The Big Four meet in East Berlin 2097

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Winter sports were in full swing in East Berlin when our cameramen passed through the Sector, pausing to photograph the Stalinallee - the only street in the Russian zone that has been rebuilt With Western Press correspondents, our representative had been invited to inspect the Room in the Soviet Embassy set aside for the second week of the Big Four Talks, in the set

Yes, East was meeting West in providing facilities to film the fabulous building with its Moscow-outlook - a stained-glass window of the Clock Tower of the Kremlin.

Opening of the huge vestibule (in which stands busts of Lening and Stalin) is the Conference Room - chosen secause of the absence, in its decoration, - of political symbols Sox a xegator s x white x imposting xhaok grand yx live xe south xeek xor x ins

So - against this imposing background - the Talks were resumed - with Mr Eden being welcomed by Mr Molotov.

The Foreign Ministers are meeting around a magnificent circular pinewood table. It is understood that all building-materials and furnishings were brought from the Soviet Union.

Earlier in the Conference, Mr Eden put forward proposals for staring Free Elections as the basis of a United Germany. A plan supported by Mr Bidault France and the United States.

But now comes news that Mr Molotov has rejected the proposals. A decision that brings little hope to a divided Germany - the problem State of Europe