

10 NATIONS JOIN COUNCIL OF EUROPE

At St. James Palace, Foreign Minister Bevin inaugurates a new landmark in history.

Denmark's Gustav Rasmussen is the first to sign, then Mr. Bevin calls on;

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The World's youngest republic thus joins Europe's first Parliament. As the ink dries upon the signatures of the ten Ministers (here is Count Sforza signing for Italy) a centuries-old dream is fulfilled. A United Europe (the ideal cherished by all well-meaning men) is still a long way off, but there is time yet for the other European states to join this Council for peace, for this is only the beginning. The groundwork has been done, the grand design has yet to be completed. In the words of Britain's Ernest Bevin "This lays the foundations of something new in European life." It is an epoch-making event, for the Parliament of Europe can open an age of hope and reason in the history of the world.