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BIG FOUR CONFERENCE

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They're skating on thick ice in front of the Dome in East Berlin in the intervals of wondering what's happening at the Big Four Conference. And there are chilly winds blowing down Stalinallee --- the only rebuilt street in East Berlin --- where the kids are all wrapped up against the Russian winter.

The latest meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Britain, America France and Russia, ~~held at the Soviet Embassy,~~ is once again the focus of world attention. The decorations inside include a stained-glass window ~~representing~~ representing the Clock Tower in the Kremlin.....X and the Hammer and Sickle in plaster. In the huge vestibule are statues of Lenin and Stalin.

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This is the room where the conference is taking place. With all possible cordiality Mr Eden shakes hands with Mr Molotov. But unfortunately their cordiality did not prevent their later discussions, from showing signs that East and West were not going to ~~agree~~ get together. This is Mr John Foster Dulles, the representative of the United States. Completing the four was M. Bidault of France, who supported Mr Eden's plan for the re-unification of Germany..... to which Mr Molotov responded, with an attack on the European Defence Community.