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**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PLANNING TO HARMONIZE
SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE SIX**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 8 -- The Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market), in cooperation with the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), is organizing a consultative conference to be held in December 1962 for the purpose of defining the aims and methods of social security harmonization in the six Community countries, it was announced in Brussels today.

A preliminary meeting was recently held in Brussels under the chairmanship of Lionello Levi Sandri, the member of the EEC Commission responsible for social affairs. This meeting was also attended by representatives of the workers' and employers' organizations and by government representatives.

In his opening speech Signor Levi Sandri stressed that the second stage in the implementation of the Rome Treaty -- in which the main concern would be the introduction of common policies -- must be accompanied by more thorough-going measures of social policy, directed especially toward bringing social systems into alignment in the member states of the Community -- Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Levi Sandri stated the conference's aims and announced the various subjects for discussion: A tendency to broaden the scope of social security is manifest in all six member states, he said, and this requires special study in view of the varying aspects it assumes. Secondly, the conference, in studying the general trend in social security, could not leave aside problems of finance and their economic implications. The third topic would be the possibility of harmonizing social benefits.

According to Signor Levi Sandri, harmonization must not be simply a standardization or alignment at the lowest existing level: The aim should be gradually to bring the social protection of workers up to the highest level. Harmonization is also needed for the more satisfactory working of Council regulations on social security for migrant workers, which now affect 700,000 workers (or 1,700,000 persons including families).

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