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MRS. KLARA HALL, THE SOVIET WIFE OF MR ALFRED HALL AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.K. INFORMATION OFFICE IN OTTAWA, ARRIVES AT NORTHOLT AIRPORT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON HAVING AT LAST BEEN GRANTED AN EXIT VISA BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

MRS. HALL WHO HAS A SIX YEARS OLD SON NICHOLAS HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND IS EXPECTED TO FLY TO OTTAWA TO REJOIN HER HUSBAND.

Now she is free



MRS. CLARA HALL, Russian-born wife of a Briton, will soon be reunited with her husband for the first time in seven years.

The picture above was taken when they last met in 1946. Ever since then 29-year-old Mrs. Hall has flouted the Stalin decree that all Russians who had married foreigners must divorce them.

Yesterday, after years of being a prisoner in the British Embassy in Moscow, not daring to go out for fear of arrest, she was free to venture out of doors.

For she was given her Soviet passport and a visa to leave the country, as promised by Russia a fortnight ago.

She will fly to London on Saturday with her seven-year-old son Nicholas. Then on to Ottawa where Mr. Hall is now working. Later, he intends to return with his family to London, where a Government information job awaits him.

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BRITON'S WIFE TO LEAVE RUSSIA

SOVIET DECISION

MOSCOW, Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Hall, 29, a Russian-born wife, who has been living in the British Embassy here, has telephoned her husband, Mr. Alfred Hall, 36, in Ottawa to tell him that she has been granted permission, after seven years, to leave Russia. She is making plans to join him as soon as possible.

Mr. Hall, a former L.C.C. clerk, who was acting cypher officer at the British Embassy in Moscow, is now deputy director of the British Information Office in Ottawa. He was ordered to leave Russia in 1946. He has never seen his son, Nicholas, who is six.

Sir Alvary Gascoigne, British Ambassador, stated yesterday that the Soviet Government had agreed to give an exit visa to Mrs. Hall and her child. Last Tuesday he had a half-hour meeting with Mr. Molotov, Foreign Minister.

Originally there were 34 Russian women with British husbands and 18 of them succeeded in leaving Russia. Ten were reported to have divorced their husbands, while three of the other six disappeared.—Reuter.

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