

Sam Modiano In London



This is my father, Sam Modiano, on Trafalgar Square in London, where he was invited for the centenary celebrations of Reuters. This picture was taken on 9th July 1951. During the Greek-Italian war in 1940, Father became Reuters correspondent to report on the war on the Albanian front. This stood him in good stead after the war when Reuters searched and found him in Athens and promptly gave him a job at a time when we were really starving. After World War II Father worked for Reuters and eventually became the chief correspondent for Greece and Turkey. He was highly respected as an honest and reliable journalist - he was regarded as number one among all the foreign correspondents in Athens. Already before the war he had been made a 'Cavaliere,' a sort of

knight of the Italian Crown, and had won the 'Palme Académiques' from the French Government. He also had decorations from the Spanish and Polish Governments. As a postwar correspondent he was made an OBE, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and received the Gold Cross of the Order of the Phoenix from King Paul of the Hellenes.