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The open mind

He was scrupulously careful to commit himself to no view at all of what the solution may be. The open mind was what he advised every time an M.P. took a view.

When Mr. John Paton (Soc., North Norwich), irritated by Tory questions, broke out: "Is there a shred of evidence connecting these men with Soviet Russia?" Mr. Morrison's reply was: "We should be wise not to prejudge anything one way or the other at this stage."

When Colonel Marcus Lipton (Soc. Brixton) suggested that the two men had done nothing to justify dismissal and might have some explanation of the course they have taken, Mr. Morrison's reply again was:—

"It would be premature to come to conclusions one way or another about it. That is the only position one can adopt at this stage."

The search

The absence abroad of Mr. Maclean and Mr. Burgess was established on Tuesday, May 28. Mr. Maclean had been granted permission to be absent from duty for private reasons on Saturday morning, May 26.

"Mr. Burgess was on leave pending a decision as to his future.

"The matter was at once placed in the hands of the appropriate authorities, who are receiving full co-operation from the Foreign Office in their inquiries. On the same day, May 29, it was found out that they had left Southampton, ostensibly on a week-end cruise, on the night of May 25.

"They disembarked at St. Malo on May 28, but no further confirmed information of their whereabouts has been so far received.

"Mr. Maclean suffered from a breakdown in Cairo a year ago due to overstrain. When he recovered, he was appointed to the Foreign Office as head of the American Department."

The surprise

Mr. Morrison's statement was interrupted by exclamations of surprise from the Tories at such an odd conjunction of events. He looked up, but said nothing. "Mr. Burgess," he continued, "had recently been recalled from the British Embassy at Washington owing to his general unsuitability in the position he held, and the question of his further employment in the Foreign Office was under consideration."

"Mr. Burgess is not a senior official. He is not a member of the senior branch of the Foreign Service, but he held the temporary and local rank of second secretary in his Majesty's

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The words that started it all

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Embassy at Washington for a trial period. Neither Mr. Maclean nor Mr. Burgess has been dismissed.

"They have been suspended from duty with effect from June 1 pending results of the inquiries which are being made. The question of their dismissal will depend on the result of these inquiries.

"The security aspects of this case are under investigation, and it is not in the public interest to disclose them."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the deputy Tory leader, and former Foreign

Secretary, asked whether, in view of the widespread anxiety, Mr. Morrison would keep the House informed of developments. Mr. Eden said he was struck by the statement that Mr. Maclean was appointed to the head of the American Department after his breakdown.

"That is, perhaps, the heaviest and most onerous post at the present time," he emphasised. "Were Mr. Morrison's advisers satisfied when they made this decision that Mr. Maclean was entirely recovered?"

Mr. Morrison replied "Yes." That was the medical evidence. He added: "I do not quite accept that description of the American Department, not in any way out

of disrespect to the importance of American matters, but because many of these matters are dealt with by other departments.

Mr. Somerset de Chair (Tory, South Paddington) asked whether there was any systematic check on the loyalty and affiliations of members of the Foreign Service like Mr. Burgess, who joined the service during the war when we were fighting as allies of Russia.

The reply was that security checks are made on appointment and from time to time.

But to other similar questions Mr. Morrison said he did not imply there was anything like a week by week check-up on all the Foreign Office officials.

And he said with some passion: "If the theory is that we should have a test of suitability for the Foreign Service, according to whom you are in alliance with or at war with—these are not considerations that would influence my mind."

SIX DAYS PASSED

Then Mr. Nigel Fisher (Tory, Hetchin), amid some encouraging cheers, put the question:—

"Why was there this apparent delay in seeking the co-operation of the French and other authorities who might have been able to help us if they had been informed earlier? I think six days passed."

Mr. Morrison: "That was a matter for the discretion of the security services. I do not think there was any undue delay. Your reference to six days is wrong."

Mr. Fisher pressed: "Did these officials possess knowledge of potential value to the Russians on the Government's future intentions?"

Mr. Morrison's reply was: "I have no evidence that they have taken documents with them."

Colonel George Wigg (Soc., Dudley, Worcestershire) said a Sunday newspaper had suggested there was widespread sexual perversion in the Foreign Office. If inquiries proved this to be unfounded, would Mr. Morrison consult the law officers with a view to instituting legal proceedings against the editor and the writer of the article?

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'HATED AMERICA'

Mr. Morrison: "I should not like to answer on the spur of the moment about legal questions. I have not been long enough at the Foreign Office to know. I should think any such imputation was unfair and irresponsible."

Sir Jocelyn Lucas (Tory, South Portsmouth) reported: "The Sunday Dispatch says quite openly that Mr. Burgess had admitted strong Communist tendencies and hated America. In that case, why was he sent to the U.S.?"

Mr. Morrison: "If that is by the same writer to whom Colonel Wigg has referred, I would not take any notice of it."

Sir Jocelyn, amid loud shouts of "Order," walked across the floor and slapped a newspaper on the table in front of Mr. Morrison, who, in his own words, took no notice of it.

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson (Tory, Parnham) said there were rumours that Mr. Maclean's conduct when he was in Egypt was of an erratic nature, but he was nonplussed when Mr. Anthony Eden commented:—

Mr. Maclean served under me in Egypt at one time and all the reports I received were that his work was very good indeed."

Attlee refuses full report

MR. ATTLEE refused in the Commons yesterday to publish a full report of the damage done by such Communist agents as the scientists Fuchs and Nunn May.

"It would be wrong to make public the extent of our knowledge in those cases," he said. "I have no doubt the public is already aware that such agents have done grievous damage to

this country." Mr. L. D. Gammons (Tory, Hornsey) asked for an assurance that there were no other people possessing secret information likely to do what the agents had done. Mr. Attlee: "How on earth can anybody know that? No one can be absolutely certain at any time that someone may not have information he might give away. All we can say is that the utmost care is taken with every individual employed."

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SILLITOE TALKS TO G-MAN HOOVER

From SYDNEY SMITH

WASHINGTON, Monday.— Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M.I.5, began talks this afternoon with J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

And among the topics down for discussion: the two missing diplomats, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess.

Their disappearance a fortnight ago provoked the State Department to suggest to the Foreign Office that it should adopt America's strict standards of security screening.

Although Sir Percy's visit was planned weeks ago, he will now get Mr. Hoover's ideas on how this could be done as quickly as possible.

Sir Percy, on his way, stayed three hours at New York's International Airport.

A burly 6ft. 3ins. G-man, one of two agents sent to secure privacy, ordered eggs and bacon for Sir Percy's party of four.

And, towering above the tall Sir Percy, he told the waiter the order was secret—a little cloak-and-dagger comedy.

Ordinary tourists must pass through the Immigration Service. Sir Percy took it over. He asked officials to leave and made trunk calls to Washington and elsewhere.

Kidnap theory in Rome

Donald Seaman cables from Rome.—

The British Embassy in Rome, which traced the movements of atom scientist Pontecorvo to the other side of the Iron Curtain, believes tonight that the missing diplomats are still in Western Europe.

But observers here add that one or both may have been kidnapped on their way to Paris. It is reasoned that Burgess could have been persuaded to keep an appointment in Paris on May 26; that Maclean, a sick man convalescing from a nervous breakdown, could have agreed to travel with him.

And that one or both became uneasy at what they found in Paris, tried to get out—and kidnapping followed.

Plump, cautious Mr. John Pilcher, spokesman for the British Embassy in Rome, said tonight: "We do not think the two men have been taken to Russia."

"It is 14 days since they were reported missing. We knew soon enough where Pontecorvo had gone. And he joined the Russians through Rome."

Riddle of the telegram

No one here has yet solved the riddle of the telegram that Guy Burgess is reported to have sent to his mother from Rome three days ago.

There are only two offices in Rome from which the wire could have been sent. One is the private-enterprise Italc.

Dr. Giorgio Rubino, head of the office, said bluntly this evening: "No cable from a man called Burgess has gone through this office to England in the past seven days."

In the State Telegraph Office, the other possible outlet for the wire, the staff would not confirm that they had handled it.

In London, Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Bassett, Guy Burgess's stepfather, said at Arlington House, S.W.: "There is no question but that the telegram from Guy was drafted by him."

"My stepson suffered very badly from sinus trouble, and had concussion before he went to America. His black-outs were very bad."

"He talked a lot about a Mediterranean cruise, and the telegram said he was taking a Mediterranean cruise."

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**Search Centered on Mediterranean
 Commons Asked to Keep Cool
 About Two Missing Diplomats**

LONDON, June 11. (AP)—
 Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison reported to the House of Commons today on "the case of the missing diplomats," asking its members not to jump to conclusions about the mysterious disappearance of two Foreign Office career men.

Morrison's remarks shed little new light on the Europe-wide search for Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess.

The Foreign Secretary evaded direct answers to questions from the floor about the two men's security records and possible connections with Russia, returning replies that amounted to "no comment."

He said a Sunday newspaper's suggestion that there is "widespread sexual perversion" in the Foreign Office was "unfair and irresponsible."

Prime Minister Attlee coldly rebuffed Conservative requests for a "white paper" on the British security arrangements that have failed in several instances to stop leakage of vital atomic information to Russia.

Meanwhile, the main focus of the search for the two missing men moved eastward along the shores of the Mediterranean.

The intensive Italian search of the Naples-Capri area was ex-



SIR PERCY SILLITOE, chief of the British Intelligence Service, arrived in the United States yesterday morning. Reports of a meeting between him and J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, on the two missing English diplomats were shrouded in secrecy.

tended to the island of Ischia. After a Rome newspaper reported that Burgess went there "several days ago" to visit poet W. H. Auden.

The British-born American writer told police he had not seen Burgess "anywhere in Italy."

Informed sources in Athens said Greek police had set special watches at all airfields, ports and railway stations in response to a British request.

Egyptian authorities distributed descriptions of Burgess and MacLean to all international airfields and ports.

A high French official said the Surete Nationale—France's FBI—had relaxed its nationwide search for the missing men on the strength of reports that British authorities believe they "have left western Europe."

British officials said, however, that there was "no justification" for such a statement.

American security agents stationed in Europe are known to be aiding in the search, and it was reported in Paris today that an additional 20 to 50 FBI men had flown to Europe to join the hunt. Officials would confirm the report. Sir Percy Sillitoe, chief of British military intelligence, arrived in Washington today ostensibly to attend a security police conference. It was considered certain, however, that he also would confer with FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover on the Washington backgrounds of the two missing men.

Morrison told the Commons "the security aspects of the case are under investigation, and it is not in the public interest to disclose them."

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MI5 AND G-MEN JOIN BIG SPY HUNT

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By **STEPHEN COULTER**, Daily Graphic
Correspondent, Paris

BRITISH, U.S. and French secret service men are combining in France in the biggest Continental spy sweep since the war.

The drive is the result of high-level Government decisions.

MI5 men from Britain and French detectives working on the case of the missing Foreign Office officials, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, have been joined by picked G-men of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The three secret services have linked up on French soil in an operation aimed at breaking the series of disastrous leakages which have cost the Western world its best defence and policy secrets.

Austrian sources said last night. Reuter cables that two Scotland Yard men had arrived in Vienna bringing photographs of Maclean and Burgess.

In Italy, police swooped on the fishing village of Forp d'Ischia, near Naples, after a student reported seeing a man like Burgess. But no sign of Burgess was found.]

Pontecorvo net

The spy sweep in France is not a direct outcome of the appearance of Maclean and Burgess 17 days ago. That case is only one aspect of it.

What the three secret services are working on throughout France is to lay bare in its entirety what has become known as the "Pontecorvo network" — the labyrinth into which information of high value and key men who know Western secrets disappear and are smuggled to Russia.

Five senior G-men are working in Paris with the British
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**Sir Percy
hurries by
on his way
to U.S.**



Sir Percy Sillitoe, chief of M.I.6, walks, hatless, from car to plane at London Airport last night on his way to talks in U.S.—a picture taken by "Daily Graphic" cameraman Sidney Martin. Strict security measures cloaked Sir Percy's departure.

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G-men in big spy hunt

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and French secret services. More than 40 others are operating in the French countryside.

They include specialists trained in Soviet espionage methods, and some are men who helped catch the U.S. spies Harry Gold and Julius Rosenberg.

The operation on the Continent was planned a month ago in Washington.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M.I.5, and Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.B.I., will go into details at a top-secret conference in Washington this week.

They will check results and draft plans for fresh operations.

A DAILY GRAPHIC Special Correspondent in London writes:

Special security measures were taken at London Airport last night when Sir Percy Sillitoe left in a B.O.A.C. Strato-

cruiser for his talks in Washington with Mr. Edgar Hoover.

The disappearance of Maclean and Burgess will be high on the list of matters for discussion.

The conference will start tomorrow at F.B.I. headquarters and continue for several days.

Sir Percy, a Washington correspondent cables, will meet British security officers resident there for a private consultation to-day before seeing Mr. Hoover.

Report to Attlee

Mr. Hoover will submit personally to President Truman a full report of the discussions.

Similarly, Sir Percy Sillitoe, on his return to London, will report direct to Mr. Attlee.

When M.I.5's chief arrived at London Airport last night he was driven direct to the Strato-cruiser and boarded it accompanied by another high security official from Whitehall.

Airport security officers had received specific orders from Whitehall to ensure Sir Percy had direct access to the plane without going through the usual Customs formalities.

Earlier in the evening a check was made on all people entering the airfield.

Reuter cables: French police yesterday circulated photographs of the originals of the telegrams sent to Maclean's wife and mother. They show slight differences from the texts issued on Friday.

That to Maclean's wife put her Christian name after the surname—a Continental habit. The letter "e" was omitted at the end of the word "leave."

Another Continental characteristic is dotting of the capital "I" and a bar on the letter "t" above the upstroke.

FOREIGN OFFICE; NO PAPERS LOST

A Foreign Office spokesman stated on Saturday that no secret documents were missing. He said:

"The report in the DAILY GRAPHIC this morning states that some secret documents on Atlantic defence to which Maclean could have had access have not been traced yet. They attribute this information to a Foreign Office conference.

"I made it perfectly clear that no documents are missing. This story is completely erroneous, without any basis or justification. My original statement was the correct one."

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ADD SILLITOE, NEW YORK (932A)

~~"I'M JUST GOING DOWN TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY," SILLITOE SAID. "WHO I SHALL MEET WILL DEPEND ON MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY."~~
~~ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF HE WOULD SEE HOOVER ABOUT THE MISSING DIPLOMATS WHO ARE PRIVY TO SOME OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA'S TOP DIPLOMATIC SECRETS, SILLITOE SAID:~~

~~"WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO DENY IT, NO DOUBT ALL SORTS OF THINGS WILL BE DISCUSSED."~~

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~~NEW YORK--SIR PERCY SILLITOE, CHIEF OF BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, ARRIVED TODAY FROM LONDON TO CONFER WITH FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO HIGH RANKING BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN EUROPE.~~

SIR PERCY MADE SEVERAL SECRET TELEPHONE CALLS UPON HIS ARRIVAL, DURING WHICH HE ASKED AIRLINES PERSONNEL TO LEAVE THE ROOM. ALTHOUGH THE TRIP HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR SOME TIME FOR SIR PERCY TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON SECURITY POLICE IN WASHINGTON, IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE DIPLOMATS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH HOOVER.

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ADD MORRISON, LONDON (1239P)
 LT. COL. J. R. BASSETT BURGESS, STEPFATHER OF ONE OF THE MISSING
 MEN, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT GUY BURGESS WAS A "SICK MAN" AND SUGGESTED THAT
 HE WAS ABOARD A SMALL SHIP SOMEWHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND UNAWARE
 OF THE SEARCH.

"HE WAS TREATED BY DOCTORS IN AMERICA FOR VERY SEVERE SINUS TROUBLE
 AND SUSPECTED DIABETES," BASSETT BURGESS SAID. "HIS BLACKOUTS WERE VERY
 BAD. HE WAS NOT SO IMPETUOUS BUT HIS MOTHER AND I BELIEVE HE IS NOW ON
 A TRAMP STEAMER OR SOME SMALL SHIP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN THAT IS NOT
 CONNECTED WITH THE SHORE BY RADIO."

HE SAID IT WAS "RIDICULOUS" TO BELIEVE THAT HIS STEPSON HAD
 GONE TO MOSCOW AND THAT HE BELIEVED THE TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM ROME
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ADD MORRISON, LONDON

BEFORE MORRISON MADE HIS STATEMENT, PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE REJECTED
 A CONSERVATIVE SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISH A REPORT OF
 THE U. S. JOINT ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE WHICH CRITICIZED BRITISH
 SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. BUT HE PROMISED THE REPORT WOULD BE FILED IN
 THE COMMONS LIBRARY FOR INFORMATION OF MEMBERS.

MORRISON WAS ASKED WHETHER, IF THE SUNDAY PICTORIAL'S REPORT OF
 SEXUAL PERVERSION IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE PROVED UNTRUE, HE WOULD
 CONSIDER CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE EDITOR AND WRITER RESPONSIBLE.
 HE SAID HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SAY "ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT." THEN HE
 ADDED:

"I CAN ONLY SAY I HAVE NOT BEEN LONG ENOUGH AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE . . ."

LAUGHTER DROWNED OUT THE REST OF THE SENTENCE, IN WHICH HE APPARENTLY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PERVERSION.

MORRISON TOOK OCCASION TO SAY THAT MACLEAN'S JOB WAS NOT NECESSARILY AS IMPORTANT AS ITS TITLE IMPLIED.

"MANY OF THE MATTERS CONCERNED WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE DEALT WITH BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS," MORRISON SAID. "FOR EXAMPLE, THE JAPANESE TREATY WHICH IS DEALT WITH BY THE FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT."

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Russians Hint Diplomats In Red Hands

By SEYMOUR FREIDIN
New York Post Correspondent

Paris, June 11—The Russians have slyly gotten themselves into the act about the two missing British diplomats.

Over the weekend, Soviet personnel in several western European countries have expressed satisfaction to so-called neutral diplomats that Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess were in Russian hands. Further, Radio Bucharest broadcast an announcement that both men had arrived in Prague, which kept mum.

A Russian action in the West was calculated to throw London and Washington into a bigger tailspin over the case and serve to disintegrate in a measure Anglo-American relationships. The Breakdown of Anglo-American unity is one of the prime Soviet policy targets.

May Not Be Idle Talk

Evidence is accumulating that Russians may not be indulging in idle talk. British newspapers, bound by the strictest laws libel, have freely aired possibilities that the two top Foreign Office officials defected after discovering they were under surveillance.

Moreover, the deeply pessimistic attitudes of both British and American officials on the continent are strong indications that they fear the worst has occurred.

Report Today

Herbert Morrison, British foreign secretary is due to report today to the House of Commons on the 'disappearances. The labor government already is under heavy fire from the Conservatives for laxity in permitting pro-Soviet civil servants to

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riddle the administration and Tories will exploit their attack further.

The disappearance of Donald MacLean chief of the American section in Foreign Office and Guy Burgess, ex-second secretary of the British Embassy Washington already has caused many Americans abroad in official position to wonder how far they can go in the future about exchanging information and secret plans with the British.

American military quarters are notably concerned about such exchanges, especially since the British kept the present case under wraps so long—more than 10 days—before asking help in tracking the vanished diplomats down.

French Didn't Get Details

The French have made no secret of the fact that the British didn't give them full details even when London requested aid, and insist they haven't obtained the full story yet from officials across the Channel.

An army of security agents and police in friendly nations, meanwhile, has been augmented by the enlistment of help in the Middle East, notably in Greece and Turkey. Estimates here have more than 25,000 on the lookout for the missing men and information about them.

The Russians would not only claim a huge propaganda victory if they have McLean and Burgess, but would have data about all conferences on Big Four meetings plus a fairly complete outline of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's future.

That, basically, is why the British and Americans are so frantic about trying to locate the missing diplomats.

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The Right to Get Lost

By Max Lerner

The case of the two British diplomatic strays show how deeply we are enmeshed in an age of mystery. Whatever the cause of their disappearance, the far-flung net of search is a sign of the political jitters of our time. The cloak and the dagger have supplanted the older symbols on the world's flags.

My wife and I have been spending hours at what is probably the busiest conversational gambit today—guessing what happened to the two errant diplomats. Did they blunder into a Communist trap, or were they kidnaped, or did they stumble upon something too important to the Russians? Will they be found gagged and dead in a ditch? Or will they crop up in one of the Iron Curtain satellite capitals (Prague? Warsaw?) to denounce their former diplomatic bosses as “warmongers?”

Where even those who know the men closely are baffled, one theory is as good or bad as another. So here's the limb I choose to climb out on.

I think the story is political, not personal. But I doubt whether the two young men have gone over to the Russians, taking our secrets and codes with them. Judging from the statements by their friends, Stephen Spender and W. H. Auden, the politics of MacLean and Burgess may have been leftish 15 years ago but are not now. What is more likely is that they planned a feat of diplomatic derring-do that would gain them the acclaim of their country and the plaudits of the Foreign Office, but they may have fallen into a trap and may turn up—if they ever do—as framed defendants in one of the Iron Curtain spy-trials.

On one score the story falls short of what it could have been. Suppose the two young men had not been British, but career men in the State Dept. Think of how perfectly the scandal would have been timed to the Acheson grilling before the Senate Committee. Imagine the joy in the hearts of Sens. Brewster, Wiley, Bridges, and Cain as they shot their curare-dipped arrows into the Secretary of State.

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What the episode mainly shows is how the walls are closing in on the escapades and peccadillos of the contemporary male.

In a political age, all motives become political, and the non-political segments of our life get cut away. Take these two Englishmen. Why do we all (myself included) rule out a personal explanation for their disappearance? Sometimes your troubles pile up on you. Say your children have the measles, and your wife is having another baby, and your mother, who lives with you, is jittery and possessive. Say you have not yet completely paid up your psychiatrist's bills for the analysis you had two years ago, and you flinch at the thoughts of beginning another. Wouldn't you feel tempted to drop out of sight?

What I am speaking up for is an old Anglo-Saxon right that goes back (I'm sure) to Magna Carta and beyond. I mean the constitutional right to get lost. I can see why Truman and Acheson, Attlee and Morrison, ought not to get lost. I can see how someone like Winston Churchill couldn't get lost even if he tried to. But these two minor fellows were much like you and I. The dream of getting lost—dropping wholly out of sight to the bafflement of family and friends—is as crucial in every man's heart as the dream of omnipotent power or the dream of striking your enemies dead or the dream of impossible adventure. What a sorry world it is getting to be if you or I can't disappear for a few days without having the whole FBI, French Surete, and Scotland Yard on a Continent-wide search for us.

On the other hand, if we do drop out for a night or two, we have now found the unanswerable explanation to bring home. We only have to say, with a casual assurance, that we ran into a gang of Russian agents.

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LITTLE MONEY FOR HOLIDAY

Burgess Talked of Job Outside Foreign Office

By WILSON BROADBENT

Daily Mail Political Correspondent

MR. HERBERT MORRISON, Foreign Secretary, will tell the House of Commons today that despite all efforts no trace has been found of the Foreign Office men—Mr. Donald Maclean, 38, and Mr. Guy Burgess, 40.

He will frankly admit that he and his advisers are completely baffled. Investigations by Foreign Office security experts, M.I.5, and Scotland Yard's Special Branch have produced no valid reasons for the disappearance of the men.

No important documents are missing; and there is no indication of any leakages of vital information which might reflect on their integrity. Nor is there anything in their personal lives known to the police which would make them leave the country.

All possible theories have been examined and abandoned. But some Foreign Office experts still cling to the possibility that the men have been kidnapped.

It is admitted that there are no grounds to substantiate this theory save the men's silence. The hurriedness of their departure and their mode of travelling to France, via St. Malo, still require explanation.

According to information available they had no large sums of money and no travellers' cheques. One of the men is said to have travelled without his shaving kit.

The possibility of one or both being subject to some form of blackmail is another theory examined without any evidence in support being discovered.

Some days before his disappearance Mr. Burgess talked freely of being offered another job outside the diplomatic service if he decided not to continue at the Foreign Office.



From Rennes—Where? Capri, Hints Rome

By Daily Mail Reporters

ALL the guide books make it clear that Rennes, ancient capital of Brittany, is distinguished chiefly by reason of being a railway junction offering excellent facilities for getting to a variety of other places. And this is the last place Burgess and Maclean are positively known to have visited on their journey to—where?

There are a few good hotels in Rennes, a few good restaurants, where the two men could have indulged their taste for delicate cooking. And a lot of bars.

The guide books say that a room in the Lycée at Rennes was used for the second trial of Dreyfus in 1899. There, one might think, the historical interest of the city begins and ends.

Most of the medieval houses were destroyed by fire in 1720, and their place was taken by buildings "in red granite, on an unattractive and formal plan."

In short there seems little about the character and style of Rennes likely to attract a man of Maclean's aesthetic temperament or a man of Burgess's appetite for the roaring and racy.

Still there?

Yet for all anybody knows they are still there. The telegrams sent to their families from Paris and Rome contained mistakes of spelling and construction that one would expect of messages by telephone, or transmitted by a third party, perhaps even ill-acquainted with English.

Therefore there is no proof that either of the men in fact went to Paris or Rome. Rennes remains the last known point they reached—on May 26.

From there the hunt spread south to the Riviera and Italy, east to Switzerland, and to all the frontiers of Western Europe.

Two Scotland Yard men have gone to Vienna, and on to Klagenfurt, in the British zone of Austria, with photos of the two men.

The telegram to Burgess's mother was sent from Rome on Thursday morning through a branch office. The original carries the name of one of the better known hotels in Rome. A photographed copy has gone to London.

A Rome police spokesman was reluctant to elaborate on the previous statement, from which it was understood the wire was filed by an Italian-speaking man, not Burgess.

'Gravely ill'

The Rome newspaper *Tempo* said yesterday that it carried out a private investigation and found that Burgess motored from Paris to Florence where he met a non-British diplomatic colleague with whom he drove on to Rome.

In Rome Burgess is said to have stayed in the home of an Italian business man whom *Tempo* is unable to identify. A few hours later he proceeded to Southern Italy.

Tempo states that Italian police have reason to believe that Burgess parted company with Maclean for entirely "private" reasons and are satisfied that the "inexplicable" disappearance of Burgess has altogether different reasons from political or ideological ones.

The report adds that British authorities and Italian agencies co-operating with them are informed "of the grave nervous illness from which Burgess is suffering which lately is so aggravated that he is no longer in full possession of his mental faculties."

Finally, *Tempo* advances the

Mistakes in the Name

LADY MACLEAN

Telegrams supposed to have been sent by Maclean to his wife and mother show same mistake in the spelling of the name—MAC LEAN. That to Mrs. Maclean had her Christian name after surname, Continental style.

Mrs. MACLEAN MELINDA

theory that Burgess was told that he was about to be demoted from the Foreign Office, and decided "to go into a kind of voluntary exile abroad."

Tempo's editor told the *Daily Mail* Rome Correspondent that the story came from usually reliable sources.

All attempts to check on it have been unsuccessful so far. Tips that Burgess and/or Maclean were seen in Genoa, Florence, Rome, Naples, and Sicily have not stood up to checking.

Authorities have no record that anyone travelling under the names of the missing men arrived or registered in Rome.

Yesterday plain-clothes Italian police from the "special secret section"—not Italian Military Intelligence, who handled the Pontecorvo case—concentrated their hunt on the Naples area.

They combed Capri and Ischia

BURGESS 'DROVE ON TO ROME ALONE'

► From PAGE ONE

islands, and coastal towns such as Positano and Amalfi — traditional playgrounds of the international "set" to which they believe Burgess and Maclean belonged.

Small pensions, private beaches, cafés, and night clubs were watched.

Italian police say they have been asked by British authorities not to reveal any information as to results of their inquiry, but to communicate directly with London.

The hunt is also going on in the Riviera. Police are checking on departures of passengers, steamers, and private yachts at such centres as Cannes, Mentone, and Nice.

In Paris last night a Sûreté official said: "In the past three days we have checked and double checked on every possible clue.

"Thousands of copies of the pictures of the missing men have been seen by police and the public. Yet up to now we have only fitting traces of the men."

The French manhunt, involving over 5,000 police and other officials, has been greatly complicated by the fact that they were asked by the British authorities to join in the search less than a week ago, long after the men arrived in France on May 26.

The proprietor of a Paris hotel reported that a man similar to Maclean came to his hotel a week ago and asked about a room for one night, but did not stay there.

This and other reports set police concentrating on bars, hotels, and resorts in the St. Germain area. A

new report switched the hunt to Montmartre.

To the efforts of French police and British agents from Scotland Yard have now been added those of the American F.B.I. A number of F.B.I. men in Paris investigating the route by which Communist agents are smuggled to Iron Curtain countries joined in the search for the British diplomats.

Swiss police have been asked to keep the men under supervision if found.

Burgess has passport numbered 1674591, issued in London. Maclean has passport number C365875, issued in Rome.

From Paris Mr. and Mrs. James Scherres arrived in London by air yesterday. They went to Maclean's home, Beacon Shaw, Tatsfield, Surrey, to help Mrs. Maclean, who is expecting her third baby this week. Mrs. Scherres is Mrs. Maclean's sister.

They differed

In London yesterday friends recalled that the friendship of Maclean and Burgess was always illogical, since they were of different types. It started at Cambridge.

Burgess was the dominant character, though less well-endowed intellectually, according to the college authorities. Maclean, the brilliant, nervous student, found something to admire in Burgess's devil-may-care attitude, the freedom with which he did and said what he fancied.

In later years they were not so closely associated but the link of undergraduate days was not broken. Burgess, after a spell with

the B.B.C., joined Maclean in the foreign service. He shared a flat with Maclean's brother Alan.

Burgess and Donald Maclean corresponded occasionally. Their circle of friends overlapped. Both were in touch with the artistic and poetic world, with painters and writers and people on the fringe of politics.

Most of their friends assert that Maclean had no Communist sympathies and that Burgess, though knowledgeable about Russia and the Bolshevik Revolution, had never voiced admiration for its leaders or their principles.

A few friends add qualifications. One said yesterday: "Maclean is a serious, high-minded man with a tremendous conscience. That fact is perhaps sinister."

'High motives'

"Burgess might have done something silly, and a little irresponsible; Maclean would have had the very highest motives. If he were attracted to Communism it would have been as to a religion. He is of the stuff of which martyrs are made."

Another said: "If you knew Burgess well it was only a question of time before you heard him arguing about Russia. He would raise his voice and lay down the law. He seemed to know what he was talking about."

"On the subject of the 1917 Revolution I have heard him argue with White Russians on historical points and put them right. Why he made himself so expert on this was never clear, since it wasn't in the line of his job."

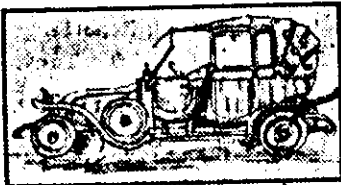
"After he had left the press department of the Foreign Office in Whitehall his subjects were America—where he was posted—and then the Far East. Both here and in America his colleagues did not regard him as brilliant."

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Car craze

In and out of office hours Burgess's chief interest seemed to be cars—fast cars, ornate cars, cars with character and gold fittings.

He would doodle on Foreign Office notepaper, drawing antique limousines, Rolls-Royces with enormous headlamps, menacing mudguards, or with the accoutrements and gold-plated accessories that might be added to a standard



One of the Burgess cars.

model by a maharajah or an oil multi-millionaire from Texas.

When he drove a car he drove it fast—frighteningly fast, some of his passengers have said.

It was fast driving which to some extent led to Burgess returning to England from service in Washington. Three times in one day he was picked up for speeding by police in Virginia.

On the third occasion the driver was said to be an acquaintance he had met on the road who was not licensed to drive. He pleaded diplomatic immunity and the police action was stopped. But a complaint went to the Embassy.

Two scenes

Burgess returned to London and renewed acquaintance with Maclean, who was still apparently worrying about an incident in Cairo in which a colleague was said to have broken a leg. Cairo newspapers referred to a fracas in which Arabs were involved.

The Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, did not think Maclean's rôle called for a serious reproof. Later Maclean left Egypt to have psychiatric treatment in London, since he was in a state of high nervous tension.

In London, in a Soho club, he was involved in another scene. A table was knocked over, glasses went flying, Maclean fell to the floor, and the manager threatened to call the police.

The fact that earlier in this club he had been led sobbing from the lift after it had stuck between floors was regarded by acquaintances as confirming that he was not a cured man.

One said: "He has been going through great internal conflicts, and has been full of anxieties and doubts. Whether those doubts were personal or political was not evident."

The answer to the riddle may be forthcoming from Paris or Rome, or some city farther afield to which the railway town of Rennes is merely the start of the journey.

Still Front Page News in U.S.

From Daily Mail Reporter

New York, Sunday.

THE missing diplomats are still front page news for most of New York's newspapers today. Only the *New York Times* prints the story tucked away in Page 14, but still running for nearly a column under the heading: "British Still Hunt Diplomats in Vain."

The *Times* also prints a 12-inch résumé of the case in its special News of the Week supplement.

The *New York Herald-Tribune* comes out boldly with the front-page headline across two columns: "A.W.O.L. Britons Political Issue: Their Private Lives now Suspect."

The *New York Journal-American*, a Hearst paper, whose weekday afternoon edition has all along been headlining the story in two-inch deep red type, also front-panels the story today under the title: "Search Shifts to Africa for Two Diplomats." This dispatch runs for 27 inches.

The *New York Sunday News* and the *New York Sunday Mirror* also place the story on their main newspapers. The *Mirror's* ten-inch dispatch carries the headlines: "Trace One Diplomat to Southern Italy."

The *New York Sunday News* states: "French Doubts Missing Briton Flies Prague."

Jitters

All dispatches now make open mention of the private lives of the two men. Papers also make considerable mention of the secrets both men might have known and the potential danger there could be if they did get into Soviet hands.

The *Journal-American* says the disappearance of the men, whose names were signed in messages to Britain by a Third Man in Paris, and perhaps a Fourth Man in Rome, has given British officials the worst case of jitters since the Klaus Fuchs atomic spy case.

Public and newspaper comment also shows the dismay of the British people over failure of the powerful and mysterious M.I.5 to turn up a potential clue about the absent-without-leave diplomats.

Theories range from a belief that the men were on a "continental frolic" to suggestions that they are on a "two-man peace mission" to the Soviet bloc.

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MAN IN GREY CATCHES NEW YORK PLANE

Airport Mystery of 'Sir Sillitoe'

SECURITY TALKS

By Daily Mail Reporter

EFFORTS were made by London Airport security police last night to smuggle "the man in grey" aboard the 9 o'clock Stratocruiser to New York.

For "the man in grey" closely resembled Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M.I.5.

Sir Percy, who is expected in Washington for talks on Anglo-American security, was booked in for seat 31, a sleeper, on Flight 509, as "Sir Sillitoe."

But at 8.30 p.m. his name and that of another passenger were crossed off the passenger list. Inquirers were told: "Sir Sillitoe is not flying."

Police were dotted discreetly about the tarmac. At 8.49 p.m. a black saloon arrived via the airport's back entrance.

Customs follow

The man by the driver got out hurriedly, showed a pass to an official at the foot of the aircraft's gangway, then opened a car door.

The passenger got out, followed by a second man. They went hurriedly up into the aircraft. They had cut out the Customs shed. A Customs officer followed them into the plane.

The two men carried no luggage. They had been in the deserted aircraft three minutes before the other passengers and the crew arrived.

And, after the plane had left, BOAC's control still insisted: "Sir Sillitoe cancelled and the plane went with two empty seats."

Hoover's Dossiers Sent to MI5

From Daily Mail Reporter

WASHINGTON, Sunday.

RESULTS of U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence Agency officials' inquiries into the activities of contacts of Mr. Donald Maclean and Mr. Guy Burgess during their terms as officers of Britain's Washington Embassy have already been made available to Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Secrecy about Sir Percy's visit is being enforced here. A spokesman for Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.B.I., told me: "Sir Percy is coming on his own initiative. We can make no comment."

It is understood that American Government security officials have already compiled impressive dossiers on the two missing men.

Sir Percy will confer with Mr. Hoover and with officials of the C.I.A.—nearest American equivalent to M.I.5.

C.I.A. officials also indicated that they would make known to Sir Percy the strong views they held on present British security methods. They consider them inadequate.

HE MUST BE FRANK

MR. MORRISON should speak as fully and frankly as he can when he makes his expected statement on the two missing diplomats today. To say that the country is perturbed is to put it mildly.

Whatever the explanation for this sensational episode may turn out to be, it has come as a mighty shock to the British people. It is another blow to their confidence in the established scheme of things.

To have the disappearance of two officials actually announced by the Foreign Office is the sort of thing one would expect at the Sherlock Holmes exhibition. That it should have happened in real life is almost unbelievable.

The staid, decorous Foreign Office must be shaken to the core. They obviously take the most serious view of the incident, otherwise they would not have given it wide publicity.

How?

If two of their men had committed some minor indiscretion the Department's instinct would have been to cover up. The only possible inference is that the very gravity of this incident has forced the Foreign Office into the open.

For the moment, however, let us assume that it is an escapade. We must then wonder how men capable of such a thing were ever entrusted with high and confidential duties.

MR. MACLEAN, latterly head of the American Department, was a high-ranking diplomat; and Mr. BURGESS was good enough to be Second Secretary at the British Embassy in Washington.

Yet it now appears that both were, in different ways, temperamentally unstable. Certainly they have shown themselves to be, at the very least, irresponsible. Is this the stuff of which the Foreign Service should be made?

Why?

TO have gone off without notice or leave was bad enough, but to remain away after both must know (if they are alive) that the police forces of Europe want to interview them is beyond reasonable explanation.

It is so fantastic that one naturally seeks some sinister reason for their absence. The circumstances of their departure do not allay suspicion.

There was the hired car, left in a garage for a fortnight. There was the scramble on board ship. There was the landing in France, so hurried that suitcases were left behind, and the mystery of the telegrams.

Why should these experienced travellers, linguists, and masters of foreign procedure sail in an excursion vessel and then go to Paris by a roundabout route?

What?

All this is enough to raise some very anxious questions. For example, had these men access to vital secrets, and could they have taken such information with them?

The official line is to discount this idea. We recall, however, that when Professor PONTECORVO disappeared it was said that he could have had no data of any value.

We do not necessarily draw a comparison between his case and that of the missing diplomats. We only remark that it has since appeared that PONTECORVO possessed secrets known only to a handful of atomic scientists.

The doubts and queries which are, at this moment, being voiced up and down the country must be squarely faced by Mr. Morrison today, and, if possible, answered. Britain's security record since the war is none too good, and we only hope it is not to be further blotted.

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telegrams suspect

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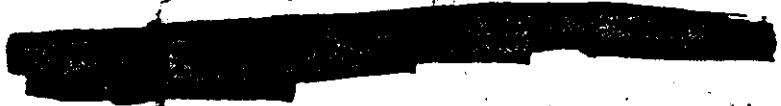
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CLOCK ON CAR SETS RIDDLE

Express Staff Reporters at Home and Abroad

BOATLOADS of police, seeking Guy Burgess, one of the two British diplomats missing since May 25, landed yesterday on the jagged little volcano island of Ischia, off Naples.

They searched around the quays and in the straggly streets of Forio, the port. They tramped through the vineyards and the corn fields and the olive groves. Then they sailed back to Naples to continue their search.

The hunt switched to Italy when it was confirmed that a telegram which Burgess's mother received, saying he was taking a Mediterranean holiday, was sent from Rome.

And it focused on Ischia after a student told police he had ~~seen~~ Burgess there, and it was learned that he has an acquaintance on the island, Mr. W. H. Auden, the King's Medal poet, who is now a U.S. citizen.

Another poet, British Mr. Stephen Spender, who is in Italy, said that the day before the two diplomats left England Burgess telephoned asking if he could fix an appointment with Mr. Auden, whom he had met in New York last month.

But Burgess apparently did not go to Ischia. He did not call on Mr. Auden, anyway.

Just over Italy's border, to Klagenfurt in British-zone Austria, two Scotland Yard men went last night with photographs of the missing men.

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Diplomat search goes on

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Car returned

Back in England the car which Burgess hired to drive to Southampton the day he and Donald Maclean went to France was returned to its garage.

The speedometer showed that Burgess and Maclean drove 130 miles. It is only 80 from London to Southampton. A run of 130 miles would take them round by Oxford or Newhaven.

British Railways officials at Newhaven say the day the diplomats left two men in a car asked if there was an early boat to Dieppe.

They were told the boat had left hours before and they drove away.

Few reports from Europe last night mentioned Maclean—except to suggest that he parted from Burgess in Paris—and investigations have turned on to the possibility that he was blackmailed into leaving England.

It is said that he told friends he wanted to be with his wife Melinda during her third confinement, this

week. All his family plans were made for months ahead.

Friends suggest that somebody may have raised his fears with a threat that if a scandal were manufactured, his career in the diplomatic service might end.

CAR NEAR HOUSE

About the time that Maclean usually went to catch his London train on May 25, a car was seen parked near his house—Beacon Shaw—outside Tatsfield, on the Kent-Surrey border. His own car was in the garage.

Friends believe that Maclean was "collected" and taken to the London meeting place and that from the time he left home his movements were watched so that he could not turn back.

This would account for his making no attempt to contact his friends or his wife's family in Paris. He had not told his wife he was going abroad.

Diplomats and Intelligence officials in many European countries have sent reports to the Foreign Office, on which Mr. Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary, will base a statement to the House of Commons this afternoon.

CLOSER CHECK

America's Central Intelligence Agency is to ask the State Department to advise the British Foreign Office of the need for a closer check on its members.

The State Department will suggest that its own strict standards of security should be adopted by the Foreign Office.

In the past year the State Department has purged more than 100 officials on non-political grounds.

Its explanation is: "Weakness in personal conduct is something

enemy agents encourage and late exploit."

Both British and American officials in Washington say that the Burgess-Maclean case, however it ends, will have a bad effect on the State Department's confidence in dealing with British officials.

*Police in Brittany tracked down two suspects yesterday, they apologised — to two holidaying clergymen.

Security man will retire soon

Mr. Arthur W. Askew, 70-year-old chief of the Foreign Office security police, is retiring this month after 11 years' service. A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday: "There is no connection between the retirement of Mr. Askew and the disappearance of the two members of the foreign service."

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**MRS. MACLEAN'S
SISTER HERE
FROM PARIS**



BROTHER ALAN



Alan Maclean — Information Officer to the British delegation at UNO. He flew home from Lake Success to see his mother and sister-in-law and, it is understood, to help in the inquiries.

MRS. MACLEAN'S sister, Mrs. Harriet Sheers, waits with her American husband outside the Maclean home, Beacon Shaw, Tatsfield. They arrived yesterday morning from their Paris home. Their

taxi was held up at Beacon Shaw while the driver climbed over padlocked gates to collect a key. No callers were received at the Maclean home after that. Mr. Sheers said: "There is nothing, absolutely nothing I can tell you."

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HE WILL ... HE WON'T ... HE DOES
M.I.5 BOSS LEAVES FOR U.S.



SIR PERCY SILLITOE, M.I.5 Chief, sling bag in hand, steps on London Airport tarmac from his car—to board a Stratocruiser for New York.

He drove there last night, seconds before the take-off. The usual controls were by-passed.

With him was a man referred to as Mr. Martin. They hurried aboard.

Half an hour before the plane was due to leave B.O.A.C. officials said Sir Percy had cancelled his flight—and his name and that of Mr. Martin were crossed off the list.

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TELL-TALE CLUES IN TELEGRAMS

Express Staff Reporter

PHOTOGRAPHS of the telegrams sent from Paris in the name of Donald Maclean, one of the missing diplomats, seem to make it clear that he did not send them and did not even write them for someone else to send. It is obvious that the person who wrote out the messages on the telegram forms was a foreigner with little experience of the English language or British ways. For instance, the figure 7 is written in the Continental

Mrs Mac Lean Melinda
Had to leave unexpected

A NAME OUT OF PLACE

An "e" out of "leave" manner, with a stroke across it. Anyone copying a message in an unfamiliar language is usually most careful to avoid mistakes. The person who wrote out the telegrams printed them in capital letters—and in every case where the capital I represented a small i, he put a dot over it. This suggests that he copied the dot from the original. Would any Englishman put a dot over a capital I? It is unlikely. The dots suggest that the messages were written by someone whose native language includes important signs or flourishes over letters. This is mostly true of Eastern languages. In spite of the careful copying, there is a spelling mistake—the letter e is left off the end of leave, which also suggests, with the obvious signs of care in copying, that the original writer was not letter-perfect in English. But above all there is the evidence of the addresses. Telegram No. 1 was sent to "Lady Mac Lean"; No. 2 to "Mrs.

LADY MAC LEAN, 17 EVERHAM

THE CROSSED SEVEN "Mac Lean"—divided

Mac Lean Melinda." In each case "Maclean" would be enough.

How many men pay for the word "Mrs." when cabling to their wives? How many incur the further extravagance of putting in their wives' Christian names? And, further, putting the Christian name in the wrong place; after the surname? But some Continentals always put the Christian name second. Further, the telegram to Mrs. Maclean bears the address "Tatsfield, -near Westerham, Surrey, England."

The official postal address for Tatsfield is "Tatsfield, Westerham, Kent." The official telegraphic address is simply "Tatsfield"—no Westerham.

Only a foreigner is likely to have made the blunder of putting Westerham in Surrey. Westerham is in Kent, though Tatsfield, close by, is in Surrey.

The fact that Maclean's nickname was used for the signature to the cable to his mother suggests

TATSFIELD NEAR WESTERHAM
SURREY, ENGLAND

NEAR WESTERHAM, SURREY
... wrong county

that the writer had been in touch with Maclean or someone who knew him—nothing more. Of course, there is the possibility that anyone forced to send a message under duress might introduce intentional mistakes as a warning.

The cables were handed in at 10.5 last Wednesday night. At that time Maclean and Burgess had been missing for 12 days.

The Daily Express published next day the first news of their disappearance. The cable purporting to come from Burgess was sent from Rome that morning.

Who suddenly decided it was time to show signs of the two—and why?

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ADD MORRISON, LONDON

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UNDER A FIRE OF QUESTIONS, MORRISON SAID IT WAS "UNFAIR AND
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 THE QUESTION OF THE DISMISSAL OF BOTH MACLEAN AND BURGESS, WHO ARE
 NOW UNDER SUSPENSION, WILL DEPEND ON INQUIRIES BEING MADE INTO THEIR
 DISAPPEARANCE, MORRISON SAID.
 "I SHOULD INFORM THE HOUSE THAT THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE
 ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION AND IT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO
 DISCLOSE THEM," MORRISON SAID.

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 MORRISON'S STATEMENT INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD FEW CLUES TO
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 THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID:
 1. MACLEAN HAD BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM THE
 FOREIGN OFFICE ON PRIVATE BUSINESS MAY 26. BURGESS WAS ON LEAVE
 PENDING A DECISION ON HIS FUTURE.
 2. IT WAS FOUND OUT ON MAY 29 THAT BOTH MEN LEFT SOUTHAMPTON ON
 THE NIGHT OF MAY 25, AND LANDED AT ST. MALO, FRANCE, MAY 26. AFTER
 THAT NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND OF THEM.
 3. MACLEAN SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN IN CAIRO A YEAR AGO. WHEN
 HE RECOVERED HE WAS NAMED HEAD OF THE AMERICAN SECTION. BURGESS HAD
 BEEN RECALLED FROM WASHINGTON.
 CONSERVATIVES AT ONCE STARTED BOMBARDING MORRISON WITH QUESTIONS.
 HE TOLD THEM THAT MACLEAN SEEMED TO HAVE RECOVERED FROM HIS BREAKDOWN
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Flight is not now regarded as spree

Sunday Chronicle Reporter

NOW the riddle of the two missing British diplomats is taking a graver turn. Last night a new note of concern was apparent in London and Washington.

Sixteen days had gone by without a positive clue to the whereabouts of Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess.

And this question must now be answered: If the two men were off on a harmless escapade, why have they not come forward in answer to the hue and cry that has been raised all over Europe?

The full facts of the case will be discussed this week at a conference in Washington of top officials of M.I.5 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sir Percy Sillitoe, M.I.5 chief, will fly to Washington to-day. His opposite number, Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, will preside at the conference.

Latest reports on the hunt for the two men will be given to Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison this weekend. To-morrow Mr. Morrison will make a statement in the House of Commons in reply to six anxious questions from M.P.s.

Hamburg radio yesterday quoted Bucharest radio as saying that the two men had arrived by air in Prague, but this report was not mentioned by Prague radio, nor by the Bucharest foreign language broadcasts heard in Britain.

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Mystery Briton is questioned

By **STEPHEN COULTER**

Sunday Chronicle Paris Correspondent

SSCOTLAND YARD, M.I.5, and the best brains of France's anti-espionage bureau (the D.S.T.) last night groped their way one halting step further into the dark labyrinths into which the two British diplomats have disappeared.

And instead of a pair of quiet good-looking Englishmen with public school manners, they are now seeking two desperate lone figures—men haggard with anxiety, as the hunt for them sets the police of the whole of Western Europe at their heels.

Maclean and Burgess, it is now firmly believed, are no longer together. Police are convinced that whatever their design, these two hunted figures have separated.

Unless they are held somewhere under forcible constraint, they must both know of the fantastic hue and cry they have raised.

Separate and alone, they dare not come back home

They must know that every moment of their past lives is being remorselessly sifted, every personal emotion examined, every private impulse weighed. They must know that their families are suffering terrible anxieties.

By now every village constable in France has seen their photographs, every airport and main railway station from Germany to the Channel is being watched, and separate and alone, the men may be saying to themselves: "I dare not come out into the open—even to go back home."

**BRITISH AND FRENCH POLICE ARE CONVINCED THAT
MACLEAN AT LEAST IS STILL IN PARIS OR ITS
OUTSKIRTS. IN SUPPORT OF THIS THEY HAVE
UNCOVERED TWO IMPORTANT FRESH CLUES.**

The first comes from an Englishman whose identity is being kept secret, a man who for years has been living on the fringe of the exotic Paris café world on the left bank of the Seine.

When the news of the disappearance of Maclean and Burgess was flashed to Paris, search was at once confined to a special section of the French D.S.T. bureau which knows the secrets of the Paris café society where men make friends easily.

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Man who was watched in cafes said 'I know Maclean'

Among the men watched was the Englishman, whose habits had already attracted police notice, but who had never given cause for prosecution. He was followed everywhere. The D.S.T. checked his neighbours.

After 48 hours they were certain this man had recently seen one of the two missing Britons. They questioned him, and he admitted he knew Maclean.

HE SAID MACLEAN HAD VISITED PARIS MORE THAN ONCE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. A WEEK YESTERDAY HE HAD SPENT SOME TIME WITH HIM. HE KNEW NOTHING OF MACLEAN'S PLANS AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS.

Asked about Burgess, the man replied: "Burgess? I don't know any Burgess. I have never seen him." Shown Burgess's photograph, he failed to recognise him.

A second indication that the two missing men are separated comes from the telegrams supposedly sent by them to their families in England.

Only the original forms of the telegrams sent to Maclean's mother and wife have been traced in Paris. Despite a minute search through every Paris post office, there is no trace of the telegram supposedly sent by Burgess to his mother.

In the early hours yesterday I watched the search for

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Hunt for missing diplomats

Yard men comb Paris cafes

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Maclean and Burgess through the cafes and cabarets of the St. Germain des Prés area.

Here, in the one-time haunt of the Paris literary world, where poets and artists used to write and paint, now reigns a feverish night life, packing a garish crowd of English, French, Americans, Dutch, Scandinavians, and Orientals into smoke-filled interiors until dawn each day.

The clean-cut young man in a neat suit, who lounges nonchalantly by the door, suddenly turns to a companion and speaks in a cultured English voice.

The young woman, sitting alone in a desperate Existentialist gloom, looking as if she were summoning courage for suicide, orders her next drink with a Lancashire accent.

THE GROTESQUE FIGURE WITH A BEARD LIKE MATTED STRING, SHOULDER-LENGTH HAIR, A ROTTING COAT AND SANDALS—SURELY HE CANNOT BE ENGLISH? BUT IT IS ENGLISH HE SPEAKS.

Shouldering them are the Negroes, the Indo-Chinese, the Hindus. Regularly the area is visited by special brigades of police. How half the population of this welter of apparent idlers lives is a mystery.

Yet it was here that, wandering through the tables, standing at the bar counters, British and French plain-clothes men watched for Burgess and Maclean.

In one café on the boulevard detectives stood for most of the night, checking the faces of all comers.

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Relatives' move is new riddle

Sunday Chronicle Reporter

ANOTHER mystery was added last night to the disappearance of Burgess and Maclean. What happened in Paris to Maclean's sister-in-law, Mrs. James Sheers and her husband?

On Friday they were questioned for hours in their fifth-floor apartment in Paris by the French Sûreté and the D.S.T. Afterwards they cancelled their plans to fly from Paris to Deauville and booked passages to London instead.

Sheers and his wife drove in separate cars to the Invalides air terminal with an escort of three police cars. A police official said this was a routine check on their movements.

When British European Airways Flight 304 arrived at Northolt last night they were not on board, their names had been taken from the passenger list, and they were not on any later flights.

It was thought that originally they had changed their Deauville plans to come to England to be with Mrs. Maclean, who is expecting a baby.

Poet friends say Burgess was not a Communist

Mr. Stephen Spender, the British poet and close friend of Burgess, speaking by telephone from the village of Torri del Benaco, on Lake Garda, in Northern Italy, yesterday said: "Burgess telephoned me in London on May 24 (the day before he disappeared).

"The conversation he had with me does not fit in with the theory of his having gone over to the Communists.

"He warmly congratulated me on my new book, an autobiography called *World Within Worlds*. He said it described exactly the development of his own attitude to Communism and the book is strongly anti-Communist."

The British-born poet, W. H. Auden, now a U.S. citizen, speaking by phone from near Naples, said it was preposterous that Burgess, whom he knew well, could have gone to Russia.

"His whole temperament would be against it," he said. "One can only conclude that they must have been kidnapped."

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Bucharest Radio Reports Arrival Of Hunted Diplomats in Prague

One of Europe's Greatest Manhunts Pressed As Cold Trail Leads From France to Italy

By the Associated Press
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The conservative Rome newspaper EL Tempo said Burgess was

in a hotel at Florence Thursday and left to return to France through the Ventimiglia border crossing.

In Istanbul, monitors checking the Communist Bucharest radio reported they had picked up a broadcast saying Burgess and Donald D. MacLean, his companion, had landed by plane in Prague, Czechoslovakia. There was no further comment and no confirmation of this report from other sources.

Paris police took up another of several rumors about the sighting of MacLean—this time that he had entered a Pigalle bar about 5 a.m. today and asked the bartender to change some British currency.

Fifteen thousand sleuths fer-
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Edgy as he awaited reassignment, he vanished 15 days ago with MacLean, 38, scholarly but debonair chief of the Foreign Office's American department. MacLean's American wife, the former Melinda Marling of New York, is expecting their third child shortly.

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MacLean Sent 2 Messages.

Authorities specified that two from MacLean—which went to his wife and his mother, Lady MacLean—were filed at the Paris central postoffice. The implication was that Burgess' also was filed in the French capital.

Directed to his mother, Mrs. J. R. Bassett, it said: "Terribly sorry for my silence. An embarking on long Mediterranean holiday. Do forgive. Guy."

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Theory Excluded.

Mr. Ridsdale was asked at his regular news conference if it is believed the two men are still together:

"The search is going on and we have no information as to their whereabouts," he replied. "We are not proceeding on any hard and fast theory, but are taking every step to try to get into touch with them. We are not excluding any theory."

Asked why the Rome angle was disclosed only today, Mr. Ridsdale hinted that Britain's intelligence and counter-espionage chiefs were keeping some details, even from the Foreign Office to give their men in the field the benefit of secrecy.

Rome police confirmed that the Burgess message was filed in Burgess' name Thursday. They combed Rome hotels for him in vain. Police noted it would have been possible for both men to have flown to Rome from Paris in a few hours, once they were through the guard French police have set up at airports and frontier posts.

Friend Lives on Cyprus.

The British Press Association said Burgess has a friend, a former member of the British Foreign Service, living on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

If a person wished to get in-

formation to Russia, the complex and highly organized Communist Party machinery of Italy offers one of the best transmission belts in the world. French Communists are similarly organized.

Foreign Secretary Morrison is expected to make a statement concerning the missing men in the House of Commons Monday.

Six rank-and-file conservatives in the house have presented questions, all asking Mr. Morrison for a statement.

The Foreign Office denied yesterday that the missing men know or could possibly get access to the British diplomatic code, or that any revision of the code is now contemplated.

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Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, in breaking the story Thursday, quoted an unidentified acquaintance of the missing men as saying they were heading for the Soviet Union "to serve their idealistic purposes."

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AWOL Britons Political Issue Their Private Life Now Suspect

By Joseph Newman

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LONDON, June 9.—Regardless of whether Britain's two missing diplomats have deserted to Russia or are enjoying themselves at some West European hideout, Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison will be severely cross-examined regarding government security when he reports to the House of Commons on Monday.

The Conservative opposition is unable to resist the temptation to discredit the Labor government by exploiting the incident as another example of administrative laxity and carelessness. Against the background of Dr. Klaus Fuchs and Prof. Bruno Pontecorvo, the Conservatives are in a position to paint a picture of the Labor administration as shot through with Marxists and insecurity.

However, there is a strong inclination here to regard the two men's disappearance as a personal, rather than a political one. An ar-

ticle in "The Sunday Dispatch," headlined "Whitehall in Queer Street," will say tomorrow: "Both men were fond of seeking amusement in each other's company."

"The Sunday Chronicle" will report that Scotland Yard and the French Police, working in Paris, are piecing together "a hitherto unknown phase in the life of Donald Duart Maclean." It will refer to an investigation being undertaken by a special French police section, "which knows the secrets of Paris cafe society, where men make friends easily."

According to the "Chronicle," an Englishman who lives in Paris told police that Mr. Maclean spent some time with him last Saturday—a week after he disappeared in France with Mr. Burgess. Police therefore hope Mr. Maclean may still be in the Paris area.

There is a possibility that the two companions may have separated in Paris, from where two telegrams in Mr. Maclean's name were sent to his family in England.

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A telegram in Guy Francis de Moncy Burgess's name was delivered to his mother in England from Rome.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, chief of Britain's Secret Service, known as MI-6, will fly to Washington tomorrow to confer with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the activities of Mr. Maclean and Mr. Burgess while they were stationed in the United States.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Morrison will make a statement relating the known facts about the disappearance on May 25 of Mr. Burgess, who is forty, and Mr. Maclean, thirty-

eight. The longer the mystery lasts the stronger becomes the anti-government case, which is compounded of emotions—largely fear and apprehension arising from uncertainty.

Several Sunday newspapers will open the attack on the government tomorrow. Writing in "The Sunday Dispatch," Lord Vansittart, who was Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from 1930 to 1938, will repeat charges that the government has permitted various important agencies to become honeycombed with Communists.

Lord Vansittart realizes there is nothing to substantiate suspicions that the two missing men fled to Russia, but he feels that candidates admitted into the civil service during and after the war have not been sufficiently screened.

"Over a year ago I made two speeches in the House of Lords,

pointing to the wide extent of Communist infiltration in this country," Lord Vansittart will say in his article. "I pointed out that apart from trade unions, the Communists have honeycombed the church, the British Broadcasting Corporation, the teaching profession and the public service."

Lord Vansittart maintains that "there are at least 11,000 Communists in the public service and I showed with chapter and verse how there is an open channel of communication from them to Moscow."

Mr. Maclean, head of the Foreign Office's American department, and Mr. Burgess, until last month Second Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, left Southampton May 25 aboard a week-end excursion boat which put in at St. Malo, France, the next day. The two men went ashore there and did not return

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LONDON--THE SEARCH FOR TWO BRITISH DIPLOMATS FOCUSED ON SOUTHERN ITALY FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE MISSING MEN WAS SEEN THERE 12 DAYS AGO.

DONALD MACLEAN AND GUY BURGESS, HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WERE LAST SEEN IN FRANCE MAY 26 UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGESTING THAT THEY MIGHT BE ON THEIR WAY TO A SECRET MEETING IN PARIS.

POLICE ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE HAVE BEEN HUNTING THE TWO MEN FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, AMID GROWING INDICATIONS THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY COMMUNIST AGENTS.

SOME LONDON NEWSPAPERS TODAY PRINTED A HAMBURG RADIO REPORT QUOTING PERSONS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY, AS SAYING THEY HAD HEARD THE OFFICIAL ROMANIAN RADIO QUOTING THE OFFICIAL CZECH RADIO TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TWO MEN HAD ARRIVED IN PRAGUE.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THIS REPORT IS "WITHOUT FACTUAL BASIS." THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, WHOSE MONITORS REGULARLY TUNE IN BROADCASTS FROM COMMUNIST EUROPE, SAID NO SUCH REPORT WAS HEARD, EITHER ON THE BUCHAREST OR THE PRAGUE RADIO.

A TELEGRAM FROM ROME AND REPORTS IN TWO USUALLY RELIABLE ROMAN NEWSPAPERS OFFERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CLUE TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE MEN.

THE NEWSPAPERS IL TEMPO AND IL MESSAGGERO REPORTED BURGESS ENTERED ITALY BY CAR FROM FRANCE 12 DAYS AGO AND DROVE SOUTH TO FLORENCE, WHERE HE MET A FRIEND "IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF A COUNTRY VERY FRIENDLY WITH BRITAIN."

AFTER THE MEETING, THE NEWSPAPERS SAID, HE DROVE ON TO ROME, STAYED THERE A FEW HOURS AND THEN MOVED ON TO NAPLES. SO FAR AS THE NEWSPAPERS COULD DISCOVER, THE TRAIL ENDED THERE.

TEMPO AND MESSAGGERO GAVE NO SOURCE FOR THEIR REPORTS. ITALIAN OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF BURGESS' WHEREABOUTS.

IT WAS LEARNED, HOWEVER, THAT POLICE WERE COMBING THE NAPLES AREA FOR THE MISSING MAN--ESPECIALLY ALONG THE DOCKS, FROM WHICH SHIPS SAIL TO EVERY MAJOR PORT IN THE WORLD.

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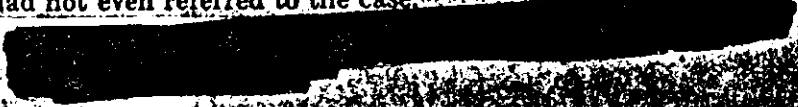
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THE TWO MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMATS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN PRAGUE—BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

That was the sensational news as given to the world this morning by two European radio stations. Both Hamburg and Istanbul claim to have picked up a broadcast from Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, declaring that Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess had touched down at Prague airport.

In its broadcast, Hamburg radio warned that there had been no official confirmation of the report. But it pointed out that this was the first time the diplomats' disappearance from Britain had been even mentioned by any Russian satellite news source. Prague Radio itself had not even referred to the case.

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Ironically, the Bucharest broadcast came only a few hours after the B.B.C. had flashed to nineteen European countries the biggest international SOS for the runaways that has ever been put on the air.

It was at the request of the Foreign Office that the SOS went out. And six high-powered stations beamed descriptions of the two men to every part of the Continent. In each broadcast an appeal was made to the public to report to the local police if they saw the two men.

Even before the SOS millions of people in Western Europe were on the alert to spot the runaway pair. French Secret Service chiefs headed the official search.

Late last night—despite the Bucharest report—they were working on the theory that Maclean and Burgess had flown from Paris to Warsaw.

They discovered that a plane which was to have left for the Polish capital a week ago with two Warsaw diplomats, did not in fact have the two Poles as passengers.

Maclean and Burgess, the Secret Service chiefs suggest, may have taken their places.

In any case, the Parisian investigators have abandoned the theory that the two Foreign Office men were on some private adventure. They are convinced that "graver issues are involved."

The only definite information about the men still is that they sailed to France in an excursion ship on May 25, and later went on to Paris.

Whose writing?

Below is a reproduction of the telegram sent in the name of Donald Maclean from Paris to his wife. It was not written by the missing diplomat and the police are anxious to find who did write it.

After that—nothing. Even the telegrams sent to their relatives in England are suspect.

In London, at a Foreign Office conference, a spokesman denied that secret documents on Atlantic defence to which Maclean had access cannot be traced.

"No documents are missing," he said. "And if anyone thinks Maclean knew the secret of the atom bomb I can assure them that he did not."

Mr. W. H. Auden, the poet, speaking by telephone from a little fishing village on the island of Ischia, near Naples, said yesterday it was "absolutely fantastic" to think that Burgess, whom he knew well, might have gone to the Soviet Union voluntarily.

"The whole idea is absolutely preposterous. One can only conclude that they must have been kidnapped."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Foreign Minister, will make a statement in Parliament tomorrow.

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CUT OUT THESE SILLY SCARES!

WILD ALLEGATIONS ABOUT BRITAIN'S "LACK OF SECURITY" ARE BEING HURLED ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AS A RESULT OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO YOUNG BRITISH DIPLOMATS, DONALD MACLEAN AND GUY BURGESS.

The U.S. State Department's confidence in the integrity of British officials is said to have been "shaken." We are to be urged to "clean house," say reports from Washington.

IF THIS MEANS THAT THEY WANT US TO HAVE G-MEN ON THE AMERICAN PATTERN OUR ANSWER SHOULD BE BLUNT AND IMMEDIATE—WE DON'T WANT THEM! IN THE POLICE AND THE SECRET SERVICE BRITAIN HAS SECURITY FORCES WHICH ARE AS CAPABLE AS, AND MORE EXPERIENCED THAN, ANY IN THE WORLD.

The plain fact is that there is no reason to suppose that these young men have done anything illegal. There is no evidence to justify panic. Not because a couple of young officials have cleared off to the Continent, does it mean that we must bring in some Gestapo-like system of espionage on the movements of all Foreign Office employees.

SPYHOLES AND WITCH-HUNTS HAVE NO PLACE IN THE BRITISH WAY OF LIFE.

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Some of the blame for the hysteria in America—and in Europe—can be put fairly and squarely on the Foreign Office. Their fussy secrecy in the opening stages of the hunt for the two men encouraged speculation. The rumours, of course, were that Maclean and Burgess, who vanished after taking an excursion steamer from Southampton to France on May 25, intended to make their way behind the Iron Curtain.

Yesterday French sources joined in the panic. They said French police were convinced that the two diplomats flew to Warsaw from Paris on Sunday. **FACT: NO PLANE LEFT PARIS FOR WARSAW THAT DAY.**

In London, earlier scare reports were corrected, and it was promised that Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, would make a statement in the House tomorrow.

HE WILL ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT ALTHOUGH MACLEAN HAD ACCESS TO ATLANTIC PACT DOCUMENTS AND OTHER SECRET PAPERS NONE IS MISSING

Maclean, who was acting head of the American department, failed to appear at his office in London on May 28. Burgess, who had been recalled from Washington, was on leave.

The two men are known to have driven in a hired car to Southampton, where they embarked on the steamer Falaise for St. Malo. Leaving their luggage on board, they took a taxi for Rennes, where they are believed to have caught a train for Paris.

Reassuring telegrams were sent to their families by a third party. Yesterday the Foreign Office revealed that two telegrams sent on behalf of Maclean came from Paris and one for Burgess's mother from Rome.

Yesterday the *New York Daily News*, in a special dispatch from Paris, claimed that a third man had confirmed that the pair planned to escape into Russia.

"He was to have fled with them, but got cold feet at the last moment," said this sensational report. "He, too, is a member of the British Diplomatic Corps."

THIS WAS PROMPTLY DENIED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.

Last night Bucharest Radio quoted Hamburg Radio as saying that the diplomats had arrived in Prague. Simultaneously, Burgess was said to have been seen in Florence.

How scares begin

NEWS flash last evening from an American agency:

Detroit, Saturday.

"High executive of new U.S. Atomic energy plant missing."

Followed a message describing wide search for the deputy manager of plant at Paducah, Kentucky, who disappeared Friday "in mysterious circumstances from airport, carrying many documents dealing with atomic energy not necessarily secret."

Came another flash: Hold up atom man story.

Revised version followed, explaining that the man had missed his plane from Detroit for St. Louis and was travelling by train.

END OF SCARE

What is true is that the entire police of Western Europe are hunting for Burgess and Maclean.

They may have vanished on a pleasure jaunt. If this is the explanation the Foreign Office will be well advised, when they return, to take drastic disciplinary action.

BUT UNTIL THIS THEORY IS DISPROVED IT IS UNWISE TO BELIEVE SINISTER RUMOURS WHICH OUR OVERSEAS FRIENDS—AS WELL AS OUR ENEMIES—ARE ONLY TOO READY TO SPREAD.

2 lost diplomats: Reckless charges

By TERENCE ROBERTSON

WILD messages flashed around the world last night on the whereabouts of the two missing Foreign Office diplomats caused one of the greatest international security muddles of recent times.

In London, attempts were made to launch a top-level attack on the Government's screening policy for public servants and its national security organization, by linking the mystery with the alleged resignation of Sir Percy Sillitoe, Director-General of MI 5.

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I can disclose on the highest authority that this report is without foundation. Sir Percy has no intention of resigning. He can hand his resignation only to the Prime Minister, to whom he is solely responsible.

CONFIDENCE IN SILLITOE

This has not been done. In fact, Mr. Attlee is known to have complete confidence in Sir Percy and would not accept his resignation at the present time.

Nor has Sir Percy any plans for reorganizing his security set-up. Like the Government, he holds strong views against any all-powerful organization on the lines of America's Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The existing overlapping interests of MI 5, Scotland Yard's Special Branch, and the Ministry of Supply Investigations Branch ensure the freedom of the individual.

MI 5 can inquire about a suspect and pass details to the Special Branch. It is the police who arrest, thereby making certain that no one is held secretly and submitted to Gestapo methods.

Diplomatic and Intelligence sources consider the effect of these "scare" reports will be to undermine the Government at home and seriously damage the nation's prestige abroad, particularly in the U.S. where a new anti-British campaign is in full cry.

SCARE REPORTS

Similar wild reports have been circulated in several countries on the mystery of the London diplomats.

Both the missing Foreign Office men, Guy Burgess, head of the Far Eastern Department, and Donald Maclean, head of the American Department, have been said to have disappeared with State secrets.

In London, the main denials were:

NO—The Special Branch's Supt. George Wilkinson has **not** gone to Paris. He is on leave, in England, and not connected with the case.

NO—CID Chief, Asst. Commissioner Ronald Howe is **not** in Paris. He is in Lisbon for a conference of the International Criminal Police Commission.

NO—Scotland Yard did **not** refuse to release pictures of the two men. It never had any.

And a more important **NO**—No documents on the Atlantic Pact are

Hamburg radio last night quoted an unconfirmed report by Bucharest radio that the two diplomats had arrived by air in Prague. The report was also said to have been heard in Istanbul. This was the first time the story had been mentioned by an East European country.

A British Embassy spokesman in Prague said that they had not heard the broadcast, and no one had approached them on the subject.

missing. Reports that they were are "erroneous and completely without justification."

In fact, the Foreign Office, which is in the best possible position to gather any new fact, is entirely in the dark. The only fact established is that the men have disappeared.

HUNT GOES ON

There is nothing in their background to suggest that they might have gone East of the Iron Curtain. There is equally little to suggest that they have been kidnapped. The report that Maclean was drinking in Paris cafes last Saturday is "fantasy," according to Paris police.

Relatives of the missing men have heard nothing since the widely, sometimes inaccurately, publicized telegrams. But Col. J. R. Bassett, step-father of Mr. Burgess, said the Iron Curtain stories were "nonsensical rubbish."

Meanwhile, the police force of Western Europe are searching for the missing men. One report said that "15,000 detectives" were taking part. It is doubtful whether there are that many detectives in the whole of Western Europe.

But French police are easing up on their search because they say London has overestimated the importance of the two men.

A further report said that the Belgian police were on the track of one of the missing men who was staying at a Brussels hotel.

Brussels State Police headquarters investigated, proved the man's identity and denied that either of the diplomats was in Belgium.

Sir Percy Sillitoe will fly to Washington to-day to investigate the activities of the two men during their service in the U.S.

His inquiries will take the form of a routine check-up normally carried out in such emergencies.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, will make a statement on the mystery to the House of Commons to-morrow. Five Tory MPs are to question him.

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