

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 29. 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, Hichin), 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 Depart-
ment 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 Inter-
national 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 Ser-
vice. 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 kid-
napped 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 un-
easy at what they found. In
Paris, tried to get out—and kid-
napping followed.

Plump, cautious Mr. John Pilcher,
spokesman for the British Em-
bassy 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 Italco.

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 con-
firm that they had handled it.

In London, Lieut.-Colonel J. R.
Bassett, Guy Burgess's step-
father, 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 con-
cussion before he went to
America. His black-outs were
very bad."

"He talked a lot about a Mediter-
ranean cruise, and the telegram
said he was taking a Mediter-
ranean 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

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 disappearance 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.

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 "T" 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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GUY BURGESS

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 NEWSPAPERS 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 LACKOUTS 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 WAS GENUINE.

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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 NECESSAR-
 ILY 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
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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.



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'

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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 C365675, 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."

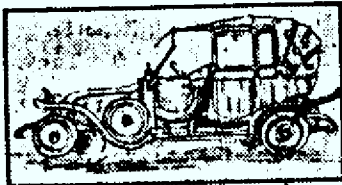
"On the subject of the 1917 Revolution I have heard him argue with White Russians on historical points and put them right. Why he made himself so expert on this was never clear, since it wasn't in the line of his job."

"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 M.I.5

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?

ARE 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.

HUNT Dots and names make
telegrams suspect

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Search moves to Italy

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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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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

Diplomat search goes on

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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, then 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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