

Geneva was bedecked with flags of goodwill, and hope for the future, as it prepared to welcome the delegates to the summit talks. At the airport, the strictest measures of security were observed --- ~~in~~ for not even in the palmiest days of the League of Nations, had the Swiss capital received together, four such figures of world stature. ^{first,} Sir Anthony Eden, Premier of Great Britain.

President Eisenhower. And the presence of the President of the United States of America, alone gave to this Geneva meeting, a greater significance than the old League of Nations was ever able to achieve.

Their discussions were held ~~in~~ the Palace of the Nations --- dedicated to the settling of differences between the nations by friendly conference instead of by force of arms. ^{Here is the delegation from France} Arriving ~~simultaneously~~ simultaneously --- with outspoken expressions of the desire for lasting peace --- the delegation from ~~the~~ Russia; headed by the Soviet Premier, Marshal Bulganin.

Inside the Palace --- at the square table of conference that was the practical expression of round-table equality --- the heads of Governments began their task. On the left of the delegation from ~~the~~ Britain sat the representatives of Russia. Marshal Bulganin, the bearded figure in the centre; with Foreign Minister Mr Molotov ~~and~~ ~~and~~ on his left; with Mr Krushev and Marshal Zhukov on his right.

At the American table --- Secretary of State Mr Dulles, sat next to his chief, the President.

And here are the men of France --- Prime Minister M. Faure and, next to him, his Foreign Minister M. Pinay.

The first meeting opened in a hopeful atmosphere of frankness, sincerity and goodwill. And whereas so many previous meetings of east and west, have got off to a bad start, by disagreement as to the subjects on which agreement should be sought --- here the Agenda was fixed in record time ~~by the four Foreign Ministers.~~

Speaking on behalf of his fellow-delegates, and the millions of his countrymen at home in eastern Europe, Marshal Bulganin said that he was inspired by the wish to find ways and means, to ease ~~international~~ international tension. The world of simple people who only long for peace --- will hope that his words will be matched by deeds. ^ The ~~two~~ main items for discussion at Geneva include the re-unification of Germany --- and disarmament, If agreement can be reached on those two subjects --- these summit talks will have achieved a very great deal.