

Wire to mother signed 'Teento'

BAFFLED in all their attempts to trace the vanished diplomats, the French Surete issued last night photographed copies of the two telegrams sent by or for Donald Maclean.

The message sent to his mother was signed with a family nickname, "Teento," which only he, or someone close to the family, would know.

Close examination of the texts showed, however, that they were probably written by a Continental with a fair to fluent knowledge of English.

With two exceptions, the telegrams were written in handprinted capital letters, obviously with one of the scratchy pens available in French Post Offices.

One exception was a "q" which was a small letter. In another case, the postal clerk evidently questioned the address, and the sender had written in French "address maintained" and then signed what was supposed to be his own signature. The writer used a Continental seven, written with a stroke through the vertical section.

The first text was as follows:

Lady Maclean, 87, Iverna Court, London, W. 8 (Maclean's mother): "Am quite all right. Don't worry. Love to all. Teento."

On this message, the writer used the Continental seven and a capital "Q."

The other text, to Maclean's wife, was:

Mrs. Maclean Melinda, Beacon Shaw, Tatsfield, near Westerham, Surrey, England.

"Had to leave unexpectedly. Terribly sorry. Am quite well now. Don't worry darling. I love you. Please don't stop loving me.—Donald."

This was the telegram on which the postal clerk questioned the address (Westerham is in Kent). The "e" was missing at the end of the word "leave." This could be a mistake in copying Maclean's original message, or it could be merely an oversight.

Man who changed his mind

Starts U.S. atom scare

FOR 30 minutes last night a sensational story was released to the world claiming that a leading executive of an American atomic project had disappeared.

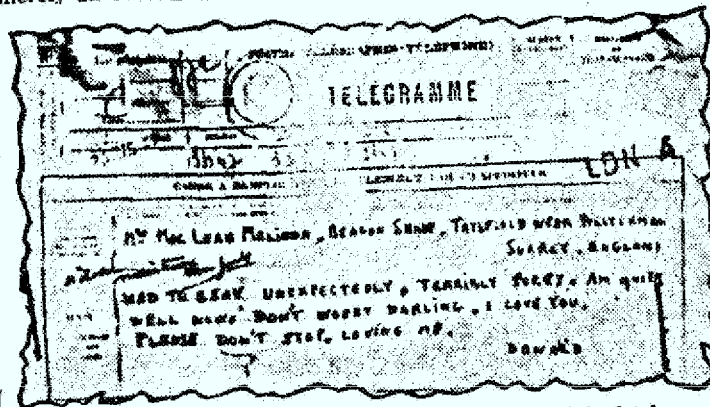
The Federal Bureau of Investigation alerted every police force in North America.

Coded messages jammed the wires between international capitals as emergency security measures were rushed into operation.

The International Police Commission in Paris were warned that the vanished man was Mr. Edward Wedne, of the Paducah atomic plant in Kentucky.

Meanwhile Mr. Wedne stepped from a railway carriage at St. Louis and went home. His wife was not there to meet him. She was at police headquarters, waiting anxiously for news of her husband.

For, while a startled world waited for further news of another "missing scientist" case, the man involved had cancelled a plane passage from Detroit to St. Louis and travelled by train instead.



Picture by wire from Paris last night shows the original telegram to Maclean's wife.

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2 Diplomats Whereabouts Still Mystery

LONDON, June 8 (AP).—The mystery of Britain's two vanished diplomats deepened tonight with the disclosure of telegrams from France saying one planned a "long Mediterranean holiday" and the other "had to leave unexpectedly."

The messages supposedly came from the diplomats, Donald D. MacLean and Guy Burgess, but were sent by a third person believed by Paris police to be of a different nationality.

The messages gave rise to a dozen different theories in this baffled capital, fearful that the Russian-speaking pair may be taking Anglo-American secrets to Russia—perhaps under duress.

Counter-espionage agents stepped up the search throughout western Europe and especially around the Mediterranean. Diplomatic missions behind the Iron Curtain already had urgent orders to keep their eyes and ears open.

The Foreign Office gave out the texts of three messages received this week by relatives of the two men, who went to France by steamer and disappeared two weeks ago.

[The United Press reported the two men disappeared from a cross-channel steamer when it put in at St. Malo on May 27 on an excursion to the Isle of Jersey. Their luggage was left in their cabin.—Editor's note.]

Text of Messages

The text of one message, received by the American wife of MacLean, 38-year-old head of the Foreign Office's American department:

"Had to leave unexpectedly. Sorry, Darling. I love you. Please do not stop loving me. Donald."

Another, unsigned, received by his mother, Lady MacLean:

"I am quite all right. Do not worry. Love to all."

One received by Mrs. J. R. Bassett, mother of Burgess, read:

"Terribly sorry for my silence. Am embarking on long Mediterranean holiday. Do forgive, Guy."

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain "is accepting the messages as having originated with the two men," because of their general tone and phrasing.

The originals of all three, however, were in the handwriting of the mysterious third person. The spokesman acknowledged that, in

these circumstances, there "could be some slight doubt."

A high official in Paris said the handwriting appeared not that of an Englishman.

The independent Paris newspaper France Soir said army intelligence officers believed the pair are now in Warsaw, capital of Communist Poland.

Paris police, however, denied the two had got through the French security fence.

Burgess had returned to England from Washington recently under a cloud. Three times within an hour last February 28, he was caught in an automobile breaking the Virginia State speed limit. Police said he was doing 80 but he claimed diplomatic immunity. Governor John Battle protested to the State Department, which called the incidents to the embassy's attention. Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks asked the British government to recall Burgess promptly, and he was recalled.



(AP) Radiophoto
GUY FRANCIS de M. BURGESS

One of pair last seen in Paris

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State's Protest Caused Recall Of Diplomat

One of two British diplomats who have vanished mysteriously in Europe was disclosed yesterday to have been relieved as second secretary of the British embassy in Washington this Spring because of speeding complaints against him in Virginia.

He is G. F. De M. Burgess, who has been awaiting reassignment to a new post in the British foreign service.

The story of Burgess' Virginia adventures was disclosed yesterday by Governor Battle, after news dispatches from England had referred to the Governor's role in Burgess' recall from Washington.

Traveling in a high-powered automobile from Washington to Charleston, S. C., last February 28, Burgess was stopped three times by police on charges of speeding 80 to 90 miles an hour. Each time he claimed diplomatic immunity.

Advised of the incidents, Battle wrote a letter to John F. Simmons, chief of protocol in the State Department at Washington. The Governor did not ask for Burgess' recall or for disciplinary action, but said:

"Needless for me to say, we want to extend every courtesy to diplomatic representatives of friendly nations, but I cannot and will not continue to countenance utter disregard of life and property on our highways."

Battle also enclosed an affidavit by James A. Turck, of Carthage, N. Y., who said he was accompanying Burgess to help in the driving. Turck reported he was driving at the time of the third speeding charge, on U. S. Route 301 in Prince George County. Earlier, with Burgess driving, they had been stopped by State police on U. S. Route 1 near Woodbridge and near Ashland.

Turck said he protested they were going too fast, but Burgess "kept telling me to step on it" and that they had diplomatic immunity.

The State Department relayed Battle's letter to the British embassy. On April 18 the embassy replied that Burgess was being recalled to London and would not be sent back to Washington.

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LONDON--ONE OF THREE TELEGRAMS OSTENSIBLY SENT BY TWO MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMATS TO THEIR FAMILIES IN ENGLAND CAME FROM ROME, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ROME TELEGRAM WAS SENT IN THE NAME OF GUY BURGESS, 40, A FAR EASTERN EXPERT FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, TO HIS MOTHER. IT APOLOGIZED FOR HIS "SILENCE" AND SAID HE WAS "EMBARKING ON A LONG MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAY."

THE ORIGINAL OF THE TELEGRAM, RECOVERED IN ROME, WAS NOT IN BURGESS' HANDWRITING, THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, A HIGHLY-PLACED FRENCH OFFICIAL RULED THAT TWO TELEGRAMS SENT FROM PARIS IN THE NAME OF THE OTHER MISSING DIPLOMAT -- DONALD D. MACLEAN, 32, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE -- WAS NOT WRITTEN BY AN ANGLO-SAXON.

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FIRST REPORTS HAD SAID THAT ALL THREE TELEGRAMS WERE SENT FROM PARIS. HOWEVER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT FROM BURGESS HAD BEEN TRACED TO ROME. ALL THREE ARRIVED IN ENGLAND THURSDAY, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOREIGN SECRETARY HERBERT MORRISON WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT IN COMMONS MONDAY ON THE TWO DIPLOMATS. THEY WERE SUSPENDED FROM THEIR FOREIGN OFFICE POSTS AS "ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE" FOLLOWING THEIR SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE IN FRANCE MAY 26.

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MacLean's Wife Secluded With Family in Country

TATSFIELD, England, June 2 (CDN).—Melinda MacLean, Chicago-born wife of the missing Foreign Office official, is remaining strictly incommunicado in her country home here.

So is her mother, Mrs. Dunbar, who has flown here from Paris to comfort her daughter. The curtains of their home were drawn and frantic pounding on the door by relays of reporters failed to produce results.

The MacLeans' two young sons, Fergus, aged 7, and Donald, aged 5, are both down with the measles and Mrs. MacLean is expecting another baby at almost any moment.

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Bi sons Planned Flight to Soviet, Friend Declares

PARIS, June 8 (NY News)—A third man in the mystery of Britain's two missing diplomats confirmed tonight that they had planned to escape into Russia and that he was to have fled with them, but got cold feet at the last minute.

He, too, is a member of the British diplomatic corps. Tonight he arrived from London to join crack counter-espionage agent's thrust western Europe in search for his Russian-speaking pals.

Telegram Implied Threat

In London, however, the British foreign office stoutly maintained that the diplomats, Donald D. MacLean, 38, and Francis B. Burgess, 40, went off to gay spots in Europe on an impetuous escapade in keeping with what London described as their "emotional instability."

But disclosure of telegrams both sent their families from Paris in which one of them implied he was forced to leave under threats put a new complexion on the baffling case.

Just how much the "third man" has told officials of the plans of the other two is not being divulged. There were increasing fears that the wealthy, scholarly, debonair MacLean and the untidy, droopy-shouldered Burgess may have taken Anglo-American near-top secrets behind the iron curtain.

Third Man Under Wraps

Both know about all there is to know about Anglo-American diplomacy—MacLean from heading up the American department in the foreign office, Burgess from a confidential position he held until recently in the British embassy in Washington.

British officials in London insisted that neither missing diplomat had worked on codes or had access to them, and said that state papers or code books were missing.

Nevertheless, officials said that by their having collected information over a long period the situation could be serious. American authorities were kept informed of the developments.

The "third man," however, was under wraps. It was he who reportedly tipped off London that his two pals were not on a spree when they vanished a week ago today, but on a serious mission.

Third Person Invo

Deciphering the mystery were the messages sent to the missing men's families, but apparently in their behalf by still another person—a "fourth man"—and believed to be of a different nationality.

MacLean's American wife, the former Melinda Marling of New York who expects her third child next week, received this message yesterday.

"Had to leave unexpectedly. Sorry, darling. I love you. Please do not stop loving me, Donald."

Lady MacLean, Donald's mother, at the same time, received this unsigned message: "I am quite all right. Do not worry. Love to all."

Telegram Copies Studied

Burgess, however, wired his mother, Mrs. J. B. Bassett, that he was off for a gay time. "Terribly sorry for my silence," the message said, "Am embarking on a long Mediterranean holiday. Do forgive, Guy."

The original, sending copies of the telegrams were found in a Paris post office today. They were in the handwriting of a fourth individual and handwriting experts of the Surete were analyzing them tonight.

The telegrams could have been written days ago, then filed when it became apparent the hunt for the missing men was on.

Whether the "third man" was connected with the "fourth man" was a matter of speculation. All police would say was that the "third man" had backed out of the escape plans at the last moment when he realized the enormity of the step, giving up his career and forsaking his family.

Some 10,000 secret police and special agents had joined in the search on the Continent, and French officials said they were certain MacLean and Burgess no longer were in Paris.

They had concentrated their search in the past 36 hours around Montmartre and places where men have a gay time.

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THE SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO COMMENT ON SPECULATION RANGING FROM A THEORY THAT THE MEN WERE TRYING TO FLEE THROUGH THE IRON CURTAIN TO RUSSIA TO ONE THEORY THAT THEY WERE LURED TO PARIS AND KIDNAPED.

HOWEVER, HE REITERATED THAT NO FOREIGN OFFICE DOCUMENTS WERE MISSING AND ADDED: *Donald*

"IF ANYONE THINKS THAT MR. MACLEAN KNEW THE SECRET OF THE ATOM BOMB, I CAN ASSURE THEM HE DID NOT. IN THE NATURE OF HIS WORK, HE DEALT ONLY WITH QUESTIONS OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER."

NEVERTHELESS, BOTH MEN WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF SECRET ANGLO-AMERICAN EXCHANGES ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS THE PROPOSED BIG FOUR CONFERENCE, THE ATLANTIC TREATY, THE KOREAN WAR AND A JAPANESE PEACE TREATY.

THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE TELEGRAMS WAS SENT FROM ROME ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE OTHER WERE DISPATCHED FROM PARIS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE TWO DIPLOMATS MAY HAVE SEPARATED, OR BEEN SEPARATED.

HOWEVER, THEY WERE KNOWN TO HAVE TRAVELLED TO FRANCE TOGETHER.

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'3d Man' Sought in Mystery

London, June 9—Agents investigating the disappearance of two high-ranking British diplomats today concentrated on seeking a mysterious "Third Man" who sent telegrams from Paris and Rome—and signed them with the names of the missing men.

Security agents also investigated the possibility that two Foreign Office aides may have been lured to Paris and kidnaped.

The theory that the men might be trying to escape to Russia has not been discarded, but speculation was growing that they are being

held somewhere in France against their will.

However, the motive behind the disappearance—forcible or voluntary—

of Donald D. MacLean, 38, head of the American

department of the British Foreign Office, and Guy Burgess, 40, a Far

Eastern expert formerly assigned to the Washington Embassy, remained a mystery.

One of three telegrams ostensibly sent by the two missing diplomats to their families in England came from Rome, a foreign office spokesman said today.

The Rome telegram, sent in the name of Mr. Burgess, apologized for his "silence" and said he was "embarking on a long Mediterranean holiday."

The original of the telegram, recovered in Rome, was not in Burgess' handwriting, the foreign office spokesman said.

At the same time, a highly-placed French official ruled that two telegrams sent from Paris in the name of the other missing diplomat was not written by an Anglo-Saxon.

One telegram sent in Mr. MacLean's name informed his American-born wife that he "had to leave unexpectedly." The other, to his mother, said that he "was quite all right" and told her not to worry about him.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 agents, including members of the American Federal Bureau of Investigation, were searching Britain and Western Europe for clues to the whereabouts of the two men.

They already have found that MacLean and Burgess:

- Travelled from Southampton England, to St. Malo, France, by steamship on round-trip tickets May 25 with the announced intention of returning to England three days later.

- Unaccountably left their suitcases aboard the ship on their arrival in France next morning, but took their briefcases with them.

- Taxied to Rennes and boarded a train for Paris.

There the trail vanished except for three telegrams received by their families on Thursday. The originals of the telegrams were found to be in the handwriting of a third man.

The theory the two men had been lured to Paris and were being held prisoner was based on these factors:

- They originally had shown every intention of being away only three days. They drove to Southampton from London in a car hired by Burgess for three days, and told a garage there they would be back May 28.

- Their decision to travel to St. Malo on the northern Brittany coast indicated that their original destination was not Paris, but some other part of France. It was believed they might have received some message after arriving at St. Malo that induced them to go to Paris.



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ADD DIPLOMATS, LONDON
 SOME 10,000 TO 15,000 AGENTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WERE SEARCHING BRITAIN AND WESTERN
 EUROPE FOR CLUES TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO MEN.
 THEY ALREADY HAVE FOUND THAT MACLEAN AND BURGESS:
 1.--TRAVELLED FROM SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, TO ST. MALO, FRANCE, BY
 STEAMSHIP ON ROUND-TRIP TICKETS MAY 25 WITH THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION
 OF RETURNING TO ENGLAND THREE DAYS LATER.
 2.--UNACCOUNTABLY LEFT THEIR SUITCASES ABOARD THE SHIP ON THEIR
 ARRIVAL IN FRANCE NEXT MORNING, BUT TOOK THEIR BRIEFCASES WITH THEM.
 3.--TAXIED TO RENNES AND BOARDED A TRAIN FOR PARIS.
 THERE THE TRAIL VANISHED EXCEPT FOR THREE TELEGRAMS RECEIVED BY
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Report 2 British Diplomats Fled To Russia With Hush-Hush Data

By GRAHAM MILLER
(Staff Correspondent of The News)

London, June 7.—Reports that two officials of the British Foreign Office, who have disappeared in Europe, may have fled to Russia with top-secret information were being investigated today by Scotland Yard.

Donald Duart MacLean, 38, head of the American Department, and Guy Francis de Morny-Burgess, 40, a specialist in Far Eastern affairs, have been missing from their posts since May 25. Both men have served in Washington. They have been suspended for being absent without leave.



Donald Duart MacLean

But neither British police nor the Foreign Office officials believe that the two senior executives set out for Russia. Both are rich, both have caused their superiors to doubt their emotional stability—MacLean suffered a breakdown a year ago—and both are believed to be somewhere in southern France.

These views were supported by the Foreign Office, which reported that the two diplomats had cabled their families from Paris within the last 24 hours. There was no hint as to what the cablegrams said, and there was speculation that they might have been sent by someone else as a hoax.

A British diplomat commented: "I am amazed. MacLean went through Eton, he went through Cambridge, he had a most brilliant career before him."

"As for Burgess, I knew that he was a student of Marx, Lenin and—in fact, one of our best experts

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Report 2 Diplomats Fled To Russia With Hush Data

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on Communism—but I was always sure that it was to better fight the Russians that he studied all that.

"In our recent dealing with the Russians it was Burgess that gave us some of our most useful and pungent replies to the Russians."

Despite the cablegrams, a search of the Continent for the two men continued, although a Foreign Office spokesman said there was no reason to believe they had taken any official papers with them.

MacLean, who married Melinda Marling of New York in 1940, was not a policy-making official, although he had access to top-secret American and British exchanges. The father of two sons, he lives at the Reform Club in Pall Mall, collects paintings and drives expensive sports cars.

(In Chicago, MacLean's father-in-law, Francis H. Marling, advertising manager of the Pure Oil Co., said he believed MacLean's disappearance "is a recurrence of the breakdown. Marling said his daughter, with whom he talked by telephone, held the same view.)

Burgess, who is single, was in London on leave from his Wash-

ington post as Far Eastern expert of the British Embassy. He was an undergraduate with MacLean at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and joined the foreign service at the same time—in 1940.

French Police Join British in Search

(By Wireless to THE NEWS)

Paris, June 7 —The French Surete Nationale and counterintelligence agencies joined British agents today in a hunt for Donald Duart MacLean and Guy Francis de Moncy Burgess, hoping that the two British officials have not yet left French territory.

Washington, D. C., June 7 (AP).—Secretary of State Acheson told Senators today it would be a "very serious matter" if the two missing British diplomats proved to have Russian sympathies.

Acheson said he first heard of the incident over the radio this morning. He inquired at the British Embassy, he continued, and was told that officials there knew nothing about the matter beyond news reports.

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Whether They Are Found or Not Britishers' Disappearance Forces Tighter Security

by LUDWELL DENNY Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LONDON, June 8—Widespread diplomatic repercussions from the mysterious disappearance of two executives of the American Department of the British Foreign Office will continue regardless of whether or where the men are found.

Allied frontier guards in Germany have been alerted to prevent escape into the Soviet zone.

Security precautions will be tightened in the British Foreign Office and at embassies and missions abroad. To judge by the concern here similar measures will be taken by the U. S. and French governments.

Even if the worst fears prove unfounded, British and other officials realize that the Soviet espionage system is daring and persuasive and "it could happen here."

The Foreign Office says Donald MacLean and Guy F. De Morny Burgess have been missing from their homes since May 25, that they're known to have departed for France several days ago that every effort is being made to trace them, and that there's no reason to believe they took any official papers. It adds that Mr. MacLean had a breakdown a year ago from overstrain but is believed to have fully recovered. Both have been suspended for being absent without leave.

SERVED IN PARIS

Mr. MacLean has been head of the American Department of the Foreign Office since last November. After entering the diplomatic service in 1935, he served in Paris and later married an American. He was transferred to Washington in 1944. He was counsellor in the Cairo Embassy before taking his London post.

Mr. MacLean, 38, was a tall, handsome figure until his break-

down last year. Since then he has aged greatly in appearance. His father was a distinguished Liberal Party leader.

FRIENDS SURE

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. MacLean say they can not believe he could be knowingly involved in any disloyalty.

Mr. Burgess, 40, an executive officer in the Foreign Office's American Department, was a second secretary last year at the British Embassy in Washington. Earlier he served in the Far Eastern department and also in the news department of the Foreign Office here.

Some of his acquaintances suggest the possibility he might have gone off on a "binge."

TWO MESSAGES

The two messages were received by relatives here last night, purportedly from Paris and signed by MacLean and Burgess, neither the Foreign Office nor intelligence services nor Scotland Yard has been able to confirm the identity of the senders.

Other reports that both men were found in Paris have not been confirmed by the Foreign Office.

Another report that an unknown third person had "informed" on the missing men was denied by an official. Authorities are investigating the men's associations and habits.

NO DOCUMENTS

The Foreign Office statement that no political documents appear to have been taken isn't significant.

Altho Mr. MacLean and Mr. Burgess are not policy-makers and not as important as their titles imply—most U. S. affairs are handled outside their department despite its name—they had access to most secret documents.

It's freely admitted they have knowledge of many matters of the gravest import, ranging not only over British-American relations, but also on allied secret affairs generally.

NO EVIDENCE

The Foreign Office says it has no evidence suggesting they were abducted. It believes they left England voluntarily. Both men had diplomatic passports and visas.

Alan MacLean, information officer of the British delegation to the United Nations and former secretary to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British representative on the UN Security Council, is a younger brother of Donald MacLean. He was called home from New York last week but reported he was unable to clarify the mystery.

FBI ALERTED

The American FBI as well as the French and other security officials have been requested by the British government to render all aid possible. Scotland Yard has been working on it for more than a week.

Foreign Office officials insist they have no evidence that either man was pro-Russia. Some of them say "It's inconceivable that MacLean or Burgess is trying to get oral to Moscow." Relatives here refuse comment.

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 A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN RIDICULED REPORTS THAT A TOP SECRET CODE
 MIGHT HAVE DISAPPEARED WITH THE OFFICIALS.
 "ROT, ABSOLUTE ROT," HE SAID.
 HE EXPLAINED THAT EVEN HIGH OFFICIALS NEVER SEE A CODED MESSAGE.
 EXPERTS CODE AND DECODE MESSAGES AND GIVE PLAIN-LANGUAGE VERSIONS TO
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 THE FOREIGN OFFICE RELEASED THE TEXT OF BURGESS' TELEGRAM. IT SAID:
 "TERRIBLY SORRY FOR MY SILENCE. AM NOW EMBARKING ON A LONG
 MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAY. DO FORGIVE."

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 AUTHORITIES SAID THE MESSAGES, ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY A THIRD PERSON,
 WERE BEING STUDIED FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION.

THE TEXT OF MACLEAN'S NOTE TO HIS WIFE SAID: "HAD TO LEAVE
 UNEXPECTEDLY: POSSIBLY SORRY DARLING I LOVE YOU. PLEASE DO NOT STOP
 LOVING ME."

OFFICIALS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE SEQUENCE AFTER THE WORD "POSSIBLY,"
 AND SPECULATED THAT THE WORDS "FOR GOOD" OR "FOREVER" MIGHT HAVE BEEN
 OMITTED.

THE TELEGRAM TO HIS MOTHER SAID: "I AM QUITE ALL RIGHT. DO NOT
 WORRY. LOVE TO ALL."

IT WAS SIGNED "MACLEAN." THE CABLE TO HIS WIFE WAS SIGNED "DONALD."

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2 British Diplomats V Knew Many State Se

By JACK SMITH
Associated Press Correspondent

London, June 7—A worried Foreign Office disclosed today two British diplomats familiar with Anglo-American state secrets have vanished from England without explanation, touching off a transcontinental hunt up to and beyond Eastern Eu-

rope. Washington shared London's concern. A Foreign Office spokesman said the families of the two men, Donald D. Maclean and Guy F. de M. Burgess, had received messages from Paris bearing their signatures within the last 24 hours. Military Intelligence agents are trying to determine whether the messages are genuine.

Maclean, 38, headed the Foreign Office's American department. Burgess, 40, is a Washington Embassy official whose vast knowledge of Marxism has helped Britain in Anglo-Soviet relations in the past. Both knew vital state secrets.

In Washington, Secretary of State Acheson told Senators at a MacArthur inquiry it would be a "very serious matter" if the missing men proved to have Russian sympathies.

Sen. Brewster (R-Me.) remarked that Maclean was "believed to have a thorough knowledge of secret Anglo-American exchanges on such subjects as the Atlantic Pact, the Korean and the Japanese peace treaty. Adding that Burgess, too, probably was familiar with Japanese atomic negotiations, Brewster said: "If these men prove to be secret sympathizers, it would, I think, be quite a serious matter for foreign relations?"

That is correct," Acheson replied. He told Senators he first learned of the incident in a radio broadcast this morning. State Dept. officials and the British Embassy were deeply disturbed about the situation, fearing possible bad effect on Anglo-American relations. Beaverbrook's Daily Express quoted a friend of the missing men, who was unnamed, as saying they are heading for Moscow to serve their idealistic purpose. But there was no evidence of official quarters that either had communist sympathies. Officials studying the Daily Express seemed skeptical, but fear-

Both officials were suspended for being absent without leave. The Foreign Office said they disappeared from their homes May 25 and went to France "a few days ago."

Relations between Britain and the United States already have been subjected to strains since the war by the defections of atom spies Dr. Klaus Fuchs and Dr. Alan Nunn May and by British-trained cosmic ray expert Lajos Jánosy's decamping to Budapest from Ireland to help Communist science.

Meanwhile, all British diplomatic missions in Europe—including Moscow—were alerted to be on the lookout. Friendly governments, including France, were asked to lend police help.

All British Secret Service agents here and in Europe were put on the job.

The Foreign Office spokesman told reporters:

"There is no reason to believe that they have taken any official papers with them."

Maclean, until a year ago, was head of chancellery in the British Embassy in Washington, and all papers, including the Ambassador's messages, cleared through him.

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RICHMOND, VA. -- GUY BURGESS, MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMAT WHO WAS RECALLED FROM HIS AMERICAN EMBASSY POST LAST APRIL, WAS IN TROUBLE WITH VIRGINIA POLICE THREE TIMES FOR SPEEDING, GOV. JOHN BATTLE ISCLOSED TODAY.

BATTLE SAID HE PROTESTED OFFICIALLY TO JOHN F. SIMMONS, CHIEF OF STATE DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL, AFTER THE 40-YEAR-OLD DIPLOMAT THREATENED A PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY OFFICER WHO IGNORED BURGESS' DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND ARRESTED HIM FOR RECKLESS DRIVING.

BURGESS WAS STOPPED BY STATE POLICE ON TWO OTHER OCCASIONS NEAR RIDGE AND ASHLAND, AND WARNED ABOUT DRIVING AT SPEEDS OF 80 MILES PER HOUR, BATTLE SAID. BOTH TIMES HE PROTESTED HIS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

BURGESS FINALLY WAS ARRESTED MARCH 1 AND RELEASED AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST.

BATTLE SAID HE WROTE SIMMONS THEN, DECLARING THAT "I WILL NOT CONTINUE TO COUNTENANCE UTTER DISREGARD OF LIFE AND PROPERTY ON OUR HIGHWAYS."

BURGESS WAS RECALLED APRIL 18. BATTLE SAID WHEN HE LEARNED OF THAT, HE WROTE SIMMONS AGAIN, SAYING, "I HOPE MR. BURGESS HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON. AT LEAST WE WILL NOT BE FURTHER TROUBLED WITH HIM."

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A Rush of Betrayals

SOMEBODY who said that great men come in bunches. There is a run of them—like in the Golden Age of Music, between the time of Napoleon and the start of this century. It is much like the run of great scientists during our own era.

I might be asked whether small men, mean men, traitors, run in bunches, too. Then Dean Acheson said that there was no Communist influence in the State Department, no Senator asked him, "What about Alger Hiss?" That might have opened the question of what kind of people our government employs in the jobs which require "bright" men of probity and integrity.

Now comes the news that two men in the British Foreign Office are assumed to have fled to Soviet Russia, with the possibility that they may be traitors.

This is more difficult to believe than the Alger Hiss story.

The British civil service has been one of the most remarkable institutions developed by any nation. These men were trained for it from their school years. Many families might be said to have been in the civil service for centuries—the Cecils, for instance, since the time of Queen Elizabeth.

There have been few instances of corruption or treason in this service. Members never take a personal, political position, the best example being the loyal work of Conservatives for the present Socialist Government.

At the apex of this service stands the Foreign Office, to which used to be sent the very brightest men of the very best families.

Yet here are two men in that service who are being sought and who are suspected of having run away to Soviet Russia.

And this comes at a time when the MacArthur investigation is taking place in this country, and when facts are becoming public which, if they do not clarify the situation, are proving to be embarrassing to all concerned in the formation of a pro-Russian policy.

It is said that, from 1944 to 1948, the crucial period in the decisions to permit Russia to take China, one of these men, Donald MacLean, was Acting First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington—a very high position. He had also headed the American section in the Ministry.

The other, Guy Francis De Morny Burgess, had been secretary to Hector McNeil, a Cabinet officer.

It is becoming increasingly important to check the personnel of government.

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The House Committee on un-American Activities, the New York and Washington grand jury and the FBI have been devoting themselves years to this problem.

But there has always been a popular resistance on the assumption that men cannot be as bad as they appear to be, that they may have been so but they are not traitors.

Then came the shocking Hiss, Remington Coplon cases, the questioning of some of the scientists, the evidence of the theft of the atom-bomb and the shameless free run of Communists in government departments.

The various government loyalty boards have proved to be futile. They tied themselves in tape and the Communists continued on the job.

The time has come to permit no further jockeying with Communists in public office. All should be named and dismissed. The practice of loyalty boards of permitting them to resign anonymously is no good. They get jobs elsewhere. They made their choice. Let them live with it.

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RICHMOND, VA.--GOV. JOHN BATTLE SAID GUY BURGESS, ONE OF TWO MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS, MAY HAVE BEEN RECALLED FROM THE U.S. BECAUSE OF A VIRGINIA PROTEST AFTER HIS ARREST FOR RECKLESS DRIVING. BATTLE DISCLOSED THAT BURGESS WAS ARRESTED MARCH 1 NEAR PETERSBURG, VA., BY A PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICEMAN AND TRIED BEFORE JUSTICE W. FRANCIS BINFORD.

BURGESS HAD BEEN STOPPED TWICE PREVIOUSLY BY STATE TROOPERS FOR SPEEDING AND ASKED TO OBSERVE THE 55-MILE-AN-HOUR STATE SPEED LIMIT, BATTLE SAID. ON ONE OCCASION, HE WAS REPORTED DRIVING 90 MILES AN HOUR NEAR WOODBRIDGE, VA., AND ON ANOTHER TO BE DOING 80 NEAR ASHLAND.

BATTLE WROTE JOHN F. SIMMONS, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT "WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT CONTINUE TO COUNTENANCE UTTER DISREGARD OF LIFE AND PROPERTY ON THE HIGHWAYS."

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ADD DIPLOMATS, LONDON
 A TELEGRAM FROM GUY BURGESS, ONE OF TWO MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMATS,
 TO HIS MOTHER SAID HE WAS LEAVING ON "A LONG MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAY,"
 THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID TONIGHT.

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MISSING DIPLOMAT

There will be great relief if the two missing British diplomats, Wald D. MacLean and Guy F. D. Burgess, may not have absconded to Russia after all. It is a measure of the jitteriness of our times that the immediate assumption, when it became known that the two were absent without leave, was that they had fled to Moscow in the fashion of Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, the British atomic scientist who disappeared last September. Of course, the possibility that the missing pair may be behind the Iron Curtain or may have had contact with Communist sources on the continent cannot be ruled out entirely, but a dispatch from Paris indicates that they sent reassuring cables to their families from there within the last two days. The presumption is, as one acquaintance put it, that they merely went off on a prolonged toot.

If this should prove to be the case, however, it still would not relieve the Foreign Office of criticism. Both men are known to be unstable—Burgess, notoriously—yet they have been left in positions of authority with access to important documents. MacLean, head of the American department in the Foreign Office, has been privy to all major Anglo-American diplomatic secrets, yet he suffered a "nervous breakdown" in somewhat questionable circumstances in Cairo a year or so ago. Burgess, a considerably more junior official, is reported to have information on the Japanese peace treaty, yet his fitness has long been questioned even by his colleagues. He was second secretary of the British Embassy here, but was recalled to England for cause—the cause being his arrest for speeding three times in a single day. His political sympathies are said to be considerably to the left.

The fact that two officials of known dubiety were retained in positions of responsibility raises an issue as to the validity of British screening procedures. Nowadays the sharing of intelligence information between Great Britain and the United States, we are told here, is satisfactory, but some suspicion remains that the British government is reluctant to act on the information available to it. There have been enough unhappy incidents—the Klaus Fuchs case, the appointment of John Strachey, with a record of extreme leftist leanings, as War Minister, the disappearance of Pontecorvo—to throw the spotlight on security precautions and the judgment of British authorities. Certainly these precautions, if they are to be adequate, must include scrutiny not only of political connections but also of personal characteristics that may make officials unfit for sensitive jobs.

Doubtless the real spies caught by routine security check Rosenberg and Greenglass cases in this country. Nonetheless, such checks ought at least to indicate what persons are possible security risks. The United States, which has pursued an extremely cautious policy in this matter, has a right to expect that the British government will also pay attention to the danger—not through public exposure, but through quiet but firm action in cases where there is reason for action. Mr. Attlee's government ought to be reminded that at this touchy point in Anglo-American relations lack of confidence in British security precautions merely feeds hysteria here.

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VIENNA--TWO AMERICANS HAVE VANISHED WITHOUT LEAVING A CLUE IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS, AND AT LEAST SEVEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE EMPLOYED BY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS CITY'S SOVIET SECTOR. BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAID TODAY THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE TWO MISSING BRITISH DIPLOMATS, DONALD MACLEAN AND GUY BURGESS, FLED TO VIENNA, BUT THEY POINTED OUT THAT IT IS EASY TO DISAPPEAR HERE. RICHARD S. WINTER, 26, STUDENT FROM WILTON, CONN., CAME TO VIENNA LAST OCTOBER. HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE HIS ARRIVAL DESPITE A SEARCH BY POLICE OF FIVE NATIONS AND A \$1,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE YOUTH'S FATHER, WHO CAME HERE TO SEEK HIS SON. ROBERT CHESTER WILSON, 23, OAKLAND, CALIF., ARRIVED HERE JAN. 12. HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE HE WALKED OUT OF HIS INTERNATIONAL SECTOR HOTEL, LEAVING HIS BAGGAGE IN THE HOTEL ROOM. TWO AUSTRIAN-BORN BRITISH CITIZENS, ONCE TRUSTED AGENTS OF BRITAIN'S FIELD SECURITY SERVICE IN SYRIA AND CARINTHIA, ARE REPORTED TO BE LIVING IN VIENNA'S SOVIET SECTOR AND WORKING FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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TWO BRITISH DIPLOMATS 'Disappear' in Europe; Flight to Russia Feared

Foreign Office Gets Report Missing Men Have Been Located In French Capital

LONDON, June 7 (U.P).—Two officials of the British Foreign Office have disappeared in Europe but the Foreign Office said tonight it was checking a report that they had been located in Paris.

Scotland Yard and continental police were alerted to watch airfields and "Iron Curtain" embassies in the French capital on the theory that the two men might be fleeing to Russia with top-secret information.

The Foreign Office said it also was checking two messages purportedly sent by the two diplomats to relatives in England. A spokesman said the messages had been received in the last 24 hours. Missing Since May 25

One of the two was chief of the Foreign Office section dealing with United States affairs.

A Foreign Office announcement said Donald Stuart MacLean, 38, head of the American department and Guy Francis de Moncy Burgess, 40, a specialist in Far Eastern affairs, have been missing from their posts since May 25 and have been suspended for being absent without leave.

The announcement stunned diplomatic circles both in London and Paris, where the two men last were seen.

MacLean, who served in Washington and has an American wife, was not a policy-making official, but he had access to top-secret exchanges between the United States and Britain, including reports on the North Atlantic Alliance and the military standing group in Washington.

Burgess, who also has served in Washington, was known to be a student of Marx and Lenin but a Western diplomat said he "used his knowledge to confound the

Russians." He is single and was in London on leave from his Washington post.

Neither of the officials was believed to have had personal or financial reasons for vanishing. MacLean, son of a former British cabinet minister, the late Sir Donald MacLean, was independently wealthy. He married Ma-linda Marling of New York City and Massachusetts in 1940. His wife and two sons are living in England. He suffered a nervous breakdown a year ago but was believed fully recovered.

The two men vanished from their homes on May 25—MacLean's birthday. It was learned that they went to Paris a few days later. No trace of them has been found since they were seen in the French capital.

The Foreign Office announcement said "all possible inquiries

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Two British Diplomats Vanish; Flight to Russia Feared

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are being made. It is known that they went to France a few days ago.

The chief of the Foreign Office information branch read the prepared statement, and then answered these oral queries:

Q. "Is there anything to suggest they went to Russia?"

A. "I have no information on that."

Q. "It has been suggested a third person was involved. Can you say anything about that?"

A. "I have no knowledge of any third person. There is no information when and by what means of transport they arrived in France, but it is known that they have been seen there. There is nothing to suggest that they have taken papers with them."

Q. "I simply don't understand this. The whole matter doesn't make any sense."

A. "You're telling me?"

Q. "What sort of passports did they use?"

A. "I have no knowledge, but possession of a diplomatic pass-

port would have made no difference in crossing a frontier.

Q. "Does the Foreign Office statement imply that they disappeared voluntarily?"

A. "Nothing is known to the contrary."

An official source said the British government simply did not know yet whether there was any truth to reports that the two officials had gone to Russia to "serve their idealistic purposes."

The disappearance, which coincided with a hardening of British policy toward Communist China,

recalled the flight to Russia last year of Prof. Bruno Pontecorvo, an Italian physicist who had worked at Britain's top atomic installation of Harwell.

Ernest Davies, the British deputy at the Big Four talks in Paris, said he was "amazed" at the dis-

appearance of Burgess whom he knew well.

Another Western diplomat, when told of the affair, was said to have exclaimed:

"Oh my God! There goes the tri-partite files on the Big Four deputies meeting if this is true."

ALL-EUROPE HUNT FOR TWO BRITONS

FOREIGN OFFICE MEN AWAY WITHOUT LEAVE

RIDDLE OF TELEGRAMS FROM PARIS

AUSTRIAN WATCH ON SOVIET ZONE BORDER

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

Police in Britain, France, Germany and Austria were last night searching for two Foreign Office officials who disappeared from London on May 25. The men, absent without leave, are:

Mr. DONALD DUART MACLEAN, 38, who since November last has been head of the American Department of the Foreign Office. He held the rank of counsellor.

Mr. GUY FRANCIS DE MONCY. BURGESS, 40. His appointment to the Embassy in Washington as an executive officer with the rank of second secretary had ended and he was in this country awaiting re-posting.

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MR. ACHESON QUESTIONED ON MISSING MEN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Acheson, United States Secretary of State, was questioned during the Gen. MacArthur inquiry to-day about the two missing British Foreign Office officials. Senator Brewster, Republican, said: "If these men prove to be Soviet sympathisers it would, I assume, be quite a serious matter in foreign relations?"

"That is correct," Mr. Acheson replied. To another question he said that if Mr. MacLean had jurisdiction over relations with the United States, "he would have knowledge of what our discussions were in Paris at the Foreign Ministers' meeting on Atlantic Pact problems."

Senator Brewster remarked to Mr. Acheson that Mr. MacLean was "believed to have a thorough knowledge of secret Anglo-American exchanges on such subjects as the North Atlantic Pact, the Korean war and the Japanese peace treaty."

According to the State Department this morning there had been no formal notification from Britain to Washington of the officials' absence. Mr. Satterwaite, Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Commonwealth and Northern European Affairs, flew to London on Monday on other business.

BRIEF STAY

Both the officials are remembered in Washington. Acquaintances expressed the opinion that neither would contemplate associating himself with Communists.

Mr. Burgess's stay here was unusually brief. He arrived in August, 1950, and left about eight months later, considerably before the expiration of the usual minimum stay of two years.

His departure was hastened, I understand, by personal rather than professional characteristics. He held, according to informants here, "a very junior" position.

His duties were officially given as "Refugees, miscellaneous and special reports." The latter referred only to weekly appraisals of various aspects of political life in America.

United States papers show considerable disquiet over news of the disappearance. The Journal-American comments that the disappearance of the two men was certain to cause a furor over Communist sympathisers in the Government.

Mr. Alan MacLean, brother of the missing man and also in the Foreign Service, was recalled to London last Wednesday by the Foreign Office. This was five days after his brother left home.

British officials here merely stated to-day that Mr. Alan MacLean had been recalled for "urgent family reasons."

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YARD ASKS FRENCH TO AID SEARCH

MISSING DIPLOMATS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
PARIS, Thursday.
French counter-espionage officials in Paris said to-day that they had been asked two days ago by Scotland Yard to try to trace in France Mr. MacLean and Mr. Burgess. They had not been able to find them.

But at the Ministry of the Interior there were rumours that the two men had been in Paris for a week. Some officials thought that they were still here, while others believed that they had left for the provinces.

The counter-espionage officials said that no one from Scotland Yard or M.I.5 had come over to France to help in the search. They had no information to confirm certain London reports that the missing men's families in England had received telegrams from France.

DESCRIPTION CIRCULATED

The Sûreté Nationale has circulated a description of the two men to all police stations throughout France. A close watch is being kept at all frontier posts, ports and airfields.

Detectives have been searching at night in Montmartre and St. Germain des Pres, the cafés which Mr. MacLean used to visit before the war when he was in the Embassy here. The officials denied emphatically reports that the two men had come to France by air.

Hundreds of French plain-clothes police were on duty to-night in the St. Germain des Pres and the Luxembourg quarters of Paris. Most hotel-keepers on the Left Bank said that in the last 24 hours police had shown them a number of photographs and asked whether they could identify any two of them.

Despite earlier official denials one source to-night declared that officers from Scotland Yard and M.I.5 were taking part in the search. A discreet watch, the same source declared, was also being kept on all Iron Curtain embassies and legations.

SECURITY CHECKS IN AUSTRIA

WATCH ON PASS

From Our Own Correspondent
VIENNA, Thursday.

Search for the two missing Foreign Office officials now appears to have been extended to Austria. No official announcement has been made but it is clear that if the two men were trying to reach Soviet territory Vienna or Berlin would be likely targets.

These are the only two points in Europe where Soviet and Western occupied territory adjoin without any barriers and British security check on Semmering Pass, 50 miles south of Vienna, has been intensified. Semmering is the demarcation line between the British and Soviet zones of Austria.

It is the only route by which a British traveller could reach Vienna by road or rail without special endorsement to his travel papers. Travellers recently passing through this check-point report that British Field Security N.C.O.s were on duty there and that control was exceptionally thorough.

Normally this post is manned only by soldiers of the local British battalion and Austrian gendarmes. British sentries at the post are also reported to be supervising the checking of all cars with Austrian number-plates and all bearers of Austrian and other non-British identity documents.

GERMAN POLICE KEEP WATCH

ALL UNITS WARNED

From Our Own Correspondent
DUSSELDORF, Thursday.

British Intelligence, public safety and security units in Germany have been ordered to keep watch for Mr. MacLean and Mr. Burgess. The assistance of the United States and French authorities in Germany has also been sought.

All German police forces were warned on Thursday and Friday of last week. A watch is being kept at airports, harbours and checkpoints on the autobahn leading from Western Germany to the Soviet zone and on the French frontier.

A senior German police officer stated to-night that his instructions were to have the men held in custody wherever they were found, and to hand them over to the British authorities without delay. No information has come to light which suggests that either of the men is in Germany.

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UN Brother Called Home

Alan D. MacClean, 26-year-old brother of one of the missing British Foreign Office officials, was called to London from his United Nations post May 30 for "private family reasons," the British delegation in New York disclosed yesterday.

That was five days after his brother Donald left his post without leave. Alan MacClean is private secretary to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, chief British delegate.

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Vanishing Act Throws Big Scare Into British

Writer Sees Wide Repercussions Even If Two Diplomats Are Found

By LUDWELL DENNY,
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer.

LONDON, June 8.—Widespread diplomatic repercussions from the mysterious disappearance of two officials of the British Foreign Office will continue regardless of whether or where the men are found.

Security precautions will be tightened in the British Foreign Office and at embassies and missions abroad. To judge by the concern here similar measures will be taken by the U.S. and French governments.

Even if the worst fears prove unfounded, British and other officials realize that the Soviet espionage system is daring and persuasive and "it could happen here."

The Foreign Office says Donald D. MacLean and Guy F. de Moncy Burgess have been missing from their homes since May 25, and that they're known to have departed for France several days ago. It adds that Mr. MacLean had a breakdown a year ago from overstrain but is believed to have fully recovered.

Aged Rapidly.

Mr. MacLean was a handsome figure until his breakdown—since then he has aged greatly in appearance.

A report that an unknown third person had "informed" on the missing men was denied by an official. Authorities are investigating the men's associations and habits.

The Foreign Office says it has no evidence suggesting they were abducted. Both men had diplomatic passports and visas.

Kin on U.N. Staff.

Alan MacLean, information officer of the British delegation to the United Nations and former secretary to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British representative on the U.N. Security Council, is a younger brother of Donald MacLean. He was called home from New York

last week but reported he was unable to clarify the mystery.

Foreign Office officials insist they have no evidence that either of the missing men was pro Russia. Some of them say "it's inconceivable that Messrs. MacLean or Burgess is trying to get to Moscow."



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CABLES CLUE TO MISSING WHITEHALL MEN

Paris centre of hunt

By W. N. EWER, Herald Diplomatic Correspondent

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IN BRITISH H.Q., WASHINGTON
Donald MacLean with the Ambassador



EXCLUSIVE picture of Donald MacLean (sitting on table) when he was First Secretary in the British Embassy in Washington in 1947.

Sir John Balfour, he was then our Ambassador to the United States, is seated in the desk chair talking to MacLean.

Others in the picture are, left seated, N. J. Henderson, then Second Secretary, and standing, W. D. Allen, then Head of Chancery.

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Could be serious—Acheson

From Arthur Webb

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—

It would be "a very serious matter" if the two missing British Foreign Office officials proved to have Russian sympathies, said Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, today.

He was questioned at the Senate MacArthur inquiry about news reports on the disappearance.

Mr. Acheson stated that he first heard of the matter over the radio.

Senator Owen Brewster (Republican, Maine) remarked that Mr. MacLean was "believed to have a thorough knowledge of secret Anglo-American exchanges on such subjects as the North Atlantic Pact, the Korean war and the Japanese Peace Treaty."

Surprised

Mr. Acheson agreed that if Mr. MacLean had had jurisdiction over relations with the United States, he would have knowledge of the Foreign Ministers' discussions in Paris on Atlantic Pact problems.

At the British Embassy today, I was told that all the information they had was from news agencies.

All the officials expressed surprise. One suggestion was that MacLean and Burgess might have just gone off to France on a spree. Both men were described as humorous, lighthearted and fond of a party.

So far there has been no editorial comment in the American evening newspapers, but all of them print news dispatches from London under flaming headlines.

Front page

The New York World Telegram has one-and-a-half-inch type across six columns: "Two British Diplomats Skip. Fear They have Fled to Russia."

Another headline followed: "Both know Anglo-U.S. war secrets." "Work on the Atlantic Pact and strategy in Korea."

The Hearst New York Journal American uses the biggest and most sensational display: Two lines of enormous type across its front page reading: "Two top British diplomats reported fleeing to Moscow."

French MI 5 direct hunt

From W. A. E. Jones

PARIS, Thursday. — The search for Burgess and MacLean in France is being directed from here by the DST—Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire — the French MI 5.

The French Ministry of the Interior is keeping the DST informed about tonight's search through hundreds of thousands of telegrams sent from Paris yesterday.

They hope to be able to trace the post office from which the two men are said to have wired to their families.

St. Cloud search

A plain-clothes officer, supplied with photographs and full personal details of the two men, has been posted on duty near the Soviet Embassy.

Detectives went to St. Cloud, on the outskirts of Paris, late tonight. Burgess is believed to have friends there.

Inquiries in the Montparnasse and Montmartre districts yielded nothing. Hotels off the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysees are being visited by city police who are making a room-by-room check of the thousands of British visitors here this week.

All air and sea ports are being watched.

SCOTLAND YARD and French police were checking last night on two telegrams, apparently sent from Paris on Wednesday night, by the missing Foreign Office men Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess.

The messages—one to MacLean's widowed mother, Lady MacLean, at Kensington, and the other to Burgess's home in the West End—were the first news of the two since they drove to Southampton and crossed by the night boat to St. Malo, Brittany, on May 25.

So far, it has not been possible to establish the authenticity of the telegrams, said a spokesman for the Foreign Office, which yesterday announced that the two men had been suspended for being "absent without leave."

No secret papers missing

It would have been simple for them to have contacted the British Embassy in Paris. But no message from them has been received there or at the Foreign Office.

Latest information in London is that the French police have reason to believe MacLean and Burgess are still in Paris. There, every gendarme and Security man has been given their descriptions and told "Find them, quickly." Two MI 5 men who flew to Paris on Tuesday are staying to help. The search may spread to all France.

Enquiries have also been made in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, West Germany and other countries. But they are purely routine.

There seems to be no evidence to support the theory that this may have been a flight for political motives or that, as has been hastily conjectured in some quarters, the two may be "on their way to Moscow."

Reports that highly confidential documents are missing from files in MacLean's charge are completely untrue.

The question of a political flight has been considered because in such a strange case, even improbabilities cannot be ignored.

But there is no reason to suspect either of Communist affiliations. Burgess certainly held Communist views when he was at Cambridge, 20 years ago, and he has always remained a close student of Marxist theory and Stalinist practice, yet none of his friends, including myself, has seen anything to suggest that he has, for years, been even a "fellow traveller."

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Breakdown year ago

Friends and colleagues of MacLean assure me that anything of the sort would be entirely alien to his character and his whole record. The suggestion that either has highly secret information or had access to top-secret documents "of the greatest value to a certain foreign Power" is a flight of fancy.

MACLEAN, as acting head of the Foreign Office American Department, would handle many confidential papers, but hardly those of a top secret character affecting questions of Defence and Security.

BURGESS, who returned a few weeks ago from the Washington Embassy, was not actually employed at the time of his disappearance. He was on leave. But like MacLean he is now "absent without leave."

The regulations are that any official on leave must keep the Foreign Office informed of his whereabouts. That is why, as the Foreign Office announced yesterday, both men are suspended as from June 1—seven days after they vanished.

The statement also noted that "MacLean had a breakdown a year ago owing to overstrain but was believed to have fully recovered." It came while he was at the Cairo Embassy. But he was passed as completely fit for work again several months ago.

MacLean's younger brother, Alan MacLean, was called home from New York on May 30. He is an aide to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, permanent British delegate to the United Nations. The reason of his recall was given as "private family matters."

Went on birthday

IT was his 38th birthday when tall, scholarly Donald Duart MacLean walked out of his 13-roomed home in the little Kent village of Tatsfield without saying a word of his plans to his American-born wife Melinda as she waved goodbye to the two young sons he adored.

Mrs. MacLean expects her third baby next week.

Soon after Mr. MacLean's disappearance his sons, Fergus, 7, and David, 5, fell ill with measles.

Yesterday, Mrs. MacLean, who had nursed her husband back to health after his breakdown, was joined by her mother from Paris to help look after the children.

She had a phone talk with her father, Mr. Francis Marling, in Chicago and expressed the view that her husband has had a recurrence of the breakdown. Like her father, she does not believe he has "disappeared behind the Iron Curtain."

Mr. MacLean's mother, Lady MacLean, widow of Sir Donald MacLean, Liberal Party leader and Minister of Education in 1931, was said yesterday to be "vastly distressed and confined to bed" at her Kensington flat.

Mr. MacLean was known to the villagers as a student-like, almost careless type. He was last seen in the village three weeks ago when he walked the half-mile from his home to the "local," the Old Ship.

"He usually kept very much to himself, had one or two pints of old and mild, then left," a villager said.

"About six weeks ago, he came

into the bar with a tall man who might have been Mr. Burgess, the other missing Foreign Office official. They chatted for a few minutes, then left."

Seventeen years ago Mr. MacLean, an expert in French and German, graduated at Cambridge. A year later he entered the Diplomatic Service as a Third Secretary.

Since then he has been posted to Paris, Washington and Cairo, returning to London last November. He became head of the American Department because of his vast knowledge of American affairs.

His breakdown occurred a year ago, but, said a Foreign Office colleague yesterday, he had regained all his strength at the time he disappeared.

BURGESS

Does the unexpected

GUY FRANCIS DE MONCY BURGESS, old Etonian, Cambridge graduate, ex-BBC and War Office man, before



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going to the Foreign Office, is aged 40.

In contrast to MacLean, he is the tall, handsome bachelor man-about-town and was last seen at the Reform Club on May 25.

There, he made a telephone call to friends, Mr. and Mrs. Goronwyn Rees, at Sonning, near Reading. He left the Club soon after. And yesterday the charge for the call was posted on the notice board at the Club. It cost 3s. 8d.

Recalled in May

Burgess's first post abroad was last August, as Second Secretary in Washington—a post formerly held by Maclean. He was recalled in May. The reason, said a United States Department official yesterday, was a complaint of speeding made by Governor Battle of West Virginia.

Burgess liked action. One of his acquaintances said: "Guy was one of these chaps who is here today and gone tomorrow. When he strolled out I never knew whether he was going to Washington or for a walk in St. James's Park."

Until last December, Burgess's mother and stepfather, Colonel J. R. Bassett, lived at Oakhurst House, a mansion in 17 acres of grounds at East Woodhay, Berks.

They sold the estate and went to live at a flat in the West End. A friend with whom Mrs. Bassett corresponded said last night:

"Mrs. Bassett was the widow of a former lieutenant-commander. She wrote to tell me that she was sailing to America on April 1, to see Guy, who was then in Washington."

"When his family lived here, Guy paid frequent visits, and for most of the time he spent down here he lived in a cottage on the estate."

"Guy cut quite a dash in our quiet village."

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Where Maclean fits in **THE FOREIGN OFFICE SET-UP**

THERE is a deceptive air of quiet about the little corridor, bare and wooden-partitioned, in the Chancery Annexe of the massive red-bricked British Embassy in Washington.

There is a drab little machine outside one of the doors from which you can draw an ice-cold drink.

Behind the doors, if you open them one by one, you would find drama. Every secret message that passes between Britain and U.S.A. is decoded there.

And when there is a quiver at the nerve centre, which is the Foreign Office in London, there is action behind those wooden doors in Washington.

In London, the quiver would be recorded first by the head of the American Desk. In Washington, it would be recorded first in the cypher room, passed on to the decoders, and then through the head of Chancery up to the Ambassador and down to the First Secretaries.

by
**VINCENT
EVANS**

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Donald Duart Maclean—one of the two missing Foreign Office secretaries—had been both. He was head of Chancery in Washington, the man who decides who sees the telegrams; and head of the American Desk in London, the man who drafts and sees the telegrams as they go.

Player?

HOW do you get into the select, comparatively small group of men who create and administer the foreign policy of Britain? It's no easy job nowadays, although once it was.

There are nearly 5,000 men in the Foreign Service, half of them working in London and the other half at diplomatic, consular, commercial and information posts overseas.

It used to be only a boy from a good public school who could get into the Service—not always because he was a good scholar, but because he was good at games.

In the political service particularly, it has been found that the tougher types—athletes rather than aesthetes—are more likely to resist being suborned.

There is a story told of a first-class rowing man who was up for his preliminary Civil Service examination. Pass mark was 50 out of 100.

The examiner asked the boy: "Who wrote the *Aeneid*?" The boy answered: "Homer." That was wrong. So the examiner asked: "Do you know anything else that Homer wrote?" The boy answered "No."

"And that," said the examiner, "was quite right. It gave him his 50 marks. So I passed him."

Five pictures

BUT nowadays how do you get there? A good honours degree is necessary. Applicants go through "the country house treatment"—three days of selec-

tive examination, partly intelligence, partly practical and partly psychological.

The psychological test might include having five pictures flashed before your eyes in a couple of minutes. Then you sit down and write a short story about each of them. The results are supposed to show your reactions to emergency.

Tongue test

WHILE the treatment is going on, careful note is made of the candidate's party manners. How does he behave when he has had a few drinks? Would he be likely to get so drunk that his tongue would get out of control?

For that is going to be important. If the candidate opts for overseas service, he will find that, besides the drudgery of going through those telegrams that pour into the cypher room, he will have to go out to parties—night after night—and there will be plenty of people there to ply him with the little extra that could set his tongue wagging.

And he will be expected to entertain, too. In the great diplomatic cities, summer will just be turning to autumn when the ambitious first secretary's thoughts will turn to trying to throw the season's first party—before his nearest rival gets in.

That first job will probably last two years—for two years is what a Foreign Service man calls a "tour of duty."

He will then either come home to work in the Foreign Office (as Maclean did after his promotion to a Counsellor's job in Cairo), or he will be sent out on another "tour of duty."

Compensation

IF he comes home, it will probably be to a desk job—the American Desk, which Maclean took, is one of the plums for a promising young man.

Though if he were sent on another "tour of duty"—which was the level Guy Francis Burgess had reached—there would be for him again the round of cocktail parties.

Present set-up in the Foreign Office is this: at the head the Foreign Secretary. Below him to do the detailed work is the Minister of State.

Below him are the Permanent and Parliamentary Under-Secretaries. Below them again are the deputy under-secretaries. And then come the Macleans.

But his kind of job has its compensations—whisky at 7s. a bottle, and everything that you buy gets to you duty free.

If, for instance, you live in a country where there is a tax on drink costs, then you get in tax free. You have a little ticket which you keep in your wallet and when you go in to make your purchase you just produce the ticket.

And, hey presto, there's 25 per cent. off the price. And drinks look well at cocktail parties.

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 THEY POINTED OUT THAT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPEATED DRUNKENNESS,
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 ARE CONSIDERED SECURITY HAZARDS AND PERSONS SHOWING ANY ONE OR MORE
 OF THEM ARE DISMISSED SUMMARILY.
 THE INCIDENT, THESE OFFICIALS SAID, HAS SEVERELY SHAKEN THE STATE
 DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN
 OFFICE. THE REACTION HERE WAS ALL THE MORE SEVERE BECAUSE MACLEAN
 WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S U. S. SECTION AND BURGESS HAD
 ACCESS TO FAR EASTERN INFORMATION.

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ADD DIPLOMATS, LONDON
 THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO HIGH-RANKING BRITISH
 DIPLOMATS DEEPENED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THEIR FAMILIES HAD RECEIVED
 MESSAGES FROM THEM WHICH WERE NOT IN THEIR HANDWRITING.
 CONTENTS OF THREE TELEGRAMS FROM DONALD D. MACLEAN, 38, AND GUY
 BURGESS, 40, LONG-TIME FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM THEIR LONDON
 POSTS FOR 14 DAYS, WERE KEPT SECRET BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE. A
 SPOKESMAN SAID MACLEAN'S MOTHER AND WIFE EACH HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE.
 THE THIRD WIRE WENT TO BURGESS' MOTHER. ORIGINAL DRAFTS OF THE WIRES,
 SENT FROM PARIS, WERE IN UNFAMILIAR HANDWRITING, HOWEVER, OFFICIALS
 SAID.

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Cable Proves a False Steer On Missing British Diplomats

Sent by Third Party, London Reports;
Paper Says They've Fled to Warsaw

LONDON, June 8 (AP)—The Foreign office said today messages bearing the names of two missing British diplomats—and sent from Paris by a mysterious third person—fail to give a single clue as to their present whereabouts.

William Ridsdale, head of the Foreign office news department, said three messages to relatives here appeared to have been composed by the vanished Britons, but were not in their handwriting.

In Paris, the newspaper France Soir said, the missing pair—Donald Duart MacLean, head of the American department of the Foreign office, and Guy Burgess, until recently at the British embassy in Washington—may now be in Warsaw.

The paper said French army intelligence officers hold this theory. French police said they did not know where the men are, but expressed belief they had not left France.

Foul Play Discounted

"If all our theories about their disappearance were laid end to end they'd take up a lot of space," said Ridsdale.

But:

"I think I can justifiably say there is nothing in the telegrams to indicate foul play."

There is fear, both in London and in Washington, that the two may have taken top-level defense secrets behind the Iron curtain. McClean had access to such information. Both men speak

Russian, are students of Communist theory and have reputations for getting along well with Communist diplomats.

Ridsdale said the nature of the messages from Paris provides "every reason to believe that they did originate from the two officials." Nevertheless a close check of the handwritten originals indicated neither was written by Burgess or MacClean.

One of the three messages was received early yesterday, the other two later in the day. One was sent to MacClean's wife, the former Melinda Marling, a former American girl. Another went to MacClean's mother, Lady MacClean. The third was addressed to Burgess' mother, Mrs. J. R. Bassett.

Third Person Unknown

"There is no indication as to who handed the messages in," said Ridsdale. "I suppose you could assume that someone else is involved because the messages were not in the handwriting of either of the two men."

Asked if the two diplomats were still in Paris, Ridsdale said: "We just don't know."

The messages from Paris were described as purely personal and there is no intention now to publish them, Ridsdale said. The United States is being kept advised of developments in the hunt for the men. There is no warrant out for their arrest.

MacClean is 38 years old, Burgess, 40.

Lost Diplomat A Speeder Here

By Associated Press

Guy Burgess, one of the two British diplomats missing in Europe, was recalled from the British embassy here after being stopped three times in one day for speeding more than 80 miles an hour.

Virginia State police twice cautioned him and once hauled him into court on Feb. 28. He was not prosecuted because of diplomatic immunity.

A report of the incidents from

Virginia's Gov. Battle was forwarded by the State department to British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks, who arranged with London for Burgess' removal.

The State department gave out this information today in response to inquiries. Officials said they knew of no other criticisms of Burgess' conduct during his service as a second secretary.

Gov. Battle's letter said Burgess himself was caught twice driving more than 80 miles an hour.

The third time, a chauffeur was driving but said he was acting on orders from Burgess, who insisted they would not be arrested because of diplomatic immunity.

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LONDON--A SEARCH FOR TWO HIGH-RANKING BRITISH DIPLOMATS SPREAD TO SIX MORE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TODAY, BUT INVESTIGATORS BELIEVED THE MISSING PAIR PROBABLY STILL WERE IN FRANCE.

DONALD D. MACLEAN, 38, HEAD OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE'S AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, AND GUY BURGESS, 40, A SPECIALIST ON FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR HOMES HERE MAY 25 AND WERE KNOWN TO HAVE ARRIVED IN PARIS THREE DAYS LATER.

BELIEF THAT THE TWO MEN WERE STILL IN FRANCE CENTERED ON TWO TELEGRAMS RECEIVED BY THEIR FAMILIES YESTERDAY FROM PARIS. THE TELEGRAMS WERE SIGNED BY THE MISSING MEN.

SCOTLAND YARD AUTHORITIES ASKED THE CABLE COMPANY TO FORWARD THE ORIGINALS OF THE TWO MESSAGES TO CHECK ON THE HANDWRITING. CONTENTS OF THE TELEGRAMS WERE NOT DISCLOSED, BUT IT WAS LEARNED THE ONE TO MACLEAN'S FAMILY WAS SIGNED WITH HIS FAMILY NICKNAME.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ASKED AUTHORITIES IN WESTERN GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, FINLAND, DENMARK AND NORWAY TO WATCH FOR MACLEAN AND BURGESS IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY MIGHT BE TRYING TO ESCAPE THROUGH THE IRON CURTAIN TO RUSSIA.

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OFFICIALS SAID THE ORIGINALS OF ALL THREE MESSAGES APPEARED TO BE IN THE SAME HANDWRITING. *Donald Maclean*

"FROM THE NATURE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE TELEGRAMS, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGES DID ORIGINATE WITH THEM," A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BUT AN INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT THE ORIGINALS WERE NOT IN THE HANDWRITING OF EITHER MACLEAN OR BURGESS AND IT APPEARS THEY WERE NOT HANDED IN AT THE PARIS POST OFFICE BY THEM."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE WIRES WERE RECEIVED AT DIFFERENT TIMES YESTERDAY. IT WAS DISCLOSED IN PARIS THEY WERE FILED FROM THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE IN THE RUE DU LOUVRE.

THE LONGEST OF THE TELEGRAMS, 82 WORDS, WAS ADDRESSED TO MACLEAN'S AMERICAN-BORN WIFE, AN EXPECTANT MOTHER. IT WAS OF A PERSONAL NATURE AND THE CONTENTS CANNOT BE DIVULGED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE HAS BEEN NO MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, EITHER TO THE WHITEHALL HEADQUARTERS HERE OR THE EMBASSY IN PARIS.

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BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO KNEW BOTH MEN WERE SURPRISED THAT THEY WERE BEING MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH DEFECTION TO THE COMMUNIST CAUSE. BURGESS WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING "A LITTLE BIT LEFT OF CENTER" IN HIS IDEAS BUT DOUBT WAS EXPRESSED HE HAD ANY COMMUNIST CONTACTS WHILE IN THIS COUNTRY.

BURGESS APPARENTLY WAS WITHDRAWN FROM A MINOR DIPLOMATIC POST IN THE EMBASSY BECAUSE HE DID NOT MEASURE UP TO THE USUAL STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE OR EFFICIENCY. HE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST AND WAS RECALLED IN EARLY MAY. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO "BRANCH B" OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN SERVICE WHICH HANDLES ADMINISTRATIVE WORK PRIMARILY. NEITHER OF THE TWO MEN WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING OF THE "EARNEST INTELLECTUAL TYPE" THAT POSSIBLY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMUNISM ON THE BASIS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY APPARENTLY WAS NOT INFORMED UNTIL TODAY THAT THE TWO MEN HAD DISAPPEARED. OFFICIALS WERE RELYING MAINLY ON BRITISH AND AMERICAN PRESS REPORTS FOR DETAILS OF THE LONDON ANNOUNCEMENT. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TWO MEN HAD GONE TO THE CONTINENT TOGETHER BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE HERE ON THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

BURGESS AND MACLEAN WERE NOT HERE AT THE SAME TIME. ASSOCIATES WHO KNEW BOTH MEN RECALLED THAT THEY LIKED "TO TAP THE BOTTLE" AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY MAY HAVE TEAMED UP IN ENGLAND AND "TAKEN OFF ON A SPREE." BOTH MEN WERE SAID TO BE "HUMOROUS AND LIGHT-HEARTED."

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HUNT British Government employees
sought on Continent

YARD HUNTS 2 BRITONS

'On way to Russia' FROM FOREIGN OFFICE?

Express Staff Reporter
Scotland Yard officers and French
detectives are hunting for two British
Government employees who are believed
to have left London with the intention of
getting to Moscow.

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According to a friend, they planned the journey to "serve their idealistic purposes."

One report says that the two men were employed by the Foreign Office, and there is a possibility that they may have important papers with them.

News of their plan was given to the authorities by the friend, who said they expected him to go with them. They were to go to France as if on holiday, and then make their way behind the Iron Curtain. The friend backed out.

Several experts have flown from London to France, to work with the French police.

All French airports and frontiers are being watched. Plain clothes men are searching the Montmartre area of Paris, where it is easy for anyone to hide. It is understood the police are watching visitors to the Soviet Embassy in Paris.

Whitehall Men Vanish—Official

THE Foreign Office announced this afternoon that two members of the Foreign Service have been missing from their homes since May 25.

They are Mr D. D. MacLean and Mr Guy F. de M. Burgess. An official statement said it is known that they left for France a few days ago. The statement said French police and MI5 are co-operating in an extensive search.

There is no confirmation that the men arrived in France. They had diplomatic visas and passports.

All possible inquiries are being made, said the official statement.

Mr MacLean had a breakdown a year ago owing to overstrain, but was believed to have fully recovered.

Owing to their being absent without leave both have been suspended with effect from June 1.

In answer to questions, an official at the Foreign Office said there was no reason to believe that the two men had taken any official papers with them.

Mr MacLean is a son of Lady (Gwendoline) MacLean and of the late Sir Donald MacLean, the Liberal leader who was Minister of Education in the National Government of 1951.

He is 38 and was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1933 and has served at the embassies in Paris and Washington. In November,

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FOREIGN OFFICE MEN VANISH

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1948, he was appointed Counsellor at the Embassy at Cairo.

He returned to the Foreign Office last November with an appointment as head of the American Department.

Mr Guy Burgess, who is 40, was granted a certificate for Branch B of the Foreign Service in October 1947.

He was appointed Second Secretary at the Embassy in Washington last August. He was for a period one of the spokesmen in the Foreign Office New Department.

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ADD DISAPPEARANCE, LONDON
 MACLEAN HAD ACCESS TO TOP SECRET EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND
 BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, BUT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THERE WAS NO REASON
 TO BELIEVE THE MEN HAD TAKEN SECRET DOCUMENTS WITH THEM.
 NEWS OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE CAUSED A SENSATION IN PARIS DIPLOMATIC
 CIRCLES. ONE HIGH WESTERN DIPLOMAT EXCLAIMED:
 "OH MY GOD, THERE GOES THE TRI-PARTITE FILES ON THE BIG FOUR DEPUTIES
 MEETING IF THIS IS TRUE."
 THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY REPORTS THAT THE
 MEN WERE HEADED FOR RUSSIA. THEY WERE SEEN LAST IN PARIS. SCOTLAND
 YARD AND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WEE SENT TO JOIN FRENCH POLICE IN
 THEIR SEARCH.
 ERNEST DAVIES, THE BRITISH DEPUTY AT THE FOUR-POWER MEETING IN PARIS,
 SAID HE WAS "AMAZED" AT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF BURGESS. ANOTHER
 WESTERN DIPLOMAT WHO KNOWS BURGESS SAID HE WAS A "GREAT STUDENT OF
 MARX AND LENIN, BUT HE USED HIS KNOWLEDGE TO COONFOUND THE RUSSIANS."
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(DISAPPEARANCE)

LONDON--THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY SUSPENDED THE HEAD OF ITS AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AND ANOTHER HIGH OFFICIAL PENDING A CHECK OF REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE FLED TO RUSSIA.

FRENCH AND BRITISH POLICE WERE SEARCHING FOR THE TWO MEN, WHO DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR HOMES MAY 25 AND LEFT FOR FRANCE SEVERAL DAYS AGO. THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THEY WERE "ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE." THE OFFICIALS WERE IDENTIFIED AS DONALD MACLEAN, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, AND GUY BURGESS, ASSIGNED TO THE FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT AND SPECIALIZING IN FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

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MACLEAN WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF SECRET ANGLO-AMERICAN EXCHANGES ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT, THE KOREAN WAR AND THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY. BURGESS ALSO PROBABLY WAS CONCERNED IN PREPARATION OF A JAPANESE PEACE TREATY.

THEIR DISAPPEARANCE COINCIDED WITH SIGNS OF A HARDENING IN BRITISH POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA.

FRENCH SECRET POLICE JOINED SCOTLAND YARD AND BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN A SEARCH FOR THE TWO OFFICIALS IN PARIS TODAY.

A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN DOCUMENTS FROM FOREIGN OFFICE FILES WITH THEM.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AFTER BEING BOMBARDED WITH QUERIES ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE TWO MEN HAD GONE TO MOSCOW, ISSUED THIS STATEMENT AT NOON:

"TWO MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM THEIR HOMES SINCE MAY 25. ONE IS MR. DONALD MACLEAN, THE OTHER MR. GUY BURGESS.

"ALL POSSIBLE INQUIRIES ARE BEING MADE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THEY WENT TO FRANCE A FEW DAYS AGO.

"MR. MACLEAN HAD A BREAKDOWN A YEAR AGO OWING TO OVERSTRAIN, BUT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE FULLY RECOVERED.

"OWING TO THEIR BEING ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE, BOTH HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JUNE."

AN OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO REPORTS THE TWO OFFICIALS HAD GONE TO THE SOVIET UNION TO SERVE THEIR IDEALISTIC PURPOSES."

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(DISAPPEARANCE)

LONDON--THE FAMILIES OF TWO FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS MISSING ON THE CONTINENT SINCE MAY 25 HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGES PURPORTED TO BE FROM THEM. A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MESSAGES ARE AUTHENTIC. HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR CONTENT BUT SAID HE MIGHT MAKE A FURTHER REPORT SOON.

THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND A JUNIOR SPECIALIST ON FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS HAD BEEN ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE FROM THEIR POST SINCE MAY 25.

A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID HE "UNDERSTOOD" MESSAGES HAD ARRIVED WHICH PURPORTED TO COME FROM DONALD D. MACLEAN, 38, AND GUY BURGESS, 40.

"I UNDERSTAND MESSAGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED," HE SAID, "AND THEIR AUTHENTICITY IS BEING CHECKED."

HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IN WHAT COUNTRY THE MESSAGES ORIGINATED.

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