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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE:

The Party Conference season continues with the Labour gathering at Margate. Mr. Hugh Gaitskell arrives with Mr. Attlee, still firmly in command. Mr. Edith Sumner is this year's conference chairman. Mr. Tom O'Brien, M.P. of the theatre and cinema workers, is one of the many trade union delegates.

Ex-minister Mr. Tom Williams hurries into the hall. Mr. Herbert Morrison's power in the Executive seems undiminished, and Mr. Harold Wilson is in the limelight because of his committee's report on Party organization.

The first day brings an Executive victory. Demands for much wider nationalisation are turned down in favour of the leadership's plan for reshaping Party policy stage by stage. Mr. Anselm Bevan is off the platform for the first time; no thunder from him as yet. His veteran opponent Mr. Attlee smiles; quiet but tough, he will not easily yield leadership.