

BIG THREE PLAN BIG FOUR

With the arrival at Bermuda of President Eisenhower, with his Secretary of State, Mr. Foster Dulles, the stage was set for the Big Three Conference. Far more progress can be obtained by even a short personal meeting than by any other way, despite Transatlantic telephones. For a few days the Mid-Ocean Club was ^a place of international importance. Highest security precautions guaranteed that nobody but fully authorised persons got anywhere near.

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Sir Winston, President Eisenhower and M. Laniel had been stressing the fact that they had no ^{4mal} agenda. They were going to discuss the Far East, Germany, European defence and atomic warfare. It was unfortunate that a severe heart attack prevented M. Laniel taking his full part in the conference. ^{Happily} In his Foreign Secretary, M. Bidault, he had an able, thoroughly well-informed deputy. Perhaps most important of all were the steps taken to arrange another conference, to include Russia.

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M. Laniel did not take part in all meetings due to a heart Attack