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Cleaving the broad ocean which now unites, rather than separates the two democracies of the west, the battleship PRINCE OF WALES steamed westwards on perhaps the most significant voyage of the war. The Prime Minister was crossing the Atlantic.

(SV) Winston Churchill, inspiring personification of the fighting-power, tenacity and inexhaustible humanity of the British people, hazarded the dangers of the most menaced waters in the world. Not only for himself. Lend-Lease administrator Harry Hopkins and staff-chiefs of the three services travelled with him - an indication that Britain and America were to exchange views on practical, fighting questions. Seeking his sea-legs, General Sir John Dill, Chief of the General Staff, was with the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Duley Pound, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman, Vice Chief of the Air Staff. Much of the directive brain of the British war effort challenged the ocean raiders during those fateful days.

In preparation for the coming talks with their American counterparts the service chiefs examined the air, land and naval problems jointly affecting the two countries since the U.S. garrisoned Greenland, Iceland and the whole ring of Atlantic bases. Winston Churchill took part in the discussions - the only Prime Minister since Lloyd George with a flair for strategy. He is as much at home in a council of war as at a Cabinet meeting. Necessarily the approaching conferences with the Americans would be brief. Preparation ensured that the time would be profitably spent.

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(BACK SHOT) The rendezvous of Prime Minister and President - this at least a perfectly-kept secret - the battleship was now approaching.

(SIGNAL) In a bay, sheltered alike from turbulent Atlantic waters and enemy raiders, Prince of Wales anchored close to American men-'o-war, including the cruiser Augusta, aboard which Mr. Churchill was awaited by the U.S. naval Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. Meanwhile, arrived by air, was the Minister for Supply. Lord Beaverbrook's presence was further proof that every tactical advantage was being taken of this unique occasion. With Winston Churchill Lord Beaverbrook descended to the pinnace, to be conveyed to the Augusta.

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For all with eyes to see, this historic occasion pronounced the ultimate, inevitable triumph of the cause of Liberty, for if it is still sea-power that wins great wars, here was inspiring evidence that the free world disposes the most formidable naval might in history.

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Franklin Roosevelt, greatest American statesman since Lincoln, great hearted as Lincoln, received the Prime Minister of Great Britain. Mr. Churchill gave him a letter from the King. Captain Elliot Roosevelt was at his father's side. All men who cherish freedom have cause to thank their stars that democracy is guided by two men of outstanding genius in the field of statesmanship, Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt.

For the ship's company of Prince of Wales Mr. Roosevelt provided a pleasant surprise, a tuck-box for every man. American sailors carried the welcome gifts across, altogether a characteristic gesture on the part of that essentially kindly man the President. The boxes included 200 cigarettes, practically a royal gesture.

When Mr. Churchill returned to the battleship distribution was in full swing and he watched it with amused pleasure. The President was not under the impression that our men were starving, but he knew that wartime rations have made luxuries of many things still on the everyday menu in the United States - tinned fruit, cheese, and bananas among them.

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Asked to pose for snapshots Mr. Churchill invited some American sailors into the picture. There was no heel clicking, saluting lunacy in this visit. The snapshots will be treasured, and even the ship's cat consented to be stroked to improve the picture.

Pussy was quite unimpressed. A cat may look at a king, so, suffering cats what's a Prime Minister?

The moment now approached for the President to board the British men-of-war. As a U.S. destroyer came alongside the Prince of Wales band returned the compliment paid to Mr. Churchill and played the Star Spangled Banner.

This was the prelude to the conference at which the two statesmen formulated their peace aims, and laid war plans. Sir Dudley Pound, met the Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, Admiral Stark.

General Marshal, U.S. Chief-of-Staff, met Sir John Dill.

Air Chief Marshal Freeman got together with General Arnold, Mr. Sumner Welles represented the U.S. Foreign Department.

Ensign Franklin Roosevelt was received by the captain of the battleship, Captain Leach.

Lord Beaverbrook was with Mr. Harriman, Lend-Lease special Expe-

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Three hundred American sailors were invited to divine service on the quarter-deck. It was the privilege of the ship's company and the Americans who met them to give expression to the friendship and admiration which the war has generated between Britain and the United States. We have drawn close together. Liberty makes the whole world kin, be what they may race, creed or colour. Paramount War Correspondent Malcolm Macgregor talked of his campaigning experiences as the men took their places for the service.

We who have seen the grotesque posturings of Hitler and Mussolini know that freedom cannot be obliterated while it produces men like the Prime Minister and the President. They sent a heartening message to Soviet Russia; they made their plans of war; they stated plans for peace - peace under which men shall enjoy liberty, without fear and without want - our hope for years to come.

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(SIXTH HYMN) We are not divided. All one body we. Great Britain, America, Russia, going onwards, as a mighty army moves against the foe.