

BRITAIN AND FRANCE GIVE LEAD TO EUROPE.

Home from the Paris Conference Ernest Bevin was by no means downcast over the usual Russian refusal to co-operate with the West. He announced the Angle-French decision to call a 24-nation conference. In Paris all efforts failed to induce the Soviet to fall into line over the Marshall plan to prime the pump of Europe with dollars. Fearing increased American influence Molotov raised every possible objection and finally left the British and French Foreign Ministers to carry on by themselves. ~~Diplom~~ Molotov returned to Moscow after one more abortive conference.

General de Gaulle, acclaimed at Lille four days before Bevin's return, called on France to resume her role as a leader in Europe, warned her against subservience to either Russia or America. Even as he spoke French coal mines were idle, on strike. And as U.S. aid will not be forthcoming to a strike-ridden Europe politically at sixes and sevens, France may be expected to get down to work. Britain too will profitably realise that sport

3 recampuses
~~worship by millions is not the golden road to prosperity.~~

2 in text 490 places
~~To a nation living on tick the accent should be on hard facts, not ~~parables~~.~~

Overdue from Minister of Labour George Isaacs comes news that the Government now favours payment by results.

Foreign Ministers Bevin and Bidault, acting in harmony since they met at Dunkirk in the winter, have ^{now} given a welcome lead to Europe. Well may that ~~decision~~ be the Dunkirk of the phony peace. If they stir the nations to such effort that the Marshall aid ^{does} comes across the Atlantic Europe will have cause to bless the efforts of M. Bidault and Ernest Bevin.