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VICE PRESIDENT HONORED AT COMMON MARKET DINNER

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8 -- At a dinner honoring U. S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in Brussels today, Walter Hallstein, President of the European Economic Community's Commission, expressed gratitude for the "unswerving support" of the U. S. Administration and the American people for European integration.

In a toast at a dinner given in the Val Duchesse, President Hallstein commented that the Vice President visited Brussels at a time when the European Community is commemorating the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome. He said: "Your visit is an expression of the fact that the United States accepts the aim of European unity . . . and demonstrates your readiness to persevere in a policy of friendship and solidarity towards Europe."

In indirect reference to current issues confronting the U. S. and the Common Market, such as the Kennedy Round and the non-proliferation treaty, the EEC President expressed his conviction "that the spirit of partnership will dominate the practical questions at present engaging the United States Administration, the European Economic Community, and the governments of the several member states."

The dinner honoring Vice President Humphrey, on the last leg of his two-week visit to Western Europe, was attended by J. Robert Schaetzel, United States Ambassador to the European Communities, Pierre Chatenet, President of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community, Albert Coppé, Vice President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, by Vice Presidents and Members of the Commission of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community, and by senior American and European officials.

The Common Market host concluded his toast by saying, "Mr. Vice President, we have no flags and no guards with which to honor you. But we are pledged to the common future of the peoples of Europe. . . I raise my glass to the President of the United States and the American people, to the friendship between America and a united Europe, and to our guest of honor, Vice President Humphrey."