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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STILL BEST IN THE WORLD

FROM DESMOND DONNELLY
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SIR,—The Foreign Office is much maligned. Its faults are those of promotion and geriatric enough. Of course, nobody defends the Burgess-Maclean affair. But it has been handled, but is in outrageous to make it grounds for a general indictment of the Foreign Service. Service of a Machiavellian institution.

In the real few days it has been, represented in the world as the best, and I know what I say, because I have lived, the Foreign Service consists of men of ability, of integrity, of courage, of heart. With the 20th century, it matter-of-fact, and of humour. Of course, there are problems. Recruitment though it may be the best in the world, is not perfect. It has its faults, is not the same age as the Press or Parliament.

Whatever having said it is still the best in the world. It is not perfect, but it is the best. Not, working in difficult circumstances, I consider that, it is the best in the world. It is the best in the world.

To take two examples in the last twelve months I have worked within the near, start. Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden. Never, I think, in Peking before he went to Geneva, was the Foreign Service in better respective class.

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I remember a Frenchman saying to me, "Mr. Donnelly, we Frenchmen have a saying: 'When in 70, when you are 70, you will see.' Alexandre the French wine, 'Les gris' be rolled quite 70 years."

Recently I'm inclined to look at the Foreign Office as being the best in the world. I know it. In the last five years I have been closer to them than I have been for years. I have attended the Conference in Geneva, China, which led up to Bruce and Lancaster House, I have been at the Commonwealth Conference, the very close liaison with the Colonial Office, Commonwealth Relations Office, the Commonwealth Conference in Ceylon, the Colombo Conference, the Conference in Geneva