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FRENCH SCIENTIST NAMED TO HEAD EURATOM RESEARCH
CENTER IN GERMANY

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WASHINGTON, September 22 -- A 39-year-old French atomic scientist, Jean Celestin Blin, was named director of Euratom's new Joint Research Center in Karlsruhe, Germany, it was announced today in Brussels by the executive branch of the six-nation European Atomic Energy Community.

M. Blin formerly served as chief of plutonium research in France's Atomic Energy Commission.

The European Institute at Karlsruhe will be the center for Euratom plutonium research and also one of several research centers in the European Community to specialize in controlled thermonuclear studies. Some 400 Euratom scientists and technicians will be employed at the center.

The contract creating the Karlsruhe center was signed between Euratom and the Federal Republic of Germany on November 21, 1960. Other Euratom research centers are located at Ispra, Italy; Petten, Holland; and Mol, Belgium.

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