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**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OPENS NEW
EXHIBIT AT STATE DEPARTMENT**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8 -- The European Community (Common Market, Euratom and Coal and Steel Community) premiered its new mobile exhibit at a ceremony in the State Department's Exhibition Hall at noon today. Following a two-week showing here, the exhibit will begin a coast-to-coast tour of the United States under the sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

The European Community exhibit has been specifically designed for the American audience, at a time when increasing public interest is expected in view of the successes of the Common Market and President Kennedy's announced new trade program. The exhibit explains in general terms how the Community came into being, first with the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community in 1952, linking in a supranational institution the six member nations -- Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Exhibit panels depict how the drive toward European integration was stimulated by such world figures as Winston Churchill, General George Marshall, and Jean Monnet, first President of the European Coal and Steel Community. Explanations are given of the institutions of the Community, including the 142-member Parliament, the Court of Justice, and the Council of Ministers. The final panel shows the benefits to the free world deriving from cooperative development.

Although this is the first portable exhibit to be launched in the United States by the European Community, the Community has previously been represented in trade fairs and is presently making plans to participate in the Seattle World Fair this year.