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( The disappearance of two diplomats of the British Foreign Office has all the elements of a first class mystery. Have they fled to Soviet Russia? Or - can there be some other explanation of their vanishing act? Let's take the facts in sequence, beginning with the personalities of the two.

( Donald Duart MacLean, thirty-eight years old, was the head of the American Department of the London Foreign Office.) Not a policy-making job; but, he had access to the top level secrets of British-American relations - including the North Atlantic Treaty and the military defenses of the West.

He is the son of a former British Cabinet Minister, the late Sir Donald MacLean, and is independently wealthy. His wife, an American - Melinda Marling of New York City and Massachusetts, whom he married in Nineteen forty. They have two sons, and the wife and children remain behind in England. <sup>R</sup> MacLean served for a time at the British Embassy in Washington - then was called back to London, becoming head of the

→ American Department at the Foreign Office.

( Guy Francis De Moncy Burgess, forty years old, was a Foreign Office specialist in Far Eastern affairs ) and, apparently, had a hand in the preparation of a peace treaty with Japan. He is unmarried. Like MacLean, he served in Washington, arriving last August and recalled early in May.

A news dispatch from Washington states that Burgess was withdrawn from his Embassy post, a minor one, because - in the words of the dispatch: "he apparently did not measure up to the usual standards of efficiency." ~~London says that Burgess was known to be interested in Communist theory, a student of Marx and Lenin. But, according to a ~~some~~ diplomat over there - "he used his knowledge to confound the Russians."~~

Such are the personalities; - and now the sequence of events. May twenty-fifth was the birthday of Donald Duart MacLean - and on that day both he and Burgess vanished from their London homes. Their

movements have not been determined, but it is known that they were in Paris a few days later - and since then, all trace of them has been lost. Today, the Foreign Office made the announcement - MacLean and Burgess, are "absent ~~in~~ without leave," and have been suspended from their posts.

London is buzzing with rumors that the two fled to Soviet Russia - taking with them top level secrets. This is based on a report attributed to another British diplomatic official - who, we hear, intended to accompany MacLean and Burgess, but he changed his mind. This unnamed official is quoted as saying that the two have gone to Russia - "to serve their idealistic purposes."

But here's a dispatch from Washington of a very ~~different~~ different tone - giving the opinion of people at the British Embassy, who knew MacLean and Burgess well. They are highly skeptical of reports that the two may have fled to Russia, and think <sup>it</sup> ~~they are~~ more likely <sup>they</sup> ~~to~~ have gone to Paris on a "spree." →



Calling them - "humorous and light hearted." Not at all the earnest intellectual type, to be interested in Communism. This, in the face of London accounts that Burgess was a student of Marx and Lenin. ~~But~~ Embassy associates of the pair say they both liked to "tap the bottle." Hence the supposition that, on MacLean's birthday, they teamed up and went off to Paris on a "spree." Must be quite a spree, because they have been missing for two weeks.

~~Such are the facts in a headline mystery that has the diplomatic world agog. Today the question came up at the Senate Committee in Washington, as Secretary of State Acheson was being interrogated. The subject of general MacArthur's dismissal was put aside for a minute, while the Secretary of State was asked about the disappearance of the two British diplomats. He replied - it would be "serious indeed" if they ~~xxx~~ have fled to Soviet Russia with top level secrets, to which they had access.~~

~~What the real answer is - nobody knows.~~



SUBSTITUTE END BRITISH DIPLOMATS

The latest is a <sup>(vague</sup> ~~XXXX~~ report that the two diplomats have been located in Paris. The British Foreign office says - it is checking, trying to find out if there is anything in the rumor. All the resources of Scotland Yard and the French Surete have been thrown into the investigation of the ~~xxx~~ mystery that has the diplomatic world agog.

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MACARTHUR

The MacArthur committee went into some fine confusions today - when the Senators got into an argument about making public another of those secret documents. This one - a report made in Nineteen Forty-Nine, by Major General David Barr, head of the U.S. Military Mission to China. General Barr criticized the regime of Chiang Kai Shek, and so today the question was - to publish or not to publish.

The argument grew hot, some Senators for, others against. Finally they started to read some of the Barr report - when up ~~xxxx~~ spoke Secretary of State Acheson. The witness for the day. He said the document had already been published - several years ago. It was included in a white paper on China issued by the State Department. So the ~~xxx~~ question of "to publish or not to publish" turned into a laugh. The Senators should take time out to read a white paper or two.

In his testimony today, <sup>Secretary</sup>~~Senator~~ Acheson rejected a suggestion that the United States should try

to oust the Soviets from the U N. He said it would be better to keep them in the world organization, so that they may, by their own performance, make a monkey of their peace propaganda.





MACARTHUR

In the last part of his testimony, Secretary Acheson said he believes the United States has the authority to pursue Communist planes into Manchuria. He thinks we could do this legally without permission from the U N, but <sup>that</sup> our allies in the Korean war disagree sharply.

We presented this view early in the year, but other countries protested. They said the United States had no right to chase Red planes across the border on into Red Manchuria, and argued that it would spread the Korean war.

## KOREA

The war news tonight puts the focus on two points - the two southern tips of the Iron Triangle. Today the G I's drove down the ~~xxxx~~ northern slopes of the Kwangdok mountains, and <sup>now</sup> are thrusting at the <sup>key</sup> town of Kumhwa, eastern anchor point of the Triangle. Front line dispatches ~~xx~~ say it's only a matter of hours before Kumhwa is under siege - American artillery mustered for a huge bombardment.

The same goes for Chorwon, western anchor point of the Triangle. There the dominating feature is Mount Kodae, which looks down on Chorwon, - and today Eighth Army troops captured Mount Kodae. Which puts the G I's almost within rifle shot of that western anchor point - four miles away, <sup>all</sup> downhill.

Elsewhere there were ~~General~~ advances today → up to three miles. In most places, Red resistance was light - but it was fierce, along the road to Kumhwa. There U.S. tanks fought a blazing battle with stubborn Chinese. Likewise the Red artillery fire ~~xxx~~ has increased - called one of the heaviest bombard-

ments of the Korean conflict. American guns are dueling with Red ~~XXXXX~~ cannon -- as the enemy tries to slow the advance, while they bring down fresh reinforcements, to defend the Iron Triangle.



DRAFT

The House of Representatives has passed the compromise bill to lower the draft age to eighteen and a half years, and provide the framework for a universal military training program. The vote was overwhelming - three hundred and thirty-nine to forty-one. The Senate has already passed the measure - which now goes to ~~the President~~ in the White House. President Truman is expected to sign it immediately.

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## CONTROLS

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to provide a new and tougher price control law. He  
said the anti-inflation program is working at present.

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Meanwhile, beef shortages are appearing in the retail stores. Cattle shipments to the markets of the middlewest continue to be light. Packing houses, saying they can't buy cattle at prevailing prices, are cutting beef production steadily. They charge that livestock is going into the black market. Today a spokesman for the American Meat Institute reported - ~~as~~ Canadian beef coming into this country. He said that "considerable quantities" of dressed beef ~~as~~ from Canada are being sent to markets in our eastern states.



# WRECK

Late news from Tennessee tells of a railroad wreck - a head-on collision. A fast express, called Pan-American, ran into a local train. Six trainmen killed, fifteen passengers reported injured. Some cars left the rails, but none turned over.

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## SHELTON

At Fairfield, Illinois, the latest blaze of gunfire at the Shelton place gives rise to strange suspicion and sinister surmise. Actually, the shooting was nothing like as murderous as usual in Shelton history. A tenant, renting the Shelton farm, was fired on from ambush, and hit in the arm by three shotgun slugs -- a minor injury.

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Big Earl, got out. He fled, and today his

whereabouts are a secret. The Shelton farm was rented to one Hillary O'Daniel, who took it over to grow crops - and he is the victim of the latest murder attempt. He was giving orders to two farmhands, when the shots rang out from ambush -- leaving him a wounded casualty in the Shelton feud.

Maybe the would-be killers thought he was Big Earl, but today Sheriff Elmer Brown shook his head, and said: ~~"I don't think they thought Big Earl was down there."~~ "I think the shots were fired, just because that land still belongs to him. Somebody" he added, "doesn't want anybody to farm Big Earl's land."

~~Some suppose the Shelton feud is a hang-over from the old bootleg war, one-time rum-running enemies of the Sheltons continuing a prohibition time vendetta. But the better opinion is that the murderous quarrel grew out of a property dispute -- a deadly argument about fields and acres in the farm country. Which could~~



## DOG

California gives us the sad story of the piano-playing dog. He was to have made his concert debut -- but it never happened.

The musical canine is the property and protege of Movie Actor Steve Cochran, who asked himself a question -- "Why shouldn't a dog play the piano?" Why not, indeed? So the pooch was trained to sit at the keyboard and tickle the ivories with his front paws -- making melody.

The film actor named him -- Tschaikowsky. Which is quite a musical name -- especially for a dog. Anyway, Tschaikowsky played the piano so well, that his debut was announced - a canine concert at a San Francisco theater.

Music ~~ix~~ lovers were eager, no doubt, to hear a dog named Tschaikowsky -- playing a minuet, or even a sonata. But, alas - it was no go. Union rules. The local union agent ruled that the dog was a professional musician - and he didn't belong to the union. So there would have to be a stand-by. The

→ theatre would have to hire a two-legged pianist with a union card -- the old featherbedding.

The theatre refused to pay the extra expense -- and that ~~theatre~~ spoiled the concert debut of Tchaikowsky,

the piano playing dog. The San Fran. union idea being, I suppose Nelson, that unless they took such a stand the whole union music world might go to the dogs.

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