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The magnificent Moscow State University welcomed Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, during an interval between diplomatic talk. The atmosphere was free from the tension that was already felt at meetings in the Kremlin. A University jubilee medal and a two-volume history of the institution were presented to the Prime Minister. Then it was back to another meeting with the Soviet leaders. By this time, Khrushchev had made his speech denouncing as quite unacceptable the Western proposals for the future of Germany. It came as a complete surprise to Mr. Macmillan, and to say the least it didn't smooth the path towards agreement between him and the Russians. Only the tact and forbearance of the Prime Minister made it possible for discussions to go on.

It will not be Mr. Macmillan's fault if the mission to Moscow does not help the cause of peace.