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### EURATOM'S FOURTH RESEARCH CENTER OPENED

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 28 -- The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) will begin operation of its fourth research center in the next months, following conclusion of negotiations with the Dutch Government. The new center, located at Petten on the North Sea, will concentrate on high flux reactor studies.

The agreement transferring title of the high-flux reactor and its testing apparatus from the Netherlands Government to Euratom was signed this week in Brussels by Euratom Commission President Etienne Hirsch and Dutch Foreign Minister J. M. A. H. Luns. Euratom's three other research centers are at Ispra (Italy), Mol (Belgium), and Karlsruhe (German Federal Republic).

First tests for criticality of the Petten reactor are expected to be made in October, and the reactor should go into service early next year.

Petten will account for a research investment by Euratom of \$18 million, of which \$7 million represents the value of the present establishment. Euratom intends to construct within the next three to five years a complex of auxiliary research facilities in Petten at a cost of some \$11 million. The Netherlands Government will insure arrangements for housing of personnel. Plans are presently being formulated for the establishment of a European School at Petten, an adjunct to the original European School of Luxembourg which now has branches in Brussels, Ispra, and Mol.

The Euratom-Dutch Agreement now goes to the Netherlands Parliament for ratification.

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