

COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Inside Number 10, home of Britain's premier, gather the Prime Ministers and other leading ministers of the countries of the Commonwealth who have journeyed to London for an economic conference.

Some have come many thousands of miles, like Mr. Holland, premier of New Zealand. Just in from New York is Mr. Eden.

The premiers of Pakistan, Ceylon and the Indian delegate. From Australia, Mr. Menzies. The aims of the delegates are expressed by Mr. Churchill:

"I welcome to London the Prime Ministers and Ministers of eight Commonwealth countries, who have come here to review with us some of the great financial and economic problems which confront us. It is our hope and our firm intent that through these family talks we shall move forward together along the road of stable and prosperous life for all. We are going to embark at this Commonwealth Conference on a great and sustained effort to establish with our friends and allies the conditions for a real expansion of world trade. You may be sure that we shall work our hardest and do our best to achieve this high purpose."

The ministers will discuss plans for greater development throughout the countries of the Commonwealth. But they will dwell mainly on their financial troubles, and will talk over proposals to assist sterling to become a freely convertible currency again. The nation extends a warm greeting to her friends from overseas and wishes them well in their great task.