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Mr Macmillan, arriving in Bonn for talks with the Federal Chancellor of Western Germany, was welcomed at the airport by Dr Adenauer. It is understood that high on the agenda for the discussions between them were the forthcoming withdrawal of British troops from Germany and ~~general~~ general questions of the defence of Europe.

The meeting of British Premier and Federal German Chancellor recalls the three-power conference between Britain, the U.S.A. and Russia immediately after the war --- when the problems of building a new world amid the ashes of the old were the first concern of all men. In Germany, the task of physical reconstruction of her bombed and burnt out cities has gone on apace. These pictures taken near the Brandenburg Tor show how new and modern buildings have arisen ~~in~~ from the ruins of the old. The Hansa district was once one of Berlin's most important residential districts. Now, in 1957, it begins to resume its former importance.

The same kind of transformation is to be seen in London --- though ~~the~~ the worst damage of the blitz was small by comparison with the acres of destruction in Berlin. Side by side with the old, ~~new~~, new buildings are rising in the shape of things to come. We must hope that in the minds of men there can also be reconstruction --- a NEW determination to build a world of solid peace on the former fields of battle.