

## BEVIN SIGNS TREATY

The Foreign Secretary was accompanied by Mrs. Bevin and Defence Minister A. V. Alexander on boarding the Channel steamer Invicta, en route to Dunkirk. He was crossing to France to sign the new Anglo-French Treaty. He paused to be photographed with the captain before going below. Mr. Bevin had chosen a very bad day for travelling and the members of his staff were dressed for the temperature as they braved it out on deck.

At Calais there was a joint French and British guard of honour. There was <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ feeling about it all that this was not only an historic occasion but a timely renewal of an old friendship.

How truly fitting was the choice of Dunkirk as the place where the treaty was to be signed. How warm the greeting of the French people, saluting in the person of the Foreign Secretary their British allies of two wars. It was this town from which, nearly seven years ago, the little ships brought three hundred and thirty thousand men back to the safety of England. Now, in the ~~little~~ parlour of the Prefecture, the Foreign Ministers of France and Great Britain signed the pact. Within the framework of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ United Nations' ~~charter~~ the treaty binds the two countries to act together should either again be menaced by Germany. ~~It is~~ ~~a further milestone~~ ~~in the history of the world~~

<sup>20 world peace</sup>  
Another milestone, was passed by the help of M. Bidault and Ernest Bevin.