

Britain's Missing Envoys Accused As Soviet Spies

LONDON (U)—A Russian who deserted to the West said Sunday Britain's two missing diplomats—Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess—served as spies for the Kremlin all the time they worked in the Foreign Office.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said later the Foreign Office now believes this to be true.

Vladimir Petrov, formerly the top Soviet agent in Australia, told the story in an article in the Sunday newspaper *The People*.

Burgess and MacLean were recruited by the Communists 20 years ago while students at Cambridge, he said, and neither knew of the other's spy activities until a few weeks before they disappeared together 4½ years ago.

Department Head
MacLean was head of the American Department in the Foreign Office at the time he vanished. Burgess was on leave from his post as second secretary of the British Embassy in Washington.

Adding to the mystery was the disappearance of MacLean's American-born wife, Melinda, and their three children two years later. They slipped away after going to Switzerland and presumably went to join him.

Petrov said MacLean, now 43, and Burgess, 44, appealed to the Russians for asylum after discov-

ering they were being investigated by British security agents.

Petrov said another Kremlin agent who worked in the Soviet Embassy in London told him that in 1945 Burgess brought him "briefcases full of Foreign Office documents." They were photographed and quickly turned back.

The British Foreign Office has said it did not discover any important documents missing after Burgess and MacLean vanished.

Benson Okehs Campaign on Farm Issues

WASHINGTON (U)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Sunday it is "perfectly all right" with him if farm problems—falling prices and crop surpluses—are a major campaign issue next year. Farmers "are not going to be stampeded," he said.

"I think agriculture is fundamentally sound," Benson said. "I think there is every indication of that. I think we are going to see some improvement in farm prices as we get a better balance between production and consumption in this country."

Democrats have been hammering away at the farm issue for some time. And Republican state chairmen agreed at a recent meeting here that declining farm prices offered the greatest political threat to the election of a GOP Congress in 1956.

There have been demands by Democrats, and even some Republicans, that President Eisenhower get a new agriculture secretary.

Benson, appearing with his wife and five of his six children, in a filmed TV interview on NBC's *Youth Wants To Know*, said the farmers don't feel they're too bad off now.

Despite lower prices for farm products, the secretary said, there will be record or near record per acre crop yields this year and that, he said, will mean more money for the farmers.

He said public opinion polls taken recently indicate "most farmers feel their income this year will be as good if not a little better than last year."

Benson said there were these other indications of continuing prosperity for farmers: (1) Real estate values are 2 per cent higher than last year; (2) the ratio of debt to total farm assets is 11 per cent compared to 19 per cent in 1940; (3) farm machinery purchases are up 20 per cent this year; (4) the per capita income of farmers the past year showed a small increase despite the general decline in farm prices.

Benson repeated what he has said several times recently, that the Eisenhower administration will offer new legislation to Congress next year which he expects will help the farmers.

Benson said the administration wants to give farmers greater freedom in using their own crops to feed their livestock. In the case of wheat now, he said, "we are under obligation to prosecute farmers who feed more than 25 acres on their own farm."

"We don't think that is right," he added.

Pioneer Gas Well in Kansas Dismantled

HUGOTON, Kan.—(U)—The pioneer well in the world's largest underground reservoir of natural gas has been dismantled.

Casings has been salvaged from the Crawford No. 1-31 which, drilled as an oil wildcat, opened up the Kansas section of the Hugoton gas field in 1927.

Striking into the gas pool that underlies parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the well carried a rating of 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas. It was abandoned two years ago.

Salem Air Pioneer Honored



Lee Eyerly had his Day Sunday as part of the Optimist Club-sponsored Salem Air Show at McNary Field. Here he is with Gov. Paul L. Patterson who presented Eyerly, Salem Air Pioneer, with a citation for his half-century of efforts in development of aviation interest in the mid-Willamette Valley. A crowd estimated at more than 10,000 persons saw the show. (Story and pictures also on Page 1) (Statesman Photo.)

Group Asks Budget Plans Of Air Force

WASHINGTON (U)—The Air Force Assn. (AFA) demanded Sunday that the nation be told exactly where and how any Air Force budget cuts might be applied.

The privately supported organization of airpower supporters, which frequently acts as an unofficial mouthpiece for the Air Force, also voiced strong opposition to any further delays or stretchouts in the buildup to 137 combat-ready wings.

"The Congress and the people of the United States are entitled to know the areas which will be affected if these cuts are made, and the effects of these reductions on the nation's ability to defend itself," AFA President Gill Robb Wilson said in a statement.

"Balancing the national budget must ever be an objective of the administration x x x However, we must seriously question any proposal which would reduce the combat effectiveness of our Air Force at this point in world affairs."

Wilson, a New York magazine publisher, said there are no apparent areas where proposed cuts could be made without serious effects on the present 137-wing program.

There have been reports that as part of a general government campaign to wipe out the budget deficit the Pentagon is trying to reduce its current spending program by about a billion dollars. Word also has circulated that the Defense Department will be asked to cut its budget for the next fiscal year.

The Air Force is the biggest item in the defense budget. Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently no changes were contemplated in the nation's "basic military program."

Lake Ontario Swimmer Lost

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. (U)—Cliff Snowtton, 29, of Orillia, Ont., disappeared while trying to swim across Lake Ontario to Toronto Sunday and no trace of him has been found.

He disappeared at 3 a.m., an hour after setting out from here. He was about 3½ miles from shore at the time. Persons in two boats which accompanied Snowtton told this story:

A few minutes before 3, the swimmer said he was feeling fine. His coach, T.J. le Doux of Niagara-on-the-Lake, turned away to check his compass. When he looked back there was no sign of Snowtton.

An immediate search was begun and help was summoned from here, but five hours of searching brought no result. The lake was calm and the sky clear.

Eastman Fund for College Students

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(U)—The Eastman Kodak Company recently granted more than \$100,000 for 34 advanced college students to continue their studies in physics, chemistry and chemical engineering for the academic year 1955-56.

Under the program a single student receives \$1,400 and a married student with dependents \$2,100. In addition the university at which the scholar is studying receives \$1,000 for his research expenses.

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HIGHWAY TURTLES

BOSTON (U)—(UP)—The slow-poke motorists is as much a highway menace as the speeder, the general manager of the Automobile Legal Association

believes. Philip C. Thibodeau favors the adoption of a minimum speed regulation in all states. Arkansas has 4,031 miles of railroad.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Monday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	Taurus APR. 21-20	GEMINI MAY 21-20	CANCER JUNE 21-20	LEO JULY 21-20	VIRGO AUG. 21-20	LIBRA SEPT. 21-20	SCORPIO OCT. 21-20	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 21-20	CAPRICORN DEC. 21-20
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21 Right	22 Liquid	23 Thing	24 Your	25 Factors	26 Attention	27 May	28 Funds	29 Appear	30 To
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61 Matters	62 Personal	63 Trust	64 Or	65 Journeys	66 Hangs	67 To	68 Needs	69 Benefits	70 Expect
71 And	72 In	73 Fire	74 With	75 Mixed	76 Some	77 Army	78 You	79 Be	80 Advertising
81 Particular	82 Unfinished	83 Pesimistic	84 Material	85 Recognition	86 Manner	87 Business	88 Things	89 Affairs	90 Today
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SOW AND REAP
WILBUR, Wash. (UP)—R. K. Maiden lost his wallet while plowing a field in April, 1953. Plowing the same field this year, Maiden turned up the wallet, torn and rotted. He took it into the bank to see if at least part of the \$90 he thought it contained could be salvaged. He received 94. The world population increased by 35 million people last year.

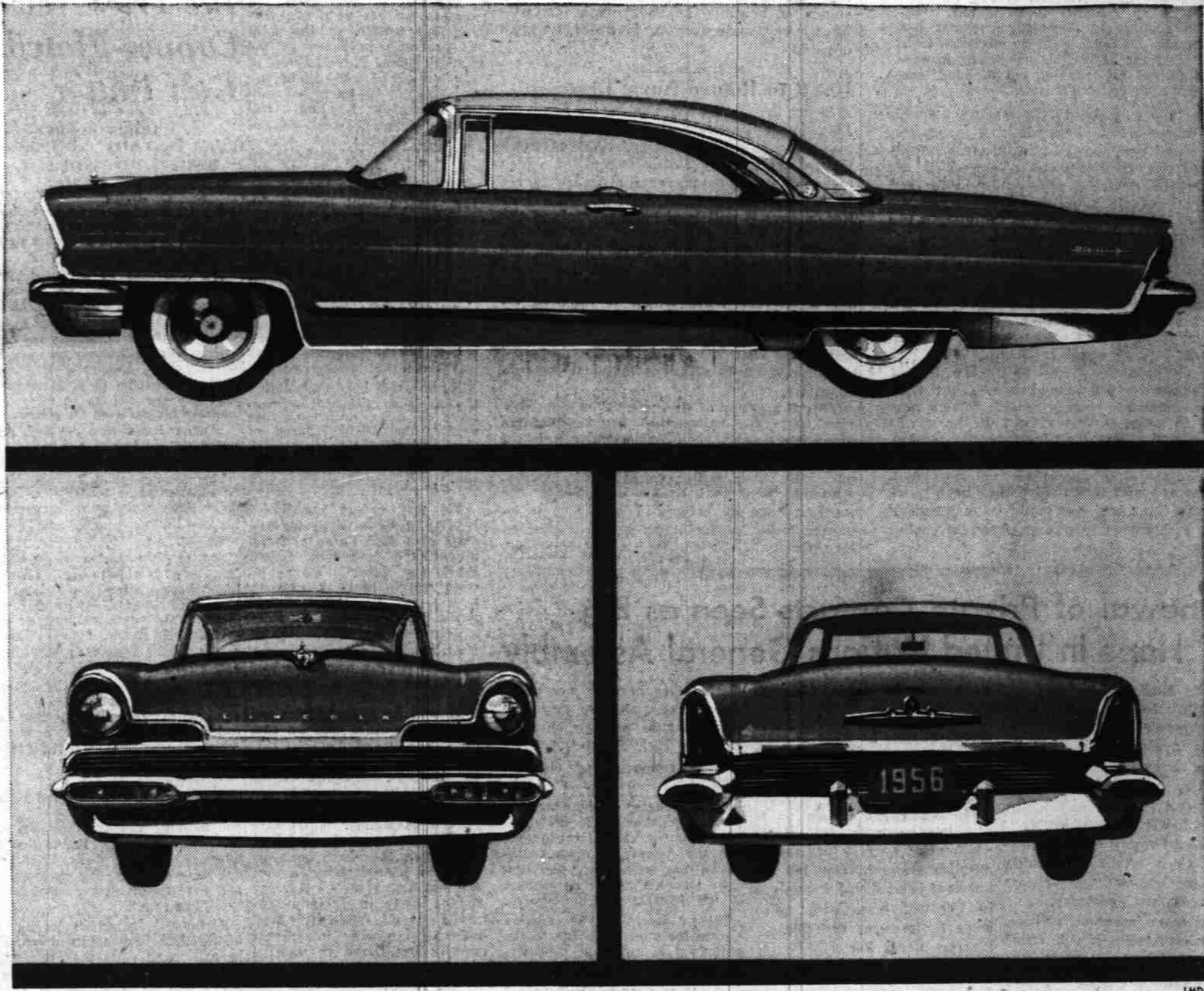
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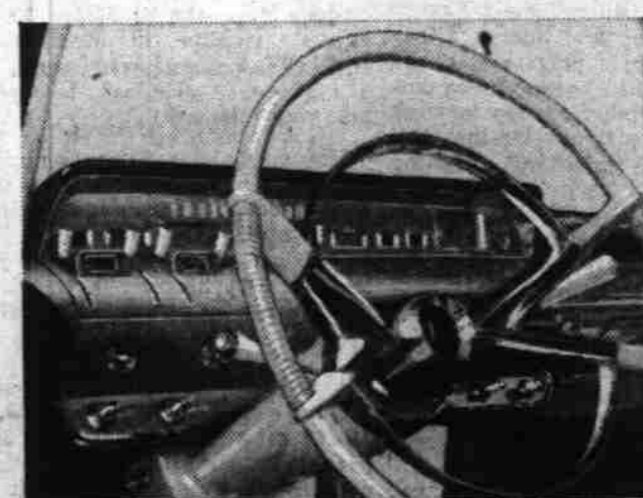
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