

Bright sunshine and the salute of naval guns were the welcome to Britain when Mr Bulganin and Mr Kruschev sailed into Portsmouth on board the X Soviet Navy cruiser Ordjonikidze. ~~The visit of the Soviet Premier to the United Kingdom is a landmark event in the history of Anglo-Soviet relations.~~

~~Eden during the Conference of heads of Government at Geneva.~~

For Mr Bulganin, the Russian Premier, who came first down the gangway, this was the first visit to Britain for twenty years. For Mr Kruschev, it was the first visit. They were officially welcomed by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Minister of State Lord Reading and the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth.

~~Mr Bulganin was accompanied by his wife and children.~~ Mr Bulganin inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by the Royal Navy. ~~From Portsmouth, Mr Bulganin and Mr Kruschev will be travelling to London.~~

Strict security kept back the London crowds as the train came into Victoria Station; but it was with a friendly wave and a smile that Mr Bulganin came on to the platform to meet Sir Anthony Eden. Also in the party waiting to receive the visitors was Foreign Secretary ME Selwyn Lloyd.

There were bouquets from the wives of the ~~diplomatic~~ diplomatic corps in London and introductions to other members of the party, ~~before~~ before Britain's Prime Minister led his two guests to the microphones for a speech of welcome, which was translated by interpreters. And

and then more handshakes before going outside to the waiting fleet of cars. **A**

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BULGANIN AND KRUSCHEV ARRIVAL.

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Soviet flags were hoisted in anticipation of the arrival ~~of the~~
~~the Soviet leaders and their staff~~ --- but some of the banners
on the pavement seemed to have muddled the occasion with something
else.

There was an imposing escort of motor cycle police flanking
the cars as the party prepared to drive from Victoria Station
to the hotel ~~where a suite had been prepared for the reception~~
of the Soviet leaders and their staff.

In case you wondered what it was that was being thrown --- it
was flowers. The leading car contained Special Branch Security
men; Marshal Bulganin and Mr Kruschchev following in the second
car. Along the route from the station, the spectators maintained
the normal calm of a London crowd --- only breaking loose after the
procession had passed on.

~~Another big crowd was waiting in the spring sunshine at Hyde~~

~~Park~~

And as the visitors' car drew into the kerb at the hotel, [^]
Every window was filled with onlookers. The public mood
was neither very enthusiastic, nor resentful; but one of curiosity,
spiced with the hope that good may come, of the high-level talks
with these two most powerful men in all Soviet Russia.

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