

PREMIER & EDEN BACK

Sir Winston Churchill said good-bye to admirers in the South of France and set out for home. <sup>Refreshed</sup> ~~Set up~~ by a long rest and a holiday on the Riviera the Prime Minister looked fit and active when British admirers cheered his return at London Airport. The Conservative Party Conference ~~announced~~ loomed ahead, and after the political long vacation all sorts of problems, domestic and global, demand attention by the world's elder statesman. <sup>Uwek</sup> Another returning convalescent was the Foreign Secretary, home from a cruise off the Greek Islands. He was looking forward to meeting the Prime Minister, which he did later on at a dinner party, and taking up the reins again after long absence through illness.

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MR. ANTHONY EDEN ARRIVES, LONDON AIRPORT,  
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B.B.C. Questioner: Well, Mr. Eden, although you are only just out of your airplane may we, .....

Mr. Eden: Thank you very much. As far as I can judge the convalescence has gone very well. I certainly enjoyed it .... and we have had some wonderful.....  
I had better not say too much about.... but now I am back and am fit and ready for work.

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Question by B.B.C. Reporter.

Mr. Eden: Well, now I am back and fit and ready for work.

Question by B.B.C: And can you tell us, (etc.....).

Mr. Eden: Well I cannot, of course, ..... except to say the Prime Minister, whom I understand arrived about half an hour ago..... When I have had a talk with him either he or I, or both of us, will have something to say. I have nothing to add to what you already know.

Question:

Mr. Eden:

Lord Salisbury has been very, very kind to me and has done the work smoothly and well, and left me very much - almost entirely - at peace.

Question: Will you have to work "gradually".

Mr. Eden: Well, that is one of the problems - how gradually.

I feel well and fit and I can carry on with whatever my colleagues want me to do.

Question: And can you please, etc.....

Mr. Eden: Well, it will be straight back to work but my immediate plans are to <sup>have</sup> talk with the Prime Minister <sup>who I am to be handed about a</sup> and also ~~perhaps~~ a talk <sup>1 1/2 ago</sup> with Lord Salisbury <sup>who has been so kindly & so successfully looking after</sup>. After that I shall be ready to do whatever <sup>my colleagues wish</sup> want me to do.

And can you tell me please, <sup>about</sup> my immediate plans, whether it is straight back to work <sup>as needed</sup> or not.