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The arrival of the U.S. Presidential Plane, at Orly Airport, near Paris, heralded a ^{vital} ~~significant~~ landmark in NATO deliberations.

The first American President to visit the French capital for 39 years, Mr Eisenhower was warmly welcomed by President Coty of France.

In his short speech on arrival - ~~the~~ President Eisenhower did much to restore French-American friendship... and large crowds greeted him, as he drove to the home of the American ambassador...

The welcoming Parisians recalled how, 13 years ago, General Eisenhower led the huge armies that restored their liberty - ~~xx~~ long years of occupation.

To-day, the President returns - for momentuous talks with fourteen other Heads of Governments to ensure the future strength of NATO - the vital defensive shield of the West...

Representing Britain, Mr Macmillan (with Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd) joined the biggest gathering of statesmen, in Paris, since the 1919 peace talks.

As the fateful top-level Conference opened - there were cordial ~~greeti~~ greetings for Dr. Adenauer - the West German Chancellor.

AND THE CANADIAN PREMIER, MR DIEFFENBAKER,

~~and Mr. Stassen, the German Minister of Economic Affairs,~~ was among those who heard President Eisenhower outline the aims of the Conference. SOUND.