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 eligibilty 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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