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GERMAN ARMS; 9 POWERS AGREE.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden puts his signature to one of the most important agreements made in recent years. He and ministers of eight other countries have decided that Germany shall be armed again. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer and M. Mendes-France the French Premier chat together as M. Spaak signs for Belgium. By this agreement, Germany will enter the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. M. Mendes-France however insisted on certain restrictions to Germany's rearmament plans. She will not be permitted to manufacture atomic, chemical or biological weapons. Furthermore, she may not make certain warships or 'planes without permission of the Brussels Treaty Powers. However Germany's aim to be restored to full sovereignty has been achieved, and her claim for a twelve-division army has been accepted.

Mr. Dulles has promised to support the continuance of America's contribution to European defence. It would seem that Mr. Eden's pledge to maintain forces in Europe was the turning point of the conference. The French Premier's insistence on control of German rearmament threatened to end the talks in deadlock, but now complete agreement has been reached. But the decisions have yet to be ratified, and the French Assembly may prove a stumbling-block. Crowds outside Lancaster House see Mr. Dulles leave for the airport to return home.

The Meetings have proved a personal triumph for Mr. Eden who, as chairman, guided the conference to its successful conclusion. At London Airport, shortly before leaving, Mr. Dulles acknowledged Mr. Eden's contribution and speaks of America's role in Europe's defence: