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GERMANY: THE WORLD'S PROBLEM.

Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's most popular holiday resorts, opens its doors to about 2,000 delegates to the Labour Party Conference. Just back from a journey to Russia and China is Dr. Edith Summerskill, here with her husband Dr. Jeffrey Samuel. Mr. Herbert Morrison chats with Wilfred Burke, the conference chairman,. Ansurin Bevan suffers a set-back by losing the party treasurership to Hugh Gaitskell on the second day of the conference. As the delegates enter the hall, demonstrators parade with banners denouncing the rearmament of Germany, an issue which has split the party in two.

Although talking-points during the conference embrace many subjects, from the cost of living to the Formosa problem, it is Mr. Attlee's speech in favour of German rearmament which attracts the most attention. During this he speaks of a fear in many people's minds:

By a narrow majority Mr. Attlee wins the backing of his party on this controversial question. Meanwhile the Foreign Ministers of nine nations meet in London. Flying in from Germany comes Dr. Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor, to press his country's claims for rearmament and to seek its sovereignty. It was French opposition which put an end to Germany's hopes of joining the European Defence Community.

It is at Lancaster House that the talks are held. One of the first to arrive is Britain's Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, who will act as chairman.

Now Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, arrives,. Mr. Dulles has already expressed high hopes that the conference will prove a success, unlike the Bonn meetings which proved fruitless. Next to come to Lancaster House is M. Mendes France, the French Premier, whose careful diplomacy brought peace to Indo-China.

Within the gilded music room the delegates gather. Belgium Italy, Luxembourg, and Canada are the other countries represented. M. Mendes France faces perhaps the trickiest task of his career, for the idea of Germany becoming a member of NATO is strongly opposed by the French Assembly,. Another problem facing the delegates is the date when Germany should become a sovereign state again. The ministers seem agreed about their aims for Germany's future, but they differ about the methods to be used. But Mr. Eden, as chairman, may well be the man to steer the conference through to a final and satisfactory conclusion.

