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Mendès France

Devant la baie de Naples, à Positano, M. Mendès France a tenté de prendre trois jours de repos avant d'ouvrir à Rome d'importants entretiens avec le Gouvernement italien... Malheureusement, il a plu... Et, en dehors d'une brève éclaircie qui a permis à Monsieur et Mme Mendès France de faire une courte promenade dans le vieux village de pêcheurs, les trois jours se sont passés à dicter du courrier et à revoir le dossier des conversations franco-italiennes....

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*See Scelba Tuesday*

## Mendès-France Arrives In Southern Italy for Rest

*By the Associated Press*

POSITANO, Italy, Jan. 6. —

French Premier Pierre Mendès-France arrived in this south Italian resort tonight for a five-day rest.

He will resume his official activities Tuesday in Rome, where he is scheduled to talk with Premier Mario Scelba, Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino and other Italian leaders about Franco-Italian relations—particularly economic.

The French Premier also is expected to be received in audience by Pope Pius XII, probably Wednesday, if the Pontiff's health permits.

M. Mendès-France and his wife drove to this small fishing village of 2,400 from Naples where they had landed several hours earlier on a plane from Paris. They went immediately to the Sirenuse Hotel overlooking the Gulf of Salerno.

The Premier declined to talk to reporters, either here or at Naples.

He is due to drive to Rome

Monday night and will be joined there by several officials from Paris for his talks with Italian leaders. These are expected to concern M. Mendès-France's proposal for an "arms pool" for the Western European Union, and all aspects of Franco-Italian economic relations.

This will include a proposal by the French Premier for Italian participation in the development of Africa. Italians have long had their eyes on Africa as an outlet for some of the country's 2,000,000 unemployed and are expected to welcome M. Mendès-France's suggestions warmly.

Italian leaders also are gratified at an opportunity to seek assurances from the French Premier that Italy will not suffer from any future Franco-German economic arrangements.

The French and Italian Premiers also are expected to take up the projected tunnel connecting the two countries under Mont Blanc.



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A holiday in picturesque little Positano, Italy, can be a crowded one, Premier and Mme. Pierre Mendès-France find, as reporters and photographers follow them about the streets of the Mediterranean resort.