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POLITICIANS IN THE NEWS

In the quiet calm of a Buckinghamshire village Mr. Attlee has reached a decision - to face up to the rift in the Labour Party. Silent at first, when his party conference voted-in the Bevanites, Mr. Attlee has now come out with an appeal for unity. He attacks the "party within a party, with separate leadership, separate meetings, supported by its own Press."

And thoughts turn to Aneurin Bevan when Mr. Attlee says:-
"Drop it. Stop this sectionalism. Work with the team."
The issue will be faced in the present brief session of Parliament, resumed after the summer recess. Whilst the House meets again to dispose of the session's legislation there will be meetings of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Bevanites are expected to stake a claim for places in the Opposition's "Shadow Cabinet." Labour's problem is whether such representation would help Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison to keep the Bevanites in order by majority vote - or whether Mr. Bevan and his supporters will exert greater influence on party policy.

Meantime, in Downing Street, the processes of Her Majesty's Government continue. Turkey plays an important role in our foreign policy, and the Prime Minister of Turkey himself, Mr. Adnan Menderes, brings his Foreign Minister to London for talks with Mr. Churchill. Turkey declared herself our ally in 1939 and her troops are fighting alongside ours in Korea. In the great task of keeping the peace, Turkey is our ally and good friend.