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Field Marshal Sir William Slim goes to The Hague to represent Britain at a Meeting of the Chiefs of Staff of the 12 Atlantic Pact Nations. With a billion dollars worth of American military aid now flowing across the Atlantic, the Conference decides on its distribution. Under General Omar Bradley's chairmanship, the Chiefs of Staff also give their stamp of approval to an integrated defence plan. Whether Germany is included in this plan is not revealed, for the big question - should the West rearm the Germans - remains unanswered. In Moscow, too, a conference, as Molotov - recently appointed deputy to Stalin - goes to Yaroslavl station to welcome a comrade from the Far East. With the Red victory in China opening the Pacific to Russia, Mao-Tse-Tung is summoned to the Kremlin to be given his role in the cold war. After a 60 day conference, Mao and Molotov sign the customary treaty of friendship, leaving the Western world guessing at what really went on.