

**CHURCHILL ET MONACO!**

**PRIMO:** The title of this little piece is not in Latin. I wish it were. For I am deeply disturbed by the fact that there is an important publishing house in Monaco, called *Editions du Rocher*, and none of us paid proper attention to it so far!

**SECUNDO:** This publishing house had issued this important book about Winston by François Kersaudy eight years ago, in 2002, which completely escaped me. And as you know, I have been keeping my ear to the ground here for such matters for solid thirty years or more. And particularly for Winston, who I am so very fond of.

This book, which I highly recommend, with scores of rare pictures and more than one hundred pages—111, to be precise—is issued *in octavo* format. It has just been thrown in my lap by a friend coming all the way from Peru! From Lima in Peru... This being not exactly a compliment to inter-language communication in Monaco! It shows in pictures that Winston visited Monaco even before the First World War. But does anybody know that he was also properly elected **Honorary Mayor of Cap d'Ail**? That's precisely why his name is all over the place...

**TERTIO:** The very existence of *Editions du Rocher* is an extra incitation for me in the first place, and for us all, to be proficient in French, and to pay attention to things French happening around us, more especially so when they are called Winston, and they emerge from less than a stone's throw from the Palace.

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