

The Prime Minister had returned from holiday.

USA VISITS

No dates had been fixed for the PM to visit the USA. There was agreement for such a visit but this would not take place before the Autumn. It was too early to look beyond November.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had received an invitation. No decision had yet been made nor had he yet consulted colleagues about the visit. The proposed visit of the Secretary of State was not a matter for Cabinet nor for inter-departmental nor inter-Ministerial discussion. The PM had no plans to see the Secretary of State about his proposed visit.

RHODESIA

The Order in Council made on 13 July which had covered Bishop Muzorewa's visit was a general one. It allows the Secretary of State powers to use the Order to enable anyone concerned to come to London for consultations in connection with a Rhodesian settlement.