the Fifth Congress of Soviets the Bolsheviks intend to declare a new constitution of the federation. And we intend at this time to overthrow the Soviet power. Lord, I guarantee members of the Entente the success of our historic mission."

Agreeing with the Soviet government, they did not try. If a few months ago, diplomats could something count, and the Soviet government tried to balance between the Allies and Germany, but now it was clear - to conspire with Britain, France and the US "red" government will not. Says writer, historian Valery Shambarov:

"Because when they landed in Murmansk .. then the summer has started to clean up their hands on other areas. We started to support the Czechs in Siberia. Lenin began to lean in the direction of Germany. Moreover, he hoped that Germany would lose, and then we will abandon commitments in front of it. Of course, the Entente powers and their intelligence agencies, did not like the fact that Soviet Russia will be led by Germany. In August, completing negotiations of Brest-2, there were new concessions, paid gold was agreement on the joint operations of the Red Army and Germans against the Entente. organized conspiracy, the goal - to eliminate Lenin. But the Bolsheviks to overthrow the government, because it suited the Entente. The goal - to replace Lenin, the most obvious candidate was Trotsky."

The matter was entrusted to the diplomats of the three countries. It is the US ambassador, David Francis, Joseph Noulens France itself Lockhart. It helps them to a network of spies, among them the legendary British agent Sidney Reilly, a military attache in Russia Francis Cromie and American businessman Xenophon Kalamatiano. By the way it came and the candidacy of Leon Trotsky, who was released from a French prison in the 17th year. He seemed very comfortable conspirators man - putting it at the head of the Soviet Union, the West would receive a puppet government, and quickly divided into parts to Russia, says author and historian intelligence services vice-president of the Association of veterans of special services "Berkut" Valery Malevany:

"London while pursuing a policy of rejection of Siberia and the Far East. That is, they had to dismember the Russian Federation. The growing Soviet power was England to anything. The fact that Trotsky came to power in the 24th year, enabled England to gain access to the remains gold reserves - and that 220 tons of gold.

British intelligence, the same Reilly, who was in charge of Trotsky's almost taken and concluded by Sweden and America an agreement under which were delivered locomotives in Russia. And Trotsky brought the gold. This is a fight of strategic security services to America, London - whose party takes a Kremlin office. Cells Party Trotsky were literally in every country. Funding came from London - it was practically financing British intelligence agencies."

Diplomats decided to destroy the Soviet power from within, using its own contradictions. Then in Moscow remained Latvian infantry units, who guarded the Kremlin. They were the purpose of Lockhart and his associates. In addition, foreigners became known that not all Latvians supported the new government. It was decided to organize a revolt. To help in this was the commander of the 1st Infantry Division Eduard Berzin. Anyway, I thought so diplomats. He agreed to their conditions - cut military rations and not to pay, blaming the government. This was upsetting authority and rebellion, for which everything was started.

But the conspirators did not know that at this moment began their path to failure. Berzin coordinated every step with the chairman of the Cheka by Felix Dzerzhinsky and informed him about the actions of ambassadors. It was decided to make it appear that the rebellion is really ready, and the military are ready to deal. Only then could the spies reveal all the details of his plan. The main active force were to be the arrow, keeping the Grand Theatre - this is where the congress was planned

Bolsheviks. This Sidney Reilly told Berzin:

"At my signal, you turn the barrel of rifles and machine guns and take aim at the center. All government we shoot here on the spot. From Bolshevism they cure only a bullet. When we cut off the revolution of the head, and the rest will be shocked, confused, their resistance will be negligible. On the same day our troops seized the Kremlin, the State Bank, the telegraph, the telephone exchange. At the same time note the rise of Petrograd and other cities. The Soviet government is overthrown for one day."

All this soon became known in the Cheka. Already September 1, 1918 Lockhart was arrested. He managed to gather quite a large network of agents. So big that it was just difficult to monitor. Yet for some time he was able to spy on Soviet troops. For this he used a special code number: number of troops is designated as the number of pounds of sugar, and the mood of the military in getting reports of the situation in the sugar industry. All the information he kept in floor knob of his cane, which never left, says the historian Oleg Stolyarov:

"American intelligence Kalamatiano considered it the most perfect hiding place. In this cane he kept turnout underground addresses - and stick to screw up. But the fact that he miscalculated. This cane was irrefutable proof of his involvement in the conspiracy."

Kalamatiano sentenced to death, but later the measure was replaced by 20 years in prison, and soon expelled from the country altogether. The death sentence carried just a few participants of the conspiracy, including O'Reilly and Lockhart. But they managed to get out of Russia alive and unharmed. On why for such a sensational case was followed by a relatively mild sentence, told historian Valery Shambarov:

"The thing about the plot Lockhart and the attempt on Lenin led the same investigator - Kingisepp. It was a creature of Sverdlov, who worked closely with Trotsky. It was pro-British, pro-American party. When there was an attempt on Lenin, Sverdlov caught all the controls. Dzherzhinskogo sent on vacation, it's Cheka was headed by a protégé of Sverdlov. The fact of the assassination attempt was separated from the plot Lockhart, although there were evidence that it is connected. The case of the assassination piled on alone Kaplan came up to her relationship with the Socialist-Revolutionaries. There is evidence that she was detained by accident. The thing about the

plot dragged on. Those arrested were many. It was declared a Red Terror, without any guilt shot. But this case was no exception. Many were released for lack of evidence. Lockhart and Grinara exchanged. At the trial, was sentenced to death, only to have escaped - in absentia - Raleigh, Lockhart Grinara. The rest: certain death sentence, imprisonment, someone released from the court, the death penalty has not resulted in the execution."

However, some of the conspirators punished yet caught up. One of the accomplices died in prison of tuberculosis, someone shot. From the top of the spy Sidney Reilly caught only. To do this, the KGB organized a special operation "Trust". So called fake anti-Soviet group, which started to work with Reilly. In order to get in touch with "of trusts," the legendary spy, arrived in Moscow. Security officers have counted it a few steps forward, says author and historian Valery Malevany special services:

"There are some special operations where you specifically withdrawn. After all, he was the curator of Trotsky, everyone knew it. It's a special operation that was needed to deal with Trotsky. After all, Trotsky almost oversaw GRU - military intelligence. General Staff of the Red Army - all his people. After the death of Frunze, he took over as chief. He wanted to unite in their hands all the power. Trotsky helped Reilly. We had to somehow Reilly withdraw from the shadows, so it does not bring money, weapons. And that made this a special operation".

In Moscow, Reilly was soon arrested and shot - whether in the Lubyanka, or somewhere in the woods outside Moscow. Soviet Russia retained its power. And the West at the time broke up with plans to destroy the frightening them "red" government from the inside. The concept has changed - the country offers an easy to isolate. It was already in 1919, said French Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau: "We want to put an iron curtain around Bolshevism, which prevent him from destroying civilized Europe."

Later, in 1946, it said Winston Churchill. It was after his speech, the name has firmly entered into the everyday life. But after the break-up need for spies disappeared. And even quite the opposite - it was necessary to somehow find out what's going on in the closed country, which occupies most of the land and has its own nuclear weapons. True, after the Iron Curtain fell, foreign agents have not gone away. But recent revelations fighters for justice say that all of the following for all. However, even with the development of technology methods remain the same - some would envy even Kalamatiano with his cane.

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