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The B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser Canopus waits to fly Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Eden across the Atlantic for talks with President Eisenhower. B.O.A.C. chairman Sir Miles Thomas escorts the Premier whose wife is at London airport to see him off. The Far East Problem, the European Defence Community and the Suez Canal question are thought to be the main topics for discussion at the White House.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Eden walk towards Canopus, the same aircraft which flew the Queen on the first stage of her Commonwealth tour. Sir Winston now in his eightieth year, seems in good spirits, as, cigar in hand, he mounts the gangway. Several American leaders have expressed severe criticism of Mr. Eden's proposal for a non-aggression pact with Communist powers in the Far East and, doubtless, this matter will take priority in the Washington talks.

Their last farewells said, Mrs. Eden and Lady Churchill leave Canopus shortly before the take-off.

Canopus taxis out to the runway. Apart from its "royal tour flight", this aircraft also flew the Premier and the Foreign Secretary to the Bermuda Conference in December. Sir Winston and Mr. Eden set out on another mission for peace. With them goes the good will of all in the free world.

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