

Premier walks in rain as Spanish Town cheers him

Goes to Prospect

REFUSING to ride in the car, Mr. Winston Churchill yesterday walked through a steady drizzle as over 5,000 persons cheered him loudly in the square in Spanish Town on his return trip to "Prospect" in St. Mary.

The drizzle began shortly before he arrived at 2.15 o'clock. He got out of the car, and the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, suggested that he should re-enter the vehicle and be driven to the Archives.

"No, I will walk," the British Premier said. Then he took his felt hat off and walked to the Archives building and through the rest of the square, viewing points of interest.

Long before Mr. Churchill arrived, people thronged the route from as far down as the petrol station which marks the entry to the town.

At the old Assembly House in the square, a banner proudly declared "Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, the people of St. Catherine Welcome you."

Arrival of an escort rider at 2.14 o'clock signalled the coming of the Premier.

At Old King's House

Within two minutes, the first of four cars in which he was travelling, drew up in front of the Old King's House amid loud shouts and cheers from the people.

The Governor, who accompanied him on the visit, was first to alight from the car.

Then Mr. Churchill stepped out. The people cheered.

He was first introduced to Capt. Henry McGrath, Custos of the Parish, who escorted him to a raised platform in front of the old King's House.

Here he was presented to Bishop Dale, Their Honours Messrs. H. P. Allen, A. C. V. Allen, and G. Thompson Lumsden (acting), Mr. L. W. Rose, MHR, Mr. T. N. Golding, MHR, Mr. R. D. G. Lewars, Secretary of the St. Catherine Parochial Board, Messrs E. A. McNeil and Mrs. McNeil, Canon V. Narracott, rector of the St. James Cathedral; Mr. V. Cox, Mr. A. M. Alberga, Mr. J. P. Gyles, J. P., and Mr. Gilpin Hudson.

Mr. Churchill's party included Mrs. Churchill, Capt. and Mrs. Christopher Soames, Lady Foot and Capt. Frank Pringle, ADC to the Governor. Superintendent A. G. Langdon also travelled with the party.

The Premier frequently gave the famous V-sign.

Rodney Memorial

After waving to the crowds from the platform, the Premier was escorted by Capt. McGrath to the archives where he viewed Rodney's Memorial and Admiralty documents. He also signed the Visitor's Book.

Mr. Churchill next walked through the square to the Police Superintendent Miller's House where he made a brief call.

Before re-entering the car, he shook hands with all those who accompanied him on his tour of the square.

"I will see you again within the next few days", Sir Hugh told the Premier as he was about to enter the car.

"Yes, and I will see you again too", Mr. Churchill replied.

On his arrival, Mr. Churchill drove through a guard of honour provided by the police, warders of the St. Catherine District Prison, and special constables.

Present also in the gathering were students of the Beckford and Smith's School under Mrs. L. L. Freeman; the Cathedral High School under Miss M. Lynch and Mrs. C. J. Andrade; the St. Catherine High School under Sister Scholastica, the St. Catherine Elementary School and Barracks Government School; the Mt. Herman Scout Troop under Mr. Eric Whittingham, and the St. Catherine High School Guides.

The car conveying the Premier sped off amid cheers on his return trip to "Prospect".

Music for the occasion was supplied by the Metropolitan Band under Mr. Aston A. Redwood.

Owing to postponement
of the B.W.I.A. flight to
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