

An opened electric plug, an electric flex with exposed wires, and a newspaper article about death caused by a wrongly wired plug. Colour lithograph after Robin Day.

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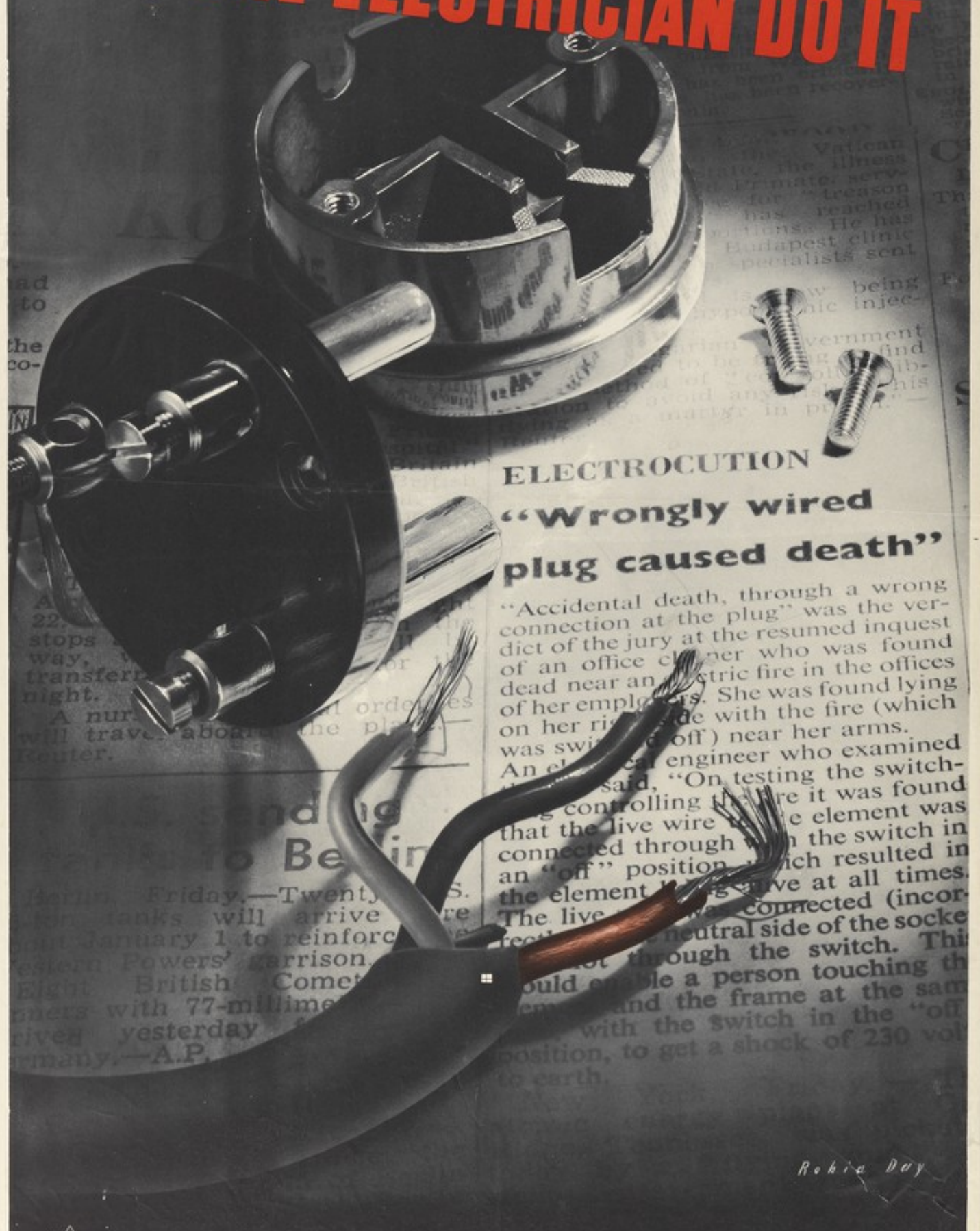
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ELECTROCUTION "Wrongly wired plug caused death"

"Accidental death, through a wrong connection at the plug" was the verdict of the jury at the resumed inquest of an office cleaner who was found dead near an electric fire in the offices of her employers. She was found lying on her right side with the fire (which was switched off) near her arms. An electrical engineer who examined the switch said, "On testing the switch controlling the fire it was found that the live wire to the element was connected through the switch in an "off" position which resulted in the element being live at all times. The live wire was connected (incorrectly) to the neutral side of the socket and not through the switch. This could enable a person touching the element and the frame at the same time with the switch in the "off" position, to get a shock of 230 volts to earth."

Robin Day

