

# Mystery Writer Dies At 56

CANTERBURY, Eng. (CP)—Ian Fleming, the novelist who found his way to a mint of royalties by sending Operative 007 through a labyrinth of intrigue, died Wednesday of a heart attack. He was 56.

With the death of the author, ex-journalist and Second World War intelligence agent, went that of his creation, secret agent James Bond—007 in British Intelligence. That number ranked Bond fictionally as a man with the right to kill an enemy. No one in official life ever has conceded that such a man exists in modern apparel.

Fleming suffered a coronary thrombosis in 1961. He was a chain smoker and a chain worker.

His James Bond novels Dr. No, To Russia with Love, and Goldfinger have been made into movies. Sales of 007's adventures are in the millions throughout the world.

MADE \$2,800,000

Peter Janzen-Siml's, his agent, estimated Fleming made more than \$2,800,000 from his books and films about James Bond since 1953.

Fleming's own life is reflected in the character of 007.

The author was a British Intelligence officer with the rank of naval commander. So is Bond. Fleming attended Eton College and Sandhurst. Bond is educated similarly.

Fleming's recreations included skin diving, spear fishing and cards. Bond has skin dived in several of his battles against Communist agents and, in Casino Royale, cracked a mystery by slick card dealing at chemin de fer.

Fleming once said of Bond: "He is really a latter-day Saint George. He does kill wicked dragons after all. He's sensual, hedonistic, to make up for his grimmer adventures: cruel too—but only to his enemies."

The son of a Conservative member of Parliament, Fleming worked for four years as a reporter with Reuters news agency and became a Moscow correspondent.

He was a world-traveller who interspersed his spy series with travel books and articles.

The writer differed from Bond in one respect. He married, Geraldine, the former Lady Rothermere, in 1952. She was divorced from Lord Rothermere, the British newspaper magnate. Bond, for all his love affairs, remains unmarried.

In the book On Her Majesty's Secret Service, Bond is the daughter of the leader of a French crime syndicate, but the wedding in an attack by bad guys on Bond's car.

Fleming's latest book to hit the screen was Goldfinger, a story in which Bond breaks up an attempt by Russian agents to loot Fort Knox.

Recent the author showed a tendency to get away from 007 by creating a new hero, a magic racing car called Chitty Bang Bang. His publishers have two manuscripts, but Fleming was reluctant to let them reach print. He told the publishers they were only fairy tales he told his son at bedtime.

STUDIED SYSTEM

Before he wrote Goldfinger, he studied the workings of the Fort Knox security system as much as any outsider could.

Then he retired to his house in Jamaica where he used to produce a steady 200 words a day.

His stories were reckoned by his readers as first-rate fantasy, enhanced by realistic touches.

Fleming himself admitted it: "It is the author's pillow fantasy," he once said. "The levelling dreams of the author, what he might have been. It's what you expect of the adolescent mind, which I happen to possess."

When he died, Fleming was in the middle of writing another Bond thriller—his 13th.

## Trade Mission Finds Market In Scandinavia

OTTAWA (CP)—A Canadian trade mission has found with a forceful and determined effort exports of Canadian-made fabrics to Scandinavia, West Germany and Belgium could be markedly increased this year.

This conclusion was reached in a report issued Tuesday by the trade department on the Canadian fabrics trade mission to these European countries in February.

The nine-member group, representing the Canadian textile industry, considered it was successful in its twin objectives of selling and fact-finding.

The mission visited Norway, Sweden and Denmark, members of the European Free Trade Association; Finland, and Germany and Belgium, members of the European Common Market.

The report says individual sales of Canadian fabrics are likely to be relatively small. However, for companies willing to enter export markets and serve them well, there was sufficient prospect of profitable business opportunities within the EFTA countries.

Price was not the chief consideration. Articles with novelty or snob appeal often commanded a premium.

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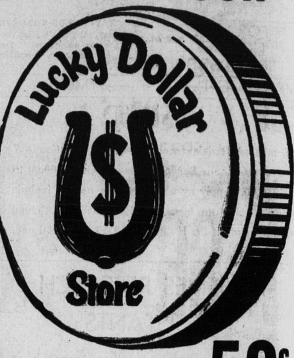
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