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#### **PUBLISHER'S FOREWORD**

Primary Source Media, an imprint of Gale, is proud to present Allied Propaganda in World War Two: The complete record of the Political Warfare Executive (FO 898). This project offers a unique opportunity for scholars to study the extensive use of propaganda tactics against Nazi Germany and its allies during the Second World War. The Papers reveal the fascinating history of the Political Warfare Executive (PWE) including the initial struggles within Whitehall over control of the use of propaganda, information on various individuals involved in the setting-up of government departments and implementation of policies, and the extensive and varied propaganda tactics employed.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Origins of the Political Warfare Executive**

The Political Warfare Executive (PWE) was Britain's principal organisation for the conduct of psychological warfare against Nazi Germany and its allies during the Second World War. Its story is fascinating because it reveals in microcosm the British approach to a Total War which they could not win alone or without imagination, improvisation and the creative use of some of the most extraordinary individuals ever gathered together in one organisation. Although PWE formally came into being on 20 September 1941, its organisational origins were complex. In a sense the story begins in the final year of the First World War when the British government established the Department of Enemy Propaganda based at Crewe House under the direction of Lord Northcliffe. This body was responsible for the 'hearts and minds' campaign against the Central Powers and pioneered the use of psychological warfare techniques, chiefly through the dropping of millions of leaflets over enemy lines and the use of loudspeaker surrender appeals to German and Austro-Hungarian troops.<sup>1</sup> Crewe House was closed down quickly after the 1918 Armistice in the misguided belief that propaganda would not be part of the legacy of the 'war to end war'. Mussolini, Stalin and Hitler were to expose this as an illusion in an age when broadcasting and sound cinema provided new media for a new generation of propagandists.

When a second world war loomed on the 1930s horizon, the British began to prepare early for a propaganda war. To provide some continuity, and to ensure that lessons learned from the last war did not have to be learned all over again, the man responsible for the day-today running of Crewe House, Canadian born Sir Campbell Stuart,<sup>2</sup> was brought back at the height of the 1938 Munich crisis to consider a possible leaflet appeal to 'good Germans' in the event of war. Campbell Stuart was located at Electra House on London's embankment, hence his department became known as Department EH. Various Whitehall individuals also improvised a clandestine broadcast to the German people from Radio Luxembourg.<sup>3</sup> Simultaneously, the Secret Intelligence Services were thinking along similar lines and, in the final year of peace, an operation of MI6 known as Section D headed by Major Laurence Grand began to develop ideas about subverting Hitler's authority. These various initiatives, combined with the interest of the BBC in developing foreign language broadcasting since early 1938, together with plans to establish a wartime Ministry of Information, were a potential recipe for disaster on the outbreak of war in so far as matters of co-ordination was concerned. As a result, the first two years of the Second World War saw enormous inter-departmental tension within Whitehall that accordingly spoke to the Germans and to the people of Europe coming increasingly under the Nazi yoke with numerous voices. The establishment in 1940 of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) with two branches – SO1 dealing with subversive propaganda and SO2 dealing with sabotage – compounded the bureaucratic wrangles still further. By this point, so many government departments – the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Information, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> M.L. Sanders and Philip M. Taylor, *British Propaganda during the First World War* (Basingstoke, Macmillan, 1982).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sir Campbell Stuart, *Secrets of Crewe House: the story of a famous campaign* (London, Hodder & Stoughton, 1920).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Nicholas Pronay and Philip M. Taylor, "'An Improper Use of Broadcasting": The British government and clandestine propaganda operations against Germany during the Munich Crisis and after', *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 19 (1984) pp. 357-384.

Service Departments, the Ministry of Economic Warfare, the Secret Intelligence Services, and the BBC – were competing for control of what looked like one of Britain's few remaining weapons against the all-conquering Germans.

Eventually, by the summer of 1941, a working compromise was found. PWE's organisation was to embrace SO1, the BBC European language services and the Foreign Publicity Department of the Ministry of Information under the cover name of the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office. PWE conducted both black (or covert) and white (overt) propaganda,<sup>4</sup> although the formal distinction between the two was not made until December 1943 when black activities were placed under Sefton Delmer in the Special Operations Directorate based at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire and white propaganda fell to Richard Crossman in the Directorate of Political Warfare based at Bush House (the home of the BBC) in London. PWE's existence at the time and, indeed, for several decades after the war was over, was highly secret and for many years its black propaganda work was mainly known only to those who had conducted it. Sefton Delmer, former Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Express* and one of the many extraordinary characters employed by PWE, went public with the publication of his autobiography in 1962,<sup>5</sup> fleshing out on clues left in memoirs by such colleagues as Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart in 1947,<sup>6</sup> and John Baker White in 1955.<sup>7</sup>

However, when most of its files at the Public Record Office were opened in 1976 under the Thirty Year Rule, even the more experienced scholars struggled with their largely chaotic and patchy nature with the result that, even today, there is no definitive volume chronicling PWE's story. Charles Cruickshank and Michael Balfour were amongst the first historians to try to make sense of the files,<sup>8</sup> not wholly successfully. PWE's printer, Ellic Howe, added a further contribution in his quasi-autobiographical story in 1982 partly based upon files that were thought to have been destroyed.<sup>9</sup> An official history of PWE was written by David Garnett in the immediate aftermath of the war and, although this is now available in published form,<sup>10</sup> it was suppressed for many years for unknown reasons. It may have been for fear of libel since Bloomsbury novelist Garnett, who had been PWE's Director of Training, was highly critical of many of the personalities involved who were then still alive and serving in public life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Most practitioners distinguish between three types of propaganda: white propaganda is from a clearly identifiable source, black is from a source other than the one it is claiming to be from, and grey is from an unknown source.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sefton Delmer, *Black Boomerang* (London, Secker and Warburg, 1962).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Robert Bruce Lockhart, *Comes the Reckoning* (London, Putnam, 1947).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> John Baker White, *The Big Lie* (London, Evans Brothers, 1955).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Charles Cruickshank, *The Fourth Arm: Psychological Warfare, 1939-45* (London, Davis Poynter, 1977); Michael Balfour, *Propaganda in War, 1939-45: Organisations, Policies and Publics in Britain and Germany* (London, Routledge Kegan Paul, 1979).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ellic Howe, *The Black Game: British Subversive Operations against the Germans during World War Two* (London, Michael Joseph, 1982).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> David Garnett, with an introduction by Andrew Roberts, *The Secret History of PWE: the Political Warfare Executive, 1939-45* (London, St. Ermin's Press, 2002).

#### **Key Individuals**

Here then are the surviving files of the PWE. Within these files are all the lessons learned from the greatest psychological warfare campaign ever waged over a prolonged period of time. It is a mixture of depressing and amusing reading. The depressing parts relate to the numerous turf wars within Whitehall over control of the propaganda machinery that must have taken up so much time and energy that they detracted from the propaganda war against Germany. Italy and Japan. This was a pity because some of the most creative and colourful characters of that era featured in this work. These included Sir Reginald ('Rex') Leeper, the effective father of modern British public diplomacy and the guiding light prewar of both the British Council and the BBC's overseas broadcasting services.<sup>11</sup> Another Foreign Office official, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, became controller of the BBC's overseas services between 1941 and 1944 – after he had identified Rudolph Hess.<sup>12</sup> Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, the Foreign Office's Deputy Under Secretary of State in charge of PWE from 1941-1945 had enjoyed a colourful career as both spy and journalist.<sup>13</sup> Richard Crossman, who enjoyed a distinguished career as a post-war Labour politician, became assistant chief of the Psychological Warfare Branch established in 1944 as a combined Anglo-American division of the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, the forerunner of SHAPE.<sup>14</sup> Other distinguished names that grace these files include Noel Coward, E.H. Carr and Sir John Wheeler-Bennett. At a time when Britain had very few military options to fight Nazi Germany kinetically, this constellation of intellects focused on playing mind games with the enemy. They came up with such schemes as spreading rumours prior to the expected German invasion of Britain that sharks had been brought from Australia to patrol the waters of the English Channel. Delmer, the 'genius' behind the black propaganda broadcasts into Germany and Occupied Europe, was obsessed with dropping dead homing pigeons behind enemy lines to give the impression that a (virtually non-existent) anti-Nazi resistance movement was active and in contact with Britain.

#### **Political Warfare Executive's Wartime Activities**

Essentially, PWE's work fell broadly into four types of activity. The clandestine radio stations, which gave the appearance of being broadcast from within Occupied Europe but in fact came from Britain, were under the cover name of 'Research Units'. In all, PWE set up more than 40 of these, including the famous *Gustav Siegfried Eins* (GS1), *Soldatensender Calais* and *Atlantiksender*, and were targeted at military and naval units in the field as well as civilians in order 'to spread disruptive and disturbing news among the Germans which will induce them to distrust their government and to disobey it'.<sup>15</sup> The range of these broadcasts was greatly enhanced after 1942 with the purchase of the powerful 'Aspidistra' transmitter from the Americans, now themselves heavily involved in the war and learning all the time from the British in what they preferred to call psychological warfare. *Atlantiksender*, for example, was targeted at German submarine crews, complete with its own female announcer – 'Vicky – the Girl with the Pin-up voice', a young Jewess called Agnes Bernelle who delivered messages based upon intercepted mail intended for German prisoners of war. As Delmer testified, this station

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> On Leeper, see Philip M. Taylor, *The Projection of Britain: British Overseas Publicity and Propaganda, 1919-39* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1981).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, *The Inner Circle* (London, Macmillan, 1959).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Kenneth Young (ed.), *The Diaries of Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, 1915-65* (2 Vols. London, Macmillan, 1973 & 1980).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See R.H.S. Crossman, 'Black Prima Donna', *The New Statesman*, 9 November 1962 and 'The Wartime Tactics that led to Watergate', *The Times*, 16 May 1973.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Delmer, *op. cit.*, p. 108.

'always spoke from a patriotic and "national" German viewpoint and this was bound to be more insidious and psychologically effective than a straight enemy broadcast, partly because listeners caught tuning in to us would welcome the excuse that they had only listened in the belief that the station was German'.<sup>16</sup>

It has to be remembered that listening to foreign radio stations was outlawed by the Nazis, under penalty of death, such was their fear of alternative points of views and news. The challenge Delmer faced was to get enemy soldiers and civilians to listen without them knowing that they were breaking the law or listening to enemy propaganda. By pretending to be disaffected German broadcasters, the Research Units were born of a lie and subsequently embraced lying in a manner eschewed by white propagandists who could barely afford the subsequent loss of credibility should the lie be exposed, and whose approach embraced what was termed the 'Strategy of Truth'. As Delmer explained: 'we must never lie by accident, or through slovenliness, only deliberately'.<sup>17</sup> This required considerable research and was greatly aided by the intelligence services and by access to the 'Hellschreiber' teleprinter machine that was abandoned in the London office of Reuters on the outbreak of war by the official German news agency, the DNB (Deutsche Nachrichtenburo). This machine, the nearest PWE equivalent to the Enigma machine that enabled SOE to read German military directives, enabled PWE to read Goebbels' propaganda directives and thus to pre-empt official German news announcements. But, like Enigma, it was important not to reveal to the Germans that the British had this capability and so often they avoided using the material unless it could have been secured from another source.

A second PWE activity included the publication of black printed material, including leaflets, newspapers, fake astrological magazines and forged ration books. This was the work of Ellic Howe, a specialist in German typographic fonts and paper. Howe was PWE's counterfeit specialist and he would compliment the messages of the clandestine radio stations, for example, by producing letters to the families of dead German soldiers informing them that their sons had in fact been killed by Nazi doctors. Even the stamps on the envelopes of these letters were carefully forged to give the impression of authenticity. Third was the production of 'sibs',<sup>18</sup> or rumours, by PWE's Underground Propaganda Committee that met weekly at Bush House. Such sibs included a rumour that 3,000 'ghost-killers' armed with silent automatic rifles and daggers were waiting to attack German coastal defences from behind. Perhaps the most famous wartime sib, however, predated the formation of PWE. An idea of Major John Baker White, this was that the English Channel would be set on fire in the event of a German invasion in 1940. As Garnett's official history put it: 'the really good sib is a poisoned sweetmeat - it is sugarcoated and the deadly dose is not immediately evident'.<sup>19</sup> Delmer established a close working relationship with SOE, providing propaganda to support subversion and using SOE agents to disseminate his sibs and black printed material behind enemy lines. Another means of delivering black printed material to Germany was available in the form of a dedicated balloon unit of the RAF.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ibid., p. 107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ibid., p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> From the Latin *sibilare* – to whisper.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Garnett, *op. cit.*, p. 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> AIR 29/22 (Operations Record Book of "M" Balloon Unit RAF): AIR 41/1 (Balloon Defences, 1914-1945), pp. 385-390.

Finally, PWE conducted specific operations such as Operation Braddock that involved the dropping into Germany of small incendiary devices with appeals to ordinary Germans to use them against the Nazi authorities.<sup>21</sup> Other operations included attempts to deceive the enemy authorities. However, the real wartime triumph of deception was not directly the work of PWE but rather that of the London Controlling Section (LCS). This agency planned and co-ordinated the dissemination of manipulated, distorted and falsified evidence to the enemy to induce key decision-makers to take decisions prejudicial to their interests. The LCS's outstanding achievement was during 1944, Operation Fortitude South, which delayed the commitment of the 15<sup>th</sup> German Army from the Pas de Calais to Normandy after D-Day through the dissemination of 'evidence' portraying the phantom 1<sup>st</sup> United States Army Group as being poised to make a major landing in the area of Calais.

Although falsehood was the hallmark of black propaganda, deception and subversion activities, there was a certain caution in embracing initiatives that might generate post-war legends in Germany of Allied victory through trickery or involve the deception of Allied publics. These were, after all, people committed to democratic principles, people who broadly adhered to the principles of the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms. Fighting an enemy of the nature of Nazi Germany, especially in a Total War situation, may have required some compromising of those principles, but there remained a reservation that the ends never quite justified the means. Delmer may have described his team as 'the ruffians of the "black", the disavowable scallywags who did the dirty work',<sup>22</sup> but the conduct of black propaganda by democracies to this day remains highly controversial. It has contributed towards giving the word propaganda a bad name, which is why white propagandists remain so keen to keep their distance from it and, indeed, why they sometimes maintain that they are not in the propaganda business at all, but rather are simple providers of straight information. The BBC's wartime relationship with PWE is a classic example of this tension.

#### Achievements of the Political Warfare Executive

Ultimately, therefore, the actual wartime record of PWE can boast no equivalent success to that of its intelligence counterpart, SOE. The German armed forces fought to the bitter end and there was no successful internal revolt against Hitler. The template for PWE's aims and objectives had been derived from the experience of Crewe House that had been instrumental in promoting internal uprisings with Germany and Austria-Hungary. The main reason why PWE failed to emulate the experience of 1918 was the policy of Unconditional Surrender announced at the Casablanca conference of January 1943. This policy denied the psywarriors the very core of their 'We are not fighting the people of Germany, only the Nazis' or 'Surrender and return to the community of nations' messages. It placed all Germans in the Nazi boat, and linked their destiny to that of the Nazi Party in a way that Goebbels – who knew this – had never been able to achieve for all his own Ministry's propaganda since 1933. So whereas historians of SOE can justifiably claim that breaking the Ultra Secret probably knocked off a couple of years of the war, historians of PWE can make no similar claims. The views of its practitioners were mixed. As Bruce Lockhart maintained about the role of psychological warfare in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See N.C.F. Weeks and Philip M. Taylor, "Breaking the German Will to Resist" 1944-45: allied efforts to end World War Two by non-military means', *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television*, Vol. 18 (1998) No. 1, pp. 5-48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Delmer, *op. cit.* 

ending the conflict: 'political warfare did not noticeably weaken German resistance'.<sup>23</sup> Richard Crossman's judgement, on the other hand, was to place subversive operations and black propaganda alongside strategic bombing as 'the only aspects of war at which ... [the British] ... achieved real pre-eminence'.<sup>24</sup>

#### Legacy of the Political Warfare Executive in Modern Warfare

The main lesson here is that policy and propaganda must go hand in hand. When the policy gets ahead of the presentation, or vice versa, the credibility of propaganda will suffer. But the British were always uneasy with the concept of propaganda, even in Total War. But as these files reveal, they approached psychological warfare with a creativity and imagination that belied this inherent suspicion and all the bureaucratic in-fighting that went with it. That very suspicion was responsible for closing down the PWE as soon as the war ended, but any surviving illusions about there being no role for psychological warfare in the post-war era were soon to be shattered by the outbreak of the Cold War. In 1948, again in strict secrecy, the British created the Information Research Department to conduct clandestine worldwide propaganda against communism.<sup>25</sup> Although this effective successor to PWE survived until 1977 the British were no longer the chief exponents of psychological warfare. That mantle had passed to the Soviet Union and the United States who waged their ideological conflict as a struggle both overtly - through such channels as the Voice of America and Radio Moscow - and covertly, in a war between the CIA and the KGB. That struggle lasted for almost 50 years and ended with the collapse of communist control in Eastern Europe and, indeed, within the Soviet Union itself.

In a sense, the Cold War was one gigantic strategic psychological operation. Many of the techniques used in it were pioneered by PWE. And leaflets, broadcasts and loudspeaker teams still remain part of the arsenal available to military commanders. In the 1991 Gulf War, 30 million leaflets were dropped by American forces. In Kosovo 1999, 103 million leaflets were dropped. In Afghanistan 2001-2002, the figure was 80 million and in Iraq in 2003, it was 40 million. These were backed up with overt and covert radio and, to a lesser extent, television broadcasts by flying broadcast platforms. What is now termed psychological operations (PSYOPS) has become an integral part of the 'Perception Management' campaign in the global war against terrorism following the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 attacks on New York and Washington. In March 2002, the Pentagon admitted to the existence of an Office of Strategic Influence whose work was said to include deception. The resultant media outcry resulted in this body having to be closed down. One wonders whether the same fate would have befallen the PWE had its existence been known at the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, 'Political Warfare', *Journal of the Royal United Service Institution*, Vol. XCV, No. 578 (May 1950) p. 200.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> R.H.S. Crossman, 'The Wartime Tactics that Led to Watergate' *The Times*, 16 May 1973, p. 18. Crossman served as the senior British member of PWD/SHAEF. Earlier in the war he had been Director of PWE's German and Austrian Regional Directorate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Paul Lashmar and James Oliver, *Britain's Secret Propaganda War, 1948-1977* (Stroud, Sutton Publishing, 1998).

time. The lessons of history are too frequently forgotten. These files should go some way towards rectifying this lamentable loss of memory. In that event, perhaps PWE's real legacy will prove to be greater in the twenty first century than it was in the  $20^{\text{th}}$ .

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