

Cedric Belfrage's obit, I presume from The Times of London

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More reminisces. When I got this from Ian McDonald, who then was a Washington correspondent of that paper, he reminded me that I'd helped him with a story that I am sure contributed to Belfrage's ~~six~~ temporary visa in 1973, referred to in the obit.

He did a fine review of my first book, I've forgotten for what paper, perhaps the "ational Guardian, which he'd founded, along with Jim Aronson, and thereafter we had some correspondence.

There came a time when through him I was invited to an East Berlin writers conference. I told him that if I were expected to sit on a back pew and say "Ahmen!" when told I wasn't interested. He had taken the same position and so far as I know did not go.

The obit refers to three children. The only one I ever knew was his bright and beautiful daughter, Sally. I met her through Jerry Agel, who then published the weekly, "Books". Jerry was very helpful to me and he let me use his office when I was in New York. He later ~~wrote~~ wrote the irrational and unreasonable "Twenty-two Fires!" He has the crazy notion that Oswald was really intent on killing Jackie! I say "has" because as of my last knowledge he still believed it.

Sally was then a reader for New American Library. She told me she wished she had known about Whitewash earlier because she'd have preferred trying to help it the way she'd helped Mark Lane. He, to the best of my knowledge, has never mentioned this but it is she who made the introductions for him that resulted in The Bodley Head going for "Rush to Judgement."

She introduced him to the Bertrand Russell people, including Ralph Schoeneman, if I remember the name correctly. It required and got a considerable amount of editing, from what I think she told me, and if I remember correctly this was done by a friend or former boyfriend.

The Bodley Head placed the book with Holt, Reinhart and Holt did what was necessary to make the success the book became. Their know-how and willingness to spend what was required and Lane's skill in the multitudinous appearances they arranged got it the press and other attention, particularly from radio and TV, that made him famous and what he reportedly denies, rich.

After I published Whitewash and was getting some attention for it I got a phone call from one of the top people at NAL, if I remember the name correctly a man named Kuhn. He had a paperback reprint in mind. But he decided against it.

The Times is incorrect in identifying the House UnAmericans as of the McCarthy era. That committee goes way back, ~~the 1930s~~ to the 1930s. McCarthy's was a briefer period. HUAC lasted a little longer, too. In spirit, however, it is correct.

The last of Cedric's writing I recall was, I think, a beautiful review of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Love In the Time of Cholera.

The last I heard of Sally she'd returned to England after not finding what she was looking for with some Indian guru.

No obit in Wash. Post.

order to keep ahead of the boys."

In 1929 he joined the Cambridge University Press where he became education manager, a post he held, except for war service, till 1954. He was proud to have "served as a soldier in both world wars from the first day to the last." On behalf of the Cambridge Press, he travelled widely in English-speaking countries,

Carrington entered upon his duties there with enthusiasm; he believed passionately in the ideal of the Commonwealth as a unifying force in world affairs. He was frequently consulted on Commonwealth affairs by government departments and parliamentary committees. It accorded with his essentially romantic temperament to picture himself as a back-room student who

writings are all clear and accurate and may perhaps come back into fashion. In 1978 he published *Kipling's Horace*, a labour of love on which he had been long engaged.

Carrington married in 1932 Cecil Grace MacGregor, the marriage being dissolved in 1954. He later married Mavis Cuthbert Robertson who died in 1983.

inparticular as an editor of the sides of the Queen, the methods were officially adopted by the Ministry of Health. In a review of his book *The Lancelot* of the day commented: "It is men like Dr Wilson who get things done in matters of public health."

In 1933 he was made MOH for the city and port of Cardiff and swiftly established a national and international

CEDRIC BELFRAGE

Cedric Belfrage, the British journalist who in 1955 was deported from the United States after appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee of the McCarthy era, died on June 21 aged 85 in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He was born in London on November 8, 1904.



WHEN he arrived back in England Cedric Belfrage told a press conference that although the American authorities' nominal reason for deporting him was the allegation that he had been a Communist in 1937 and 1938, while living and working in the United States, he was "quite certain that the real reason" was that he had been editor of the *National Guardian*, the left-wing weekly. The authorities, he claimed, had wanted to make an attack on the press.

When Belfrage lost a lengthy legal fight against deportation as the first Briton to fall foul of the Un-American Activities Committee, questions were asked in Parliament by sympathetic left-wing MPs. Refusing, when cited by the committee in May

Two immigration officers had called at the offices of the *National Guardian* with a warrant from the Attorney General in Washington and Belfrage then spent a month on Ellis Island before he obtained bail. While waiting he wrote an article, published by the *London News Chronicle*, arguing that he was defending one of the American people's basic freedoms against the damage done by the unscrupulous Republican senator from Wisconsin.

In December 1953 he was ordered deported and a New York federal court then rejected an appeal, but he fought the move until mid 1955.

Belfrage was barred entry into the US in 1960 because of his alleged communist associations but in 1973 he was granted a 30-day visa in order to attend the launch of his book, *The American Inquisition, 1945-60*, in which he settled old accounts, and to go on a lecture tour. More than 40 congressmen had prior to the visit made inquiries on his behalf.

He first went to the US

when only 21, moving back and forth across the Atlantic before settling as editor of the *National Guardian* in 1948.

During the intervening years Belfrage had acted for a time as publicity agent for Sam Goldwyn and in the 1930s worked for both the *Daily Express* and the *Sunday Express* as a film or drama critic. Belfrage was described at the time as one of Beaverbrook's favourites among the bright young journalists on his staff.

His second world war service included a spell as a Staff press officer under General Eisenhower and he helped set up an independent press in the zone of American occupation of Germany after 1945.

Belfrage continued writing and travelling after his return to Britain but decided in the 1960s to settle in Cuernavaca, then a favourite spot near Mexico City for those who supported leftwing causes.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1960, and by three children.

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WILL Ingwersen was adept at disseminating his vast knowledge of alpine and other plants. Not only did he lecture in Britain and the United States, but he was also a talented and prolific writer. He contributed to gardening magazines, including *Gardeners' Chronicle* when it was a *plantsman's magazine* (now *Horticulture Week*) and wrote many books, most notably *Manual of Alpine Plants*, the alpine-grower's "Bible" published in 1978, which celebrated 50 years of his dedication to such plants. His other books included a monograph on *Dianthus*, *Classic Garden Plants* and *Alpine and Rock Garden Plants*.

He also travelled widely and made many expeditions to mountainous regions of the world collecting alpine plants to introduce into cultivation.

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Forthcoming marriages

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