

BEVIN GETS CONFERENCE UNDER WAY

Delegates of sixteen nations, meeting in Paris, are taking a big step forward in the reconstruction of Europe. Among early arrivals ^{is} were M. Spaak, the Belgian statesman, but the main driving force behind this international cooperation in the Marshall Plan is Ernest Bevin. The British Foreign Secretary believes that while there can be no general political unity without Russia, it is practicable for Western Europe to act together in economic matters. The French Foreign Minister ^{M. Bidault} began proceedings by proposing ^{to} the Mr. Bevin be elected chairman. Since then, committees have been formed to deal with food, fuel, transport and iron and steel.

Count Sforza of Italy supported, and all other delegates ~~agreed~~, the nomination of Mr. Bevin.