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In New York, Eisenhower said, "I have heard that my old friend was coming and I am delighted to meet him."

Diplomatic informants said during his three days in New York, Churchill will discuss with the President-elect the Korean War, British-American trade and financial co-operation and defense problems in West Europe and Southeast Asia.

It is likely, also, that the two leaders will talk over the possibility of a meeting with Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin.

The announcement of Churchill's trip came less than 48 hours after Stalin stated he looked favorably on the idea of direct talks with Eisenhower aimed at easing world tensions.

Churchill has said he favored top-level talks with the Russians—with Britain taking part. Eisenhower has not disclosed his personal reaction to Stalin's overture, but his secretary of state, designate, John Foster Dulles, said in a statement yesterday that the incoming administration would give serious and sympathetic reception to any concrete Russian proposal.

British Embassy officials in Washington said the Prime Minister's main aim was to try to restore the close British-American partnership that existed between Churchill and the late President Roosevelt during World War II. Churchill also can be expected to discuss resumption of an exchange of atomic secrets with an Eisenhower's recent trip to Korea.

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