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SIR WINSTON GREET MENDES FRANCE

Brussels - where M.Mendes-France and Dr. Adenauer, West German Chancellor shake hands although failing to reconcile their differences on European Defence. France's Prime Minister is off to England for talks with Sir Winston Churchill on the same subject. At Biggin Hill R.A.F. Airfield, Sir Winston, who had driven over from Chartwell seven miles away, is there to greet France's man of destiny. Indeed, two men of destiny - who now meet for the first time.

Mr. Eden - who was on holiday in Austria - arrives in an R.A.F. Valletta sent to Klagenfurt to fetch him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Eden, but little formality attended his arrival, for almost immediately he set out for Chartwell where he was due to lunch with the two Prime Ministers.

Mr. France - to give him his newly-earned title - hopes to get from Sir Winston what he failed to get at the Brussels meeting of the European Defence Community...support for his ideas. With his successful tactics in the Indo-China War still fresh in public memory - M.Mendes-France has received a set-back. With a three day debate to come in the National Assembly on the European Army scheme and on France's policy in Europe, for him the outcome of the talks is a vital issue.