

# MI5 SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE IBMT'S JACK JAMES LARKIN JONES

MI5's authorised historian, Christopher Andrew, who had been formally required to join and swear a loyalty oath to MI5 itself in order to obtain that particular "Queen's shilling" commission, provides the professorial front for the professional liar and double agent Oleg Gordievsky.

MI5's smearing and slandering of the late President of the International Brigade Memorial Trust, Jack Jones, continues unabated. On February 10, 2010 Ulster TV screened the ITN-commissioned programme *INSIDE MI5* – with its closing words that "MI5 is proud of its history" – and which, in turn, is based on the MI5 Professor Christopher Andrew's book *The Defence of the Realm*. For the ITN/ MI5/Andrews/Gordievsky smear, and its rebuttal by Mick Jones, SEE Subject: YouTube – "Traitor exposed! - Jack Jones (trade union leader)": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKj3JV4tHms>

Jack Jones died on April 21, 2009. What Oleg Gordievsky immediately went on to allege did not, of course, constitute a libel on Jack, since - according to law - one cannot libel a dead person. But his unashamedly malicious lie most certainly did slander Jack Jones. See Subject: "Former KGB colonel says he paid late union leader Jack Jones £200 for information" – *Daily Telegraph*, April 22, 2009: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/politics/5200809/Former-KGB-colonel-says-he-paid-late-union-leader-Jack-Jones-200-for-information.html>

That *Telegraph* report was a lie in more ways than one, by also stating that such an allegation had first surfaced in 1995. It most certainly had not. In 1995 Gordievsky maintained that some KGB files held "information obtained" in conversations Jack Jones might have held with Soviet Government or Embassy officials. Jack chose to answer that charge politically. He did not need to take it further, for it was only when he was safely dead that the cowardly Gordievsky dared to proceed with his lying charge that Jack was a "paid KGB agent".

Gordievsky's moral cowardice, of course, undoubtedly made sound financial sense. He could not risk yet another libel action. Back in 1995 the *Sunday Times* had been required to pay substantial damages to Michael Foot, after publishing Gordievsky's earlier libel that this former leader of the British Labour Party was such a "paid KGB agent". "Once bitten, twice shy" accordingly became a new maxim for Gordievsky, a professional liar, as he was to be so accurately described in that same ITN programme by Jack's son, Mick Jones.

For more on the character of Gordievsky and his costly libelling of Michael Foot, SEE Subject: Oleg Gordievsky – Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oleg\\_Gordievsky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oleg_Gordievsky) and Subject: "Former KGB agent is double-dealer in deceit" - News - *The Independent*, February 20, 1995: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/former-kgb-agent-is-doubledealer-in-deceit-1573960.html>

and further SEE Subject: LEADING ARTICLE : “Michael Foot's tainted accuser” - Opinion - *The Independent*, February 20, 1995: <http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/leading-article--michael-foots-tainted-accuser-1573992.html> and Subject: “*Sunday Times* pays Foot damages over KGB claim” - News - *The Independent*, July 8, 1995: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/sunday-times-pays-foot-damages-over-kgb-claim-1590325.html> - a most fitting outcome.

If Gordievsky chose the very moment of the death of Jack Jones in order to launch his slander of him, the timing of the launch of the book by MI5 Professor Andrew, with its regurgitation of that same and other smears, does not appear to have been any more coincidental. On October 5, 2009, UNITE the Union staged a Jack Jones Memorial Celebration in London’s Royal Festival Hall. The very same day saw publication of the MI5 Andrew book, giving rise to a crescendo of black propaganda against the good name of our recently deceased founding President of the International Brigade Memorial Trust, who was also former General Secretary [1969-1978] of the Transport & General Workers’ Union.

To view the unfolding of such a vicious campaign of vilification in the days that followed, SEE Subject: “MI5 monitored union and CND leaders with ministers' backing, book reveals”, *The Guardian*, October 5, 2009: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/05/politicians-soviet-agents-mi5-book> and Subject: “MI5 put union leaders and protesters under surveillance during cold war”, *The Guardian*, October 6, 2009: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/06/mi5-union-leaders-surveillance> for the early press coverage. BUT ALSO SEE Subject: “JACK THE TRAITOR: Special investigation reveals how Union boss sold secrets to the KGB for 45 years”, *The Daily Mail*, October 5, 2009: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1218922/JACK-THE-TRAITOR-Special-investigation-reveals-Union-boss-sold-secrets-KGB-45-years.html> for what was to be the most contemptible example of this lying MI5 campaign of character assassination.

For a spirited riposte to that campaign - together with a strong vindication of the good name of Jack Jones - by the veteran Labour and Trade Union columnist Geoffrey Goodman, SEE Subject: *Tribune* » Blog Archive » “Jack Jones a traitor? Don’t make me laugh”, December 10, 2009: <http://www.tribunemagazine.co.uk/2009/12/10/jack-jones-a-traitor-dont-make-me-laugh/>

For more on Christopher Andrew of MI5 SEE Subject: Christopher Andrew (historian) – Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher\\_Andrew\\_\(historian\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Andrew_(historian)) and for Andrew’s MI5 “Queen’s shilling” SEE Subject: David Walker: “Just how intelligent?” - *The Guardian*, February 18, 2003: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2003/feb/18/highereducation.academicexperts> and for a review of Andrew’s book itself SEE Subject: *The Defence of the Realm* by Christopher Andrew - Book review - *The Guardian*, October 10, 2009: [http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/oct/10/defence-of-the-realm-mi5?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+theguardian%2Fbooks%2Frs+\(Books\)](http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/oct/10/defence-of-the-realm-mi5?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+theguardian%2Fbooks%2Frs+(Books)) described as “a strange and rather suspect production”.

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## **JACK JONES REPLY TO ANTI-IBMT SMEARS**

**SEE Letters, *Irish Times*, November 9, 2005:**

<http://www.irelandscw.com/org-ITOct-Nov05.htm>

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## **JACK JONES COMMEMORATION OF HIS WIFE EVELYN'S FIRST HUSBAND GEORGE BROWN [KILLED IN ACTION, BATTLE OF BRUNETE, 1937]**

**INISTIOGE, CO. KILKENNY, IRELAND, JUNE 28, 2008**

**SEE Subject: "SPANISH WAR HERO REMEMBERED", RTE TV News interview with Jack Jones: <http://www.rte.ie/news/2008/0628/6news.html> and SEE Subject: Welcome to SIPTU - The Union For All Workers - George Brown Commemoration: <http://www.siptu.ie/AboutSIPTU/History/GeorgeBrownCommemoration/> and SEE Subject: George Brown Spanish Civil War commemoration June 2008: <http://www.irelandscw.com/ibvol-GBPhotos5.htm> for commemoration photographs.**

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## **JACK JONES OBITUARIES**

**SEE Subject: BBC NEWS, April 22, 2009, "Union chief Jack Jones dies at 96": [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/8011514.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8011514.stm) and SEE Subject: BBC NEWS - Obituary: Jack Jones, inclusive of archival TV footage, and a radio tribute by Tony Benn: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/3390633.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3390633.stm) and SEE Subject: Obituary: Jack Jones: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/23/jack-jones-obituary> for the obituary by Geoffrey Goodman in *The Guardian*, April 23, 2009.**

**SEE Subject: IBMT: [http://www.international-brigades.org.uk/IBMT%202009\\_2.pdf](http://www.international-brigades.org.uk/IBMT%202009_2.pdf) for the Spring 2009 *IBMT Newsletter* tributes, including the obituary by Jim Jump. ALSO Subject: UNITE statement on T&G former Gen. Sec. Jack Jones: [http://www.unitefortheunion.com/news\\_events/latest\\_news/unite\\_statement\\_on\\_jack\\_jones.aspx](http://www.unitefortheunion.com/news_events/latest_news/unite_statement_on_jack_jones.aspx) for UNITE leader Tony Woodley's tribute and Subject: *The Labour and Trade Union Review*, "Jack Jones, Trade Unionist", Bevin Society Editorial: <http://www.ltareview.com/user/story.php?id=444> and Subject: Jack Jones interview with Max Arthur: 'For us, Spain wasn't an adventure: it was the battle against fascism', *The Observer*, April 26, 2009: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/26/jack-jones-spanish-civil-war> and Subject: *Union Post*, May 2009, page 14, Irish Congress of Trade Unions: [http://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/unionpost\\_200905.pdf](http://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/unionpost_200905.pdf) for the SIPTU statement by Manus O'Riordan.**

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