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Big Four Meeting in Germany

26th January 1954

A day of hope in Germany's divided capital with the arrival of the Western Foreign Ministers for the Big Four Conference. America's Mr Dulles was the first to arrive - landing at Berlin's Tempelhof aerodrome

During the afternoon, a Viscount Airliner brought Mr Eden, (who was accompanied by Mr Anthony Nutting, the Foreign Under-Secretary) in a party of seventy...

After exchanging greetings with the British High Commissioner, the Foreign Secretary inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Throughout ^{BERLIN} ~~the city~~, strong security-measures have been taken - though the German people themselves welcome the Conference. Indeed, they are hoping that the outcome will mean the re-unification of their country.

The opening meetings are taking place in the former Allied Control Council Building in the American Sector, ~~the city~~. And in the Main Chamber (once the Nazi High Court) the Big Four meet for the first time for five years

~~The~~ French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, ^{JOINS} ~~joins~~ Mr Molotov ^{AND} ~~and~~ his

Western Colleagues. A friendly interlude - before the serious task of breaking down the barriers which have arisen between East and West.

Already, the Four Ministers are tackling the difficult problems that confront them. Among them - the future status of Germany, the Austrian ~~agreement~~, and perhaps, the most important of all - the easing of international tension

And with the news that the Western Ministers have agreed to accept, in principle, the Russian Agenda for the Talks - the Conference seems to have made both a speedy and hopeful start...