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American aid, to the extent of three thousand million pounds. Mr.

Bevin said -

The preparation of this report marks a new stage in the history of International endeavour. And I believe that it will prove not only a valuable and an informative document in itself, but an initial step in the process of closer economic co-operation within Europe itself.

Our goal is the economic unity of Europe as the best means which we can conceive of providing for the happiness of its people. This surely must remain the goal of all who have the welfare of Europe at heart.

As the world saw it, the Paris Conference could be the prelude to European recovery.