

New U. S.-British Rift

Anglo-American relations headed into a new tailspin. Reasons: 1) refusal of Britain to agree to some U. S. terms for a peace treaty with Japan; 2) British efforts to woo foreign trade from the U. S.; 3) U. S. uneasiness over leaks of diplomatic secrets through Britain.

Background: *The disappearance of two British foreign service men, D. D. MacLean and Guy Burgess, upset the State Dept. Both men had access to confidential U. S.-British diplomatic files, although not to top secrets. Even if they hadn't gone over to Russia, their mysterious disappearance on a "holiday" shook official U. S. confidence in their eligibility to handle high policy papers of the two Allies.*



Donald D. MacLean



Guy F. deM. Burgess



John Foster Dulles talks Jap peace terms with British Foreign Sec. Herbert Morrison.

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