

Observers from many nations, including official representatives of Germany, watched at Sennelager in Germany one of the biggest exercises of international troops --- Exercise Battle Royal. The ~~Big~~ Divisions chiefly ~~engaged~~ engaged were British, Canadian, Belgian and Dutch.

One of the main features of these manoeuvres, was the make-believe use of atomic weapons --- rendered grimly realistic in the shape of the well-known mushroom.

This battle between European armies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, was well-timed as a curtain-raiser to the Nine-Power Conference on Western Defence.

And here --- at Lancaster House in London, one of the first arrivals for that Conference was Dr Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor of Western Germany. The part to be played by Germany in the defence of western Europe, <sup>was</sup> the main topic of the Conference, for which which Britain's Foreign Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, has been working so hard. Representing the United States was the American Foreign Secretary, Mr Fester Dulles. When the Conference opened, ~~/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/~~ Mr Eden was elected Chairman.

x And far away on the north-east coast -- at Scarborough --- the question of German rearmament was one of the chief issues at the annual Conference of the Labour Party. The result of the voting was a victory for the National Executive --- but only by a narrow margin. An early excitement was the polling for the position of Labour Party Treasurer; Mr Bevan was defeated. Among the other notables of the party were Mrs Bessie Braddeck and, of course-- Mr Attlee, the Party leader.