

BERLIN CONFERENCE

To the Allied Control Authority Building in Berlin's American Sector came Secretary Foster Dulles, representing the United States at the long-awaited Four-Power Conference.

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(next) The most dramatic moment signalled the approach of Mr. Molotov, his car driven at great speed along the Potsdamer Platz.

(next) Conferences between British, American and French statesmen have not been uncommon in recent years, but the presence of the Russian Foreign Secretary, attended by his deputy,

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Mr. Gromyko, ^{gave} gives the present meeting terrific importance, *And*

~~Experience has taught the Western world to keep optimism under control on these occasions; yet, undeniably, any meeting of the four powers should be for the general good.~~

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M. Bidault represented France, a role in which he had had great experience since the war ended. There was a warm reception for Mr. Eden, all being glad to see him in harness again after severe illness.

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The chair was taken by Mr. Foster Dulles. The other chief members of the conference will preside in turn. Mr. Molotov lost no time in making it clear where Russia stands. She opposes Germany being in the European Defence Committee and calls for a ~~five-power~~ conference, to include *Real*

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~~Communist~~ China. Promise that Russia should have new assurances ^{go attack & made by} ~~that the West will not attack her was made by~~ Mr. Eden. He, Mr. ~~Foster~~ Dulles, that experienced negotiator M. Bidault, and Mr. Molotov himself, all have a responsibility before the world to do everything humanly possible to end the cold war.