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HAILS PASSAGE OF TRADE EXPANSION ACT

NEW YORK, October 5 -- Giuseppe Caron, Vice President of the Commission of the European Economic Community, declared here last night that President Kennedy's Trade Expansion Act, just approved by Congress, was "another step on the part of the American people to bring about a more effective cooperation between the United States and Europe."

Mr. Caron, speaking to an audience of Italian-American leaders in New York City, said that "the Trade Expansion Act has been welcomed in Europe because men responsible for the progress of the European Community are convinced that the success of the free world's foreign policy will have to rely in great part on expansion of foreign trade."

"By the same token," he said, "our political unity will be equally and just as closely linked to our economic unity."

Earlier in the day Mr. Caron told an audience at the Overseas Press Club that British entry into the Community, under proper terms, would be "incalculable" in its benefit for the Western world. But he cautioned that such entry would have to take place under terms that would not "whittle away the strength of our Community, or even merely slow down the tempo of its growth and its onward thrust."

Vice President Caron's address last night ended a stay in the United States during which he attended European Community Week at the Seattle World's Fair, visited San Francisco, and had a number of official appointments in Washington, D. C.

He expressed particular satisfaction with the Community's participation in the Seattle Fair, calling it "an excellent idea, carried out with notable success."

Mr. Caron said that his conversations with business leaders during his visit were "particularly useful to all concerned."

"One of the Community's important tasks," he said, "is to inform American businessmen of the Community's objectives."