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July 11th

Very Darling Nelusha:—

Back from Alaska a few days ago — Unbelievably beautiful trip — especially Glacier Bay & Tarlashe glaciers, great icebergs — wild life abounding — seals lying on the ice — animals elk — moose — on cliffs — bald eagles flying over head — waterfalls gushing down between spruce and hemlock — so heavy it really hurt —

Children will never be quite the same again. It opened up the world to them! Everything, including ships was lavish, comfortable, and something they had never known —

On Thurs. 11th day after my return saw this in L. A. Times — I got a letter right off to Aniela saying I would rush Bronnie's papers to London if they needed them — as I personally didn't know what to select. I am awaiting Aniela's letter. What do you think I should do? I want to do the right thing — the thing my beloved would want me to do — I would have written two days ago

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Just have been bed ridden with very bad bronchitis - almost pneumonia I suppose coming back from glorious cold pure air into terrible heat here -

Found out by phoning Johns home he is in Spain - So lovely he & his little family can be with you for a few weeks - Don't they sound the most adorable? ——

Hope you are all well and I know you are enjoying each other. Love to each & everyone & most to you - Kiss for Arthur. Doris

Hospital.

BOYER, Patricia E., beloved wife of Charles; devoted mother of the late Michael. Passed away August 24, 1978.

Private services were held on August 25, 1978 in Holy Cross Cemetery, Los Angeles.

Charles Boyer's Death a Suicide, Coroner Says

From Times Wire Services

PHOENIX—Actor Charles Boyer, apparently despondent over the death of his wife and his own declining health, committed suicide with an overdose of barbiturates, the coroner's office said Monday after autopsy results had been disclosed.

Boyer died Saturday after he had been found unconscious at a friend's home in nearby Scottsdale. His wife, Patricia, had died two days earlier of cancer at age 68.

Boyer was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles Monday afternoon in a small private ceremony attended by seven close friends, among them actor John Forsythe and actresses Loretta Young and Irene Dunne.

The French-born Boyer would have been 79 Monday.

Coroner Thomas Jarvis said Monday that blood samples tested by a toxicology laboratory showed "he died of an overdose of Seconal—a suicide."

The coroner said Seconal was a barbiturate used widely as a sleeping pill. He said "a very small amount of alcohol" also was found.

Eloy Ysasi, an investigator for Jarvis' office, said that the death was termed a suicide because of the presence of barbiturates, because Boyer decided not to attend his wife's funeral Saturday and because he had health problems. Boyer was to have undergone prostate surgery.

According to Ysasi, Boyer did not leave a note and no one saw him take the barbiturates.

The autopsy showed prior heart damage also.

The Boyers' only child, Michael, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in 1965 at age 21.

Secret Papers Blame Russia for Massacre

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union was almost certainly responsible for the execution of more than 10,000 Polish soldiers in the World War II massacre of Katyn Woods, according to secret British papers made public Wednesday.

The documents, released after 30 years by the Foreign Office, said a "considerable body of circumstantial evidence backed up Nazi claims that Germany had nothing to do with the killings."

They disclosed Britain kept its suspicions of Russian guilt quiet for the sake of Allied unity during the war.

Cover-up Charged

"We have, in fact, perforce used the good name of England . . . to cover up a massacre," a former British ambassador to Poland wrote in a confidential dispatch seen only by the British Cabinet and King George VI.

The account of the killings was among the 1943 official documents held in the London Public Records office under a 30-year secrecy rule and now available to the public. They contained the findings of Owen O'Malley, then British ambassador to Poland.

The German government announced the discovery of mass graves at Katyn in April 1943. The Soviet government repeatedly denied guilt and accused the Germans of murdering the prisoners during their 1941 assault on Russia.

O'Malley wrote Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, now the Earl of Avon, on May 24, 1943:

"It is not without hesitation that I address this dispatch to you, which also gives grounds for misgivings about the character and policy of the present rulers in Russia."

He admitted "we do not know for certain" who killed the captured officers and men.

Evidence Cited

But he said "we have access to all the available information" and added:

"Though we can draw no final conclusions on vital matters of fact, we have a considerable body of circumstantial evidence at our disposal and I think that most of us are more than half convinced that a large number of Polish officers were indeed murdered by the Russian authorities."

Russia took about 180,000 prisoners when it invaded Poland in 1939, he said. At the beginning of 1940 there were about 9,000 or 10,000 officers and 6,000 noncoms, police officers and civil officials in the three camps, he reported.

In March, 1940, word went around that "under orders from Moscow" the prisoners were to be moved to camps "where conditions would be more agreeable."

Dismay, Then Despair

His dispatch reconstructed the killings:

The prisoners were taken along a country road to the Hill of Goats—Katyn—where they were unloaded and bound "and their dismay gave way to despair."

"If a man struggled, it seems that the executioner threw his coat over his head, tying it around his head and leading him hooded to the pit's edge, for in many cases a body was found to be thus hooded and the coat to have been pierced by a bullet where it covered the base of the skull.

"Up and down the bodies the executioner stamped, hauling the dead bodies about. When it was all over the butchers seem to have turned their hands to one of the most innocent occupations: smoothing the clods and planting little conifers all over what had been a shambles."

He said the little trees were "presumptive evidence of Russian guilt" since it was unlikely the Nazis would have bothered to cover up the graves.

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