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From Lisbon on the last stage of his journey came the most distinguished visitor America has sent us for many years, Mr. Wendell Willkie, dynamic and popular opponent of Mr. Roosevelt in the last election. He is here to see for himself the war-effort of Britain.

(Please translate WILLKIE'S SPEECH:)

C U. side V. "I am glad to be in England for whose cause I have the utmost sympathy and for whose cause I am doing my part in uniting all the United States so that we may give the utmost aid to Britain in its struggle for free men all over the world."

see note book.

At the Ministry of Information there was waiting to meet Mr. Willkie a representative gathering of Fleet Street. Britain has taken a leaf out of the American book and adopted the Press Conference idea. At such a meeting the genial American statesman was thoroughly at home ready with answers to the barrage of questions to which he was subjected:

"One of the reasons ^L I came over to England was to find out about your aeroplane production. I want to see how you are doing it. To see if you are doing it better than we are doing it in the United States. To see how our aeroplane production can be co-ordinated with yours. *see note book.*

Question asked ?

"I do have a personal letter from Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Churchill (pause) I think everybody in the United States gave me a letter to somebody in England (Laughter)"

(Woman asking questions) "Mr. Willkie do you intend visiting the provinces?"

"I want to go to the devastated towns, those towns that had been particularly struck and as many other places as I can.

(Question about civilians) "Magnificent, I like their nerves, see, they got it. I haven't talked to anybody who is down hearted and I talk to nearly everybody I see. They are great but I didn't expect anything less.

the war
"With England under attack that you can meet here with me and I can meet with you in a free discussion I think that's democracy at work, and I hope you will always keep it alive here in England." (applause) *I think it's wonderful - c*

Whisked round London he began a crowded programme. At the Ministry of Labour he met Ernest Bevin, a man of the people, who naturally appeals to the nation which boasts the tradition of 'Log Cabin to White House.'

(Ernest Bevin Greet's Willkie)

Mr Willkie you got us
"We have been heartened ~~because~~ we feel ~~we~~ ^{you} have confidence in ~~the~~ U.S. and we have got faith in you."

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