

Birthday greetings for Sir Winston Churchill

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Seventy-nine years young and still in harness, Sir Winston Churchill makes his birthday appearance in Downing Street. ~~Although he is~~ ^{Already} well past the age of retirement - the Premier's anniversary has brought him an even heavier round of duties. That included two Cabinet meetings and a Parliamentary Division before leaving for the Western Big Three talks in Bermuda. And the world remembered the anniversary as he received ~~xxx~~ thousands of messages - including one from the Queen.

The centre-piece of a small family party was a birthday cake, ~~xxx~~ ^{recalling} his outstanding prowess as an author. Shaped as a circle of books, the cake recorded the thirty-five ~~literary~~ ^{written by} literary works, ~~that~~ ^{that} Sir Winston has written, ~~during long years of public office.~~ ^{over many years}

Years that saw him as the Home Secretary in 1910, made notable by his prompt action in the Sydney Street siege.

Entering Parliament in 1900, he became Chancellor of the Exchequer, 24 years later.

~~could~~ A man of many hobbies, the Premier has long since mastered the difficult art of bricklaying.

Called to the highest office, in 1940 - he led our "backs-to-the-wall" fight for survival. ~~appearing both~~ ^{THE PRIME MINISTER APPEARED} on the beaches and in the ~~blitzed~~ ^{bombarded} cities - inspiring us all by his ~~determined~~ ^{matchless} leadership.

The entry of America into the struggle brought meetings with President Roosevelt to co-ordinate our joint war efforts.

The tide turned. Victory in the Western Desert! And congratulations for Field-Marshal Montgomery - leader of the 8th Army.

Victory. And the Allies celebrated the hard-earned peace - ~~acceptance~~ ^{to} the building of which, Sir Winston has dedicated himself anew. ...

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