

FAREWELL, IKE.

The President was in Downing Street. It was an evening when history was made, and it was one of the happiest touched international politics has known in recent times, in which Mr. Eisenhower and the Prime Minister were televised together at Number Ten. Awaiting them now was a world-wide audience of 100-millions. After the T.V. the dinner was attended by Lord Attlee, two other former Prime Ministers, members of the Cabinet and other distinguished persons.

Sir David Eccles.

Mr. Harold Wilson, Labour front bencher.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, He's been having talks with secretary of State, Herter in the last few days.

Most famous visitor of all, Sir Winston. Sir Anthony Eden arrived with him. For a few hours at Number Ten, it was like old times. All present had toiled for victory in the World War; all nowadays strive to put peace on a firm foundation.

On the previous day the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, near Chequers, was attended by the President and Prime Minister. The Rector, the Reverend C.N. White, escorted them after the service was over. For Mr. Eisenhower, who had stayed at Chequers on the previous night, this was a glimpse of English village life. He told the Rector how much he enjoyed the service, though to a Presbyterian it was a little strange. After saying goodbye to the Church wardens and other people the President and Premier returned to Chequers for lunch, further discussions, and a few golf-shots on the lawn.

At St. Paul's, next day, the two statesmen went to see the new American Memorial Chapel. In this hallowed cathedral, the Chapel commemorates Americans who were based on Britain and who gave their lives that liberty should not perish from the earth. Mr. Eisenhower remembered how, at a memorial service eight years ago, he presented to the Dean of

St. Paul's the Roll of Honour. In this Chapel Mr. Eisenhower will never be forgotten, nor will his young countrymen who crossed the Atlantic to Europe and did not go home.

The names of the 28,000 who died are inscribed in the 473 pages of vellum. The man who commanded them, and now is President of the great nation whose freedom they preserved, knows that their name liveth.

At Winfield House, U.S. Ambassador's residence, the President gave a dinner. Lord Ismay arrived early. So did Lord Tedder, Eisenhower's deputy in the assault on Europe... Field Marshal Lord Alexander, another wartime colleague... and Here, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, renewing the friendship the famous War Memoirs may have strained.

George Washington's portrait reminds visitors of that War of Independence, but there was complete harmony between Britain and America now. Someone said it was like an Old Boys' reunion, complete with the oldest boy himself. They squeezed Lord Alexander between President and Prime Minister, and everyone was in the best of spirits. 14 years ago this company defeated one attack on freedom; establishing a good peace won't be too much for any of them.

Since the war several present have commenced author, including Lord Alanbrooke, but if some tender toes were trodden on in the process, it was forgotten now.

What must have been Sir Winston's memories in that company? But now the central figure was the President. Off to France next morning, bearing the good wishes of all in the quest of peace.....