

Re-enter Gregory Keen!

THIRD in the trilogy which includes *Dossier on Dumetrius* and *Deadly Nightshade*, the Gregory Keen espionage serial *Twenty-six Hours* begins shortly from ZB stations.

The story, which takes 26 hours of broadcasting time, is based on two widely-publicised international incidents. One is the theft of top-secret allied information from the safe of the British Embassy at Ankara during the war, and the other the theft and publication of excerpts from the diary of U.S. Major-General Robert W. Grow. In the first case the information—including plans for D-Day—was photographed by the valet to the British Ambassador to Turkey. It was sold to the Germans for what is said to be the largest sum ever paid a spy, but an ironical twist was given the story by the fact that most of the money paid over was counterfeit. The story of this spy, code-named Cicero, has been told by L. C. Moyzisch, formerly attaché to the German Embassy at Ankara, in a book entitled *Operation Cicero*. In the second case the diary of General Grow, written when he was military attaché at Moscow, was stolen by Communist agents. It contained such comments as "War! As soon as possible! Now!" and provided the Communists with some of the best propaganda

material ever. Grow was court-martialled on three charges, including one of "improperly recording . . . and failing properly to safeguard classified military information."

In *Twenty-six Hours*, listeners will follow the efforts of M15 agent Gregory Keen to recover a diary containing both secret information and explosive comment. This dangerous mission, labelled "Operation Cointreau," leads Keen into some nasty situations. When the twenty-six hours are up only one chapter remains to be told. An officer of M15, Milo Trent-riss, tells it. A round in the cold war has been won by a man who lost his heart to a girl who was dead—and who looked back for her once too often.

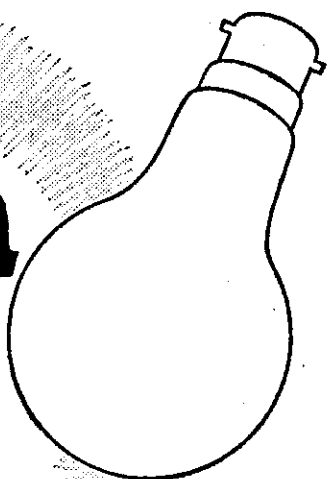
The serial will be broadcast on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30 p.m., beginning from 1ZB on June 9, 2ZB on June 23, 3ZB on July 7, and 4ZB on July 21.



BRUCE STEWART (as Gregory Keen) suits the action to the chapter-heading in this scene from "Operation Cointreau," a stage in the new ZB thriller, "Twenty-six Hours." With him is Gloria Payten

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