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George Blake, last in line of Cold War spies who betrayed Britain, dies at 98

London.—George Blake, who died in Russia yesterday at the age of 98, was the last in a line of British spies whose secret work for the Soviet Union humiliated the intelligence establishment when it was discovered at the height of the Cold War.

Britain says he exposed the identities of hundreds of Western agents across Eastern Europe in the 1950s, some of whom were executed as a result of his treason.

His case was among the most notorious of the Cold War, alongside those of a separate ring of British double agents known as the Cambridge Five.

Unmasked as a Soviet spy in 1961, Blake was

sentenced to 42 years in London's Wormwood Scrubs prison. In a classic cloak-and-dagger story, he escaped in 1966 with the help of other inmates and two peace activists, and was smuggled out of Britain in a camper van. He made it through Western Europe undiscovered and crossed the Iron Curtain into East Berlin.

He spent the rest of his life in the Soviet Union and then Russia, where he was feted as a hero.

Reflecting on his life in an interview with Reuters in Moscow in 1991, Blake said he had believed the world was on the eve of Communism.



The new normal? We even had a white Christmas!

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VACCINE HAS ARRIVED

Palma.—Coronavirus vaccinations will begin today in the Balearics and residents and Healthcare Workers at the Oms-Sant Miquel Nursing Home will be first in line for the Pfizer jab.

The vaccination campaign will continue on Monday with 5,850 doses in Mallorca, Minorca and Ibiza and between 600 and 1,000 immunisations a day, according to IB-Salut Director General Juli Fuster.

“We hope that by the beginning of the summer we will have vaccinated 65-70% of the population of the Balearic Islands, which would give us group immunity,” she said.

A military transporter will deliver 165 doses of the vaccine to Mallorca on Sunday, but the specific arrival point for the first shipment has not been revealed for security reasons.

Over the next twelve weeks, 5,850 vaccines will arrive in the Balearic Is-

lands every Monday, 3,900 for Mallorca, 975 for Ibiza and 975 for Minorca. Each Pfizer's vaccine package contains 975 vaccines.

All 12,000 residents and Healthcare Workers at Nursing Homes in the Balearics will receive their first dose of the vaccine within two weeks, according to Vaccine Strategy Coordinator Carlos Villafáfila.



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