W. Averell Harriman and Wife Greeted by Young Pioneers in Yalta



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Description
Exterior view with diplomat W. Averell Harriman and his wife Marie standing on the right holding floral bouquets and receiving greetings from Young Pioneers (a Soviet youth group). Location is in Yalta. Thayer's notes indicate "our cortege drove up to the palace door and a group of 20 or so Pioneers in white sailor blouses with red kerchiefs around their necks marched up and greeted Governor and Mrs. Harriman with chants of welcome, bouquets of flowers, red kerchiefs and Pioneer pins which they tied and pinned on them." Charles W. Thayer accompanied W. Averell Harriman as a guide and confidant on the trip which took place May 12 - June 26, 1959. Harriman went as a special foreign correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA). Trip visits included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, etc., as well as areas in Siberia and the Urals, and ended with a meeting with Nikita Khrushchev. Original negative.

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