

SIR WINSTON (79) OFF TO BERMUDA

20 Tributes from far and wide came to Number Ten in honour of the Prime Minister's 79th birthday. Sir Winston's friends, and they are strange people indeed who call themselves anything else, wish ^{d/}him all he would wish himself on this occasion. ~~Any other~~ ^{Any other Premier} ~~at~~ at his age would be called the grand old man, but that just doesn't fit; there's something of eternal youth about the world 's elder Statesman.

(58) 79 one day, flying to Bermuda the next, and he takes it all in his stride.

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20 Canopus was in the spotlight again. At about 11.30 the Prime Minister and his party came to board the aircraft at London Airport. He had waited for the division at which the House of Commons gave a second reading to the rent bill; now he was turning his very active mind to matters of much greater importance. For at Bermuda, if all goes well, steps may be taken which may ~~before very long~~ considerably ease the Cold War. It was good-bye, Sir Winston, 40 God speed you upon your task. Next Mr. and Mrs. Eden went aboard - Mrs. Eden only to say good-bye. A minute later the engines roared; the momentous journey had begun.