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THE WEEK AFTER

As the tumult and excitement of wedding week faded the nation turned to matters with less romantic appeal. It was in August that 126 British teachers arrived in New York Harbour. They had come to teach in American schools for the next 12 months. Mary Cavanagh, whose home is in London, went to Summit High School in New Jersey. Her place in Britain was taken by an American teacher. A Pathe camera listened in as Mary took her English class during her third month in New Jersey.

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On her experiences in America Mary Cavanagh has this to say:

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Into Plymouth on its return trip from New York, came the Marine Tiger with 123 American teachers. Gerald Hansen had come from Minnesota to teach at Park Modern Secondary School, Barking.

Mr. Hansen specialises in French. And that's what form 2A is taught by him. But, as is usual with schoolboys, they'll discuss anything but work.

This teacher exchange scheme is a positive contribution to Anglo-American friendship.

But world understanding assumed new significance as President Truman told Congress of drastic aid-to-Europe plans. He set the mood when he said:

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As the President urged price ceilings on essential foods and rationing of basic items - State Secretary George Marshall arrived in London for the Big-Four Conference. Russia and her satellites had backed out of the Marshall Plan, while the Western Powers jumped at the chance it gave them. Germany's future was on the agenda, but America's growing influence in Europe was uppermost in Molotov's mind as he arrived for the London talks. A cold douche to hopes of success had been given, in an eve-of-conference speech by Marshal Sokalovsky, Russia's chief in Germany. He charged America with establishing a military base in Europe.

In the words of Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, it was the most fateful conference in the history of the world. As a relief from world politics - and Mr. Molotov - Manchester turned on gloomy weather for the November Handicap, the end of the flat-racing season. The Exchequer's elusive friends turned up in force to another tax-free