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PONTECORVO IS IN RUSSIA

Atom man 'found' after five years

'I THANK YOU FOR ASYLUM'

MOSCOW, Tuesday morning.

THE missing British atom scientist, Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, is in Russia. He revealed this morning that he has been working in the Soviet Union since he disappeared from his job at Harwell in 1950.

Dr. Pontecorvo made his revelation in two Soviet newspapers, Pravda and Izvestia.

He said he had been granted "refuge" with his family in Russia and was working with the Institute of Physical Problems of the Soviet Academy of Science. The Italian-born, naturalised Briton said he was "carrying on together with other scientists, scientific research work in the sphere of using atomic energy for peaceful purposes."

'Convinced'

He added: "I have become convinced also of the fact that the main attention of scientific thought in the Soviet Union is directed at using this greatest discovery for the well-being of humanity, in the interests of peace, progress, and bettering the material well-being of the people.

"The conditions under which I work are splendid. The technical equipment is most excellent and the research work is being carried on on a large scale and at a high level.

"All this has permitted me, together with a group of scientists, to carry on a number of researches, the results of which we are preparing for publication."

Dr. Pontecorvo said that since becoming an "anti-Fascist" in 1936, "I learned from undeniable facts of the leading role of the Soviet Union in the struggle against war."

"In connection with this, in 1950 I emigrated from Britain, where I worked at a laboratory in Harwell, and took refuge in the Soviet Union," his article went on.

'Ban them'

The article in which Dr. Pontecorvo disclosed his presence in the Soviet Union was headed: "BAN ATOMIC WEAPONS; THE CALL OF SCIENTIST PONTECORVO TO THE SCIENTISTS OF ALL THE WORLD."

The article was identical in both Pravda and Izvestia. It occupied a quarter of a page on Page Three, of both newspapers.

The article was signed: "Bruno Pontecorvo, Professor, Laureate Stalin Prize."

This was the first disclosure that Dr. Pontecorvo had been awarded a Stalin Prize, an award given by the Soviet Government for outstanding work in the field of science.

Pontecorvo is 42. He disappeared in September, 1950, while on holiday in Italy with his Swedish wife and three sons.

Two months later, Mr. Strauss, the Minister of Supply, said in the House of Commons: "While I have no conclusive evidence of his present whereabouts, I have no doubt that he is in Russia."

Several months after his disappearance he was reported to have sent a letter to a relative saying that he and his family were well.—Reuter, B.U.P.

'Really clever'

Flashback to 1950: Pontecorvo had worked at Harwell in Britain's chief atomic establishment, for 18 months. He was described by a colleague there as "one of the top people—a really clever scientist. He would have had important information."

He was named in the Civil Service list as a temporary senior principal scientific officer of the Ministry of Supply at £1,320 to £1,520 a year.

When he worked at Harwell he lived with his family at Leicombe Avenue, Abingdon, among houses built for the atom station's employees.

He quit in July and left England on the 25th of that month for a moving and camping holiday in France and Italy with his family. That was the last heard of him by the Ministry of Supply.

Mikoyan back in Kremlin

Anastas Mikoyan, sacked by Malenkov as Trade Minister two months ago, is back in the Kremlin hierarchy. Mikoyan radio announced last night that 59-year-old Mikoyan, who is reported to have introduced ice cream to Russia, has been appointed a First Deputy Prime Minister.

Six more men are promoted. Two, like Mikoyan, are made First Deputy Premiers. Four become Deputy Premiers.

Plea for roads Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Transport, yesterday promised a deputation from Metropolitan boroughs to give consideration to the special road needs of London.

AFTER THE CRITICS, I WISH I HAD DIED...

Ingrid: I'll never go back to Sweden



INGRID THE MOTHER watches happily as her husband, Roberto Rossellini, says goodnight to five-year-old Roberto and the two-year-old twins, Ingrid (with curly hair) and Isabella. This was at their Stockholm hotel.

Express Staff Reporter

STOCKHOLM, Monday.—An angry Ingrid Bergman threatened today to quit her native Sweden for ever. The reason, she says, is the "caddish" treatment she has had from newspapers over her performance in the stage production of "Joan of Arc at the Stake."

The first eruption by the 37-year-old actress came at a Stockholm charity show last night. Miss Bergman had been billed to draw numbers in a lottery.

Happy, then...

Thunderous applause greeted her words when she said:—"I was happy to come home to my own country and my own language. I was received with warm, spontaneous applause when 'Joan of Arc' opened. After the curtain fell I said to my husband, 'Now I can lay down to die and feel happy.'"

"After reading the critics the next day, I wished I had died. 'Only last night I read an article which said that I am a woman who is showing herself for money, and that the fire at the stake resounds to the crinkling of banknotes.'"

"The critic went on to make out that I first made my name in America as the fine, well-bred, charming young lady of the manor from Sweden, and that later in Italy, I played the part of the good mother who has taken her life into her own hands."

"And that now nothing remains to me but to rove from city to city, from land to land, as one outlawed."

Messages, then...

Wrote on Miss Bergman: "I know I am not the only artist to suffer this fate. The Swedes cannot suffer anybody to differ from the crowd."

"Today Miss Bergman barricaded herself in her suite at the Grand Hotel. Her anger was not tempered by an avalanche of flowers and messages."

"She told a friend: 'The number of anonymous letters I have received from Swedes since I came here has driven me to the point of desperation. I cannot sleep for the mental torture I am subjected to by my fellow-countrymen.'"

Miss Bergman opened at the Stockholm Opera on February 17. The 10 performances originally planned were sold out at higher-than-usual prices before the opening. Four extra performances are also sold out.

Comments, then...

Critics wrote coldly about the show. Columnists were more interested in Miss Bergman herself than in her acting.

Some ignored the show entirely and filled their articles with personal comments about Miss Bergman and her husband, Roberto Rossellini, the Italian film director.

Said one theatregoer today: "We have got nothing against Ingrid herself."

Rossellini left for Italy to attend to his family five days after his wife's opening night. He said he would be "back soon."

Burgess? 'No word to me'

Rumours swept the West End last night that Guy Burgess, the diplomat who disappeared with Donald Maclean in May 1951, was in London.

Mrs. J. R. Bassett, mother of Burgess, said at her home in Arlington House, Piccadilly: "I have not heard from him or received any indication that he is here."

Test play today?

SYDNEY, Tuesday.—The Test captains decided this morning that play might be possible after lunch.—Express News Service.

Is this a peace move?

From HENRY LOWRIE: Washington, Monday

RED CHINA is willing to receive "an unofficial U.S. delegation" to discuss the case of 11 American airmen jailed there as spies. This was announced in Rangoon today by Burma's Premier, U Nu. He said Red China suggested the visit and he passed the idea to Mr. Dulles.

Washington asked: "Is this a peace overture?" One diplomat said: "We cannot afford to turn down the slightest chance."

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"The one thing I'm not looking forward to when this is all over is going back to the old cafeteria system."

Such a nice s-l-o-w thaw

THE thaw is spreading east—but slowly. "Nice and slowly," said an Air Ministry weather man.

"If warm weather comes too quickly another cold spell will follow," he explained. Tonight the thaw should have covered the West and North. Expect it in the South-East tomorrow.

A LONDON-BOUND TRAIN, swept by a 50-mile-an-hour gale, was stranded in snow-drifts for four hours near Forres yesterday.

A HELICOPTER rescued an airman, ill with appendicitis, from a snowbound ambulance on the Yorkshire moors.

BACK TO DARTMOOR last night, marched 100 weary prisoners, after completing their task of freezing Princetown from its blizzard chaos. Women cheered as they passed.

AFTER THE CHURCHILL PORTRAIT STORM—

How about this, Sir Anthony?



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL received another birthday gift yesterday—three months after the storm that arose over the portrait of himself by Graham Sutherland.

Now may come a second storm. For the new painting, by Edward Ardizzone, of the Tory benches as seen from the House of Commons Press Gallery, includes this detail showing Sir Anthony Eden.

WILLIAM HICKEY at the presentation, and Ardizzone's Front Bench view, Page Six.]

Mr. AVERAGE MAN now tops £10 A WEEK

A COALMAN may get £20—plus his tips

By TREVOR EVANS

AVERAGE weekly earnings of men workers in Britain have passed £10 for the first time. Last night the Labour Ministry announced that its latest half-yearly census puts the figure at £10 4s. 5d.

This includes overtime and bonuses. But it is estimated before income tax or National Insurance. The figure is an increase of 8s. 9d. on April 1954.

The pay sheets of nearly 7,000,000 workers were scrutinised to make up the figure. All manufacturing industries were included, as well as such important non-manufacturing industries and services as mining, building, electricity, gas, water, road transport, and

national and local government services.

Some of these bring down the national average. For in manufacturing alone the figure is £10 12s. 2d.

For women the average is £8 2s. 2d., youths £4 5s. 7d., and girls £2 8s. 5d. The figure for all workers is £8 11s. 9d.

Wages generally are three times up on pre-war.

Express Staff Reporter DONALD SEAMAN writes:—FOR coal, read diamonds. Well, almost. For the man who humps that sack to your door may be earning £1,000 a year, which is £19 4s. 7½d. a week. Tips are extra.

An official of the Tyne Main Coal Company, which serves

COUNCIL RENTS MAY RISE 1s.

Prince Philip sees a man in two

MONEY for house building will cost councils 4 per cent more in interest from today.

Socialist M.P.s think this may put council rents up 1s. or 2s. a week. Councils think it will be about 1s. extra.

(Full story: Page Two.)

Housewife returns Mrs. Elizabeth Grossett, 59-year-old housewife of Dublin-street, Edinburgh, who travelled to Austria two weeks ago and asked for political asylum in the Russian zone, arrived home yesterday.

Miss Yvonne Lewis, of Bury, inhere as guest of Earl Mountbatten, who is an honorary member of the Magic Circle

60,000,000 pears A record consignment of 60,000,000 South African pears will be on sale in the next three weeks. Prices, usually 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. a lb. will drop to 1s. a lb.

TEA PRICE CUT YET AGAIN 1½d lopped off at auction

By KENNETH PIPE

INDIAN tea prices at London auctions fell again yesterday—by 1½d. a lb. compared with last Wednesday; 2½d. compared with last Monday.

The sales left the auction price of broken pekoe (the basis of all blends) at 5s. 8½d. a lb. Three weeks ago when the Daily Express launched the "Use Less Tea" campaign, the price was 6s. 8½d. a lb.

Yesterday's sale of more than 3,000,000 lb. of tea from seven different territories was officially described as an irregular and easier market.

Because of the drop of 1s. 2d. a lb. in Indian tea prices, coupled with a fall of 11d. a lb. in Ceylon teas in the last three weeks, distributors are considering (but only considering) if it is possible to reduce retail prices a few months from now.

Orders down A leading distributor said: "There is no doubt that the resistance of buyers has brought about a heavy slump in prices. 'Uncertainty about prices has led to wholesalers and retailers ordering less tea. Grocers are ordering only a third of their normal quantities.'"

An announcement in New Delhi yesterday of a sliding scale on tea export duties will not affect prices in Britain.

When prices were rising the Indian Government increased the export duty to cut the profits of the grower and exporter.

Now, on a rapidly falling market, they have got to give something back to keep up the growers' and exporters' margin.

Dr. Charles Hill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said at Tooting last night: "I welcome the attempts of the Daily Express to encourage better and more discriminating shopping."

Airgirl sacked Oonagh Redvers was sacked from her job at London Airport yesterday for slovenly conduct.

The 24-year-old British Overseas Airways Corporation ground receptionist is said to have "leaned negligently on a window-sill while talking to passengers."

NURSES JOIN COLOUR BAR

NO to 6 'perfect young ladies'

Express Staff Reporter

A HUNDRED men and women nurses unanimously decided at secret meetings yesterday to bar six coloured trainee nurses from their hospital.

The management committee of Swansea's Glyn Coed (pronounce it Kevin Coyd; it means Ridge Wood) mental hospital asked the nurses if they would welcome the well-educated "perfect young ladies" from Barbados to ease the staff shortage.

Yesterday came the answer: "We don't want them."

They were asked: "Do you want the coloured girls from Barbados to work here?" No hands went up. But every hand was silently raised in both meetings against employing the Barbados girls.

Already there are 720 patients at the hospital. The average age of the staff is 40.

"In a few years we may have to close up the wards because we cannot get probationer nurses," said Mr. Richard Gronow, committee chairman, last night.

"We have recruited only one nurse in the last two years."

PROMOTION An official of the Confederation of Health Service Employees—the nurses' union—said some nurses feared the coloured girls would be promoted before them when they are trained.

There are two young German nurses working at the hospital. It has been whispered around the tiled halls that one of them may soon be promoted a sister.

"There are many husbands and wives working together on the staff," a nurse said. "They are well paid—about £20 a week between them—but it is an unwritten rule that married women will not be promoted sisters."

"Perhaps they fear the unmarried coloured girls would be more eligible for promotion."

A meeting between union chiefs and the management committee will be held tomorrow.

Drop bar, or else... Transport leaders in "colour-bar" West Bromwich are considering disciplinary measures against the 450 one-day-a-week striking bus crews.

Printed notices have been put in pay packets warning the men of possible reprisals if they do not give up their demand for the dismissal of Bombay undergraduate Mr. Bhikha Patel.

Nurses wanted There is a shortage of 10,000 mental nurses.—Commons answer yesterday.

4.30 a.m. LATEST YOUTHS FIGHT OAKLAND, California, Monday.—Two students injured in brawl between 20 white and 20 Negro youths.—Reuter.

JETS COLLIDE LISBON Monday.—Two jets collided in the air. Both pilots killed.—Reuter.

BUS CRASHES Bus crashed 20ft. into valley near Muthill, Perthshire. Five injured.

TUG THREAT Mersey tug men threatened pay strike this week-end.

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