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THEN, of course, there's Holiday Express, a special four-page pull-out taking you on a guided tour through the 1975 leisure scene at home and abroad. Get aboard on Page 7.

AUSTRALIAN Test opener Wally Edwards joined the great escapers yesterday... England's Freddie Titmus had a chance of running out Edwards in the hot-tempered Third Test at Melbourne, but declined through cricket's unwritten code of conduct. That escape is on Page 15.

MY TORMENT

Only in the Express by Mrs Stonehouse—as his fate is in balance

Paul Hopkins MELBOURNE Friday

BARBARA STONEHOUSE, wife of the runaway M.P. who went missing for a month, spent seven hours with him today inside an Australian detention centre—and came out talking of her torment.

She was edgy and exasperated as she wearily described how she had quizzed him to find out why he disappeared and why he tried to fake his death in America.

She said she is now convinced her husband needs psychiatric treatment.

First, it was the waiting to see if he was found alive. Then the joy of seeing him again. But now she says she is tormented by one question: Why did he do it?

"I know now that I still love him," she said.

"And if that is what he wants I will stay on too.

"But what worries me is that I still cannot find out why he did it all."

She was clearly upset by the hours of conversation in the barrack room surroundings of the detention centre.

Problems

"We talked and talked about his business affairs and what we could do to help his

And the widow whose pride was shattered



Father shields daughter on lover's jail break

By Peter Hardy

A FATHER was last night trying to shield his daughter from details of a jail escape by her former lover

Handyman Peter Bayman-Hawkins has been on the run from Gloucester Prison for four days.

He was jailed for one year at Reading Crown Court in October for abducting schoolgirl Sara Strange, then 16.

Sara is now studying for her "A" levels and her father, business man Mr. Donald Strange, did not want her to know about the jail break.



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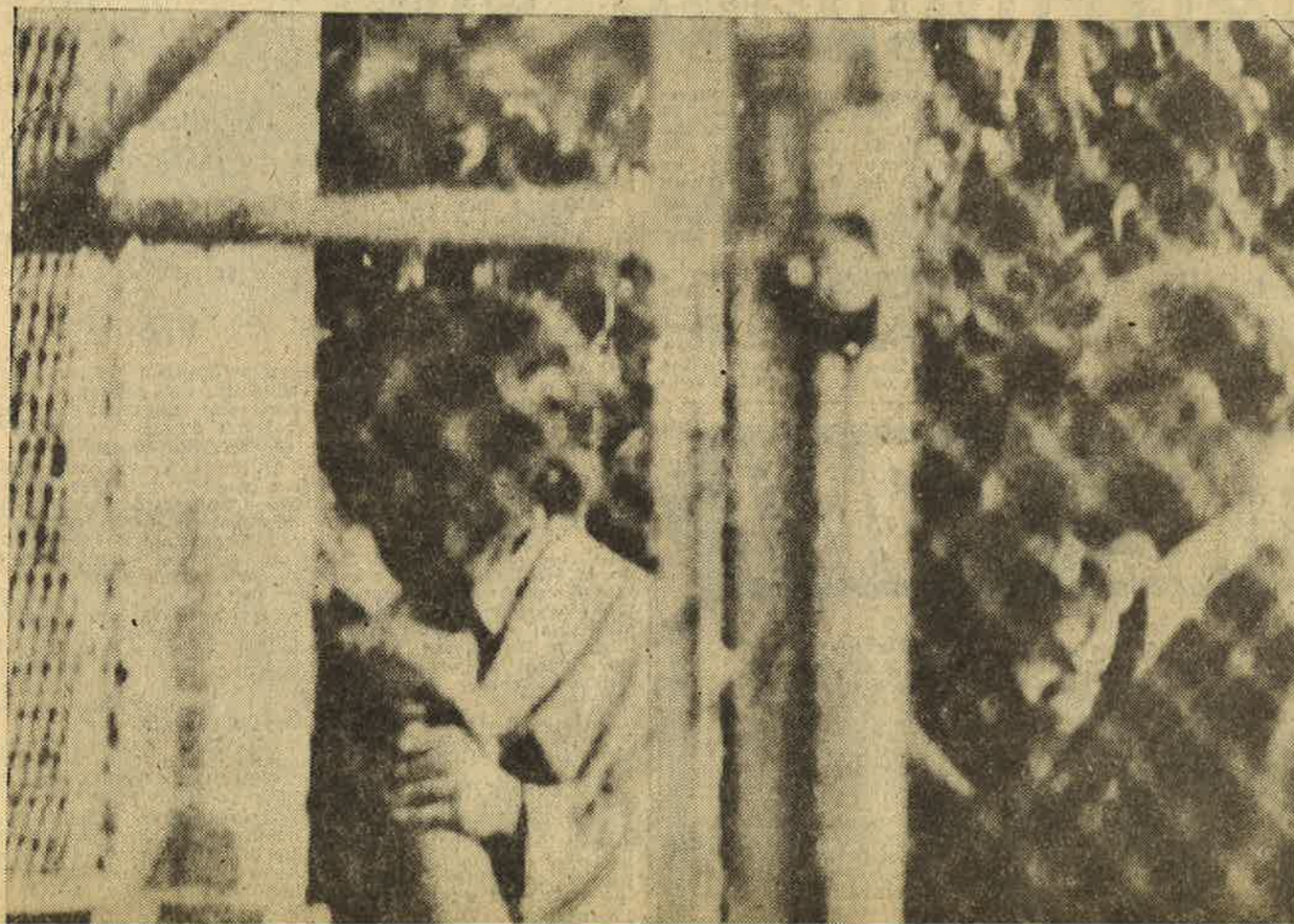
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Exclusive: John Stonehouse tells the Express

WHY I CAME TO HATE ENGLAND



Paul Hopkins MELBOURNE Thursday

JOHN STONEHOUSE, Labour M.P. and Privy Councillor, apologised today for the attempt to fake his death and explained: "I was being blackmailed by men who threatened to use my political career to squeeze me dry."

"The pressures were too great to bear. I came to hate England for what was being done to me and planned escape to a new life."

Behind the wire of a detention compound in Melbourne, John Stonehouse embraced and kissed his wife Barbara, who had flown from London to Australia over Christmas. And through her he answered some of the questions that have baffled police of three continents since he vanished on a business trip 34 days ago.

Above all, why did he do it? This was his answer:—

For two years pressures had been building up all around me. They became unbearable. I had built up such a diverse group of companies it became too much to handle.

Like every other business, cash was short but there is no reason why I should not have won through.

I was not allowed to. I received all kinds of blackmail. I was paying one man double interest on a loan.

A politician in business has to be very careful. He is very vulnerable to all sorts of threats.

I simply could stand no more of it.

Also my political career had taken a down-turn. I knew there would be no high office for me in a Labour Govern-



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