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EUROPE'S PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE GUESTS OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, DC -- September 13 -- A delegation from the Parliament of the European Community (EC) arrives in Washington Saturday, September 14, for meetings with Congressional and Executive Branch leaders.

The 16-member delegation, led by its Chairman Pierre-Bernard Couste, will be here as guests of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The coming sessions, the sixth official exchange between representatives of Congress and the Parliament, were organized by Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, (D-NY), chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and Rep. Donald M. Fraser, (D-Minn.), chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements. In March, a Congressional delegation met with the European Parliamentarians in Florence, Italy.

The European delegation will meet with members of Congress Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons to present, hear and discuss papers covering a broad selection of subjects affecting US-European relations. The following discussions, in Room 2172 of the Rayburn Building, will be open to the public:

Tuesday, September 17, afternoon

Joint Public hearing on multinational corporations.

2-4 p.m. Witnesses from US Government, Senate,
and independent experts.

4-6 p.m. Witnesses from multinational corporations
and labor.

Wednesday, September 18

9-10:30 a.m. Discussion of the situation in Greece

12:30 Press Conference

Monday and Tuesday mornings, the European delegation will meet with Cabinet and White House officials, Secretary of State, Henry A. Kissinger, Counselor to the President for Economic Policy Kenneth Rush, Under Secretary of Treasury for Monetary Affairs Jack Frankin Bennett, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Arthur A. Hartman, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.

The European Parliament is composed of 198 members who are also elected members of their national legislatures. They are nominated to the European Parliament by their own legislatures. The headquarters of the Parliament is in Luxembourg.

(Annex)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF THE PARLEMENTARIANS

(European Parliament's Delegation)

Pierre-Bernard COUSTE, Chairman of the delegation

Vice President of the European Parliament
Group of Progressive European Democrats
France

Born June 29, 1920 at Rochefort-sur-Mer. Doctor of Laws. Company Director. National Chairman of "Centre des jeunes patrons" 1958-61 and Chairman of "Federation des jeunes chefs d'entreprise d'Europe" 1961-64. He is Vice Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association, Member of Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs, and on External Economic Relations, and also Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association. A lawyer and specialist in foreign trade, he has been a member of the French National Assembly since 1962.

Jan BAAS

Vice Chairman of Liberal and Allies Group
Netherlands

Born October 12, 1917, in Wedde. Agricultural engineer (specializing in economics). Former Head of state school of agriculture at Hengelo. Former Chairman of Overijssel Agricultural Society. Former director of Zutphen "Gelders-Overijsselse Cooperative voor slachtvee, fokvee en gebruiksvee". Chairman of "Waterschap De Berkel" in Lochem. Member of Executive of Freedom Party 1946-48. Member of VVD since 1966. Member of First Chamber of State-General since 1960. He is Member of Committees on Agriculture, on External Economic Relations, and of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association and has been a Member of European Parliament since September 1963.

Giovanni BOANO

Christian Democratic Group
Italy

Born August 16, 1922, in Castell'Alfero (Asti). Doctor in Literature and Philosophy. Secondary School Teacher. Former "Assessore Provinciale". Provincial Counsellor. Member of the Senate Commission for the European Communities. Member of the Senate since 1958. Member of the European Parliament since January 1969, he is Vice Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations, Member of the Committee on Budgets, and also Member of the Delegation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association.

Gerard BORDU

Vice President of the European Parliament
Communist and Allies Group
France

Born April 21, 1928, at Melun. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle, and qualified electrician. Member of the National Assembly since March 1973. Member of the Central Committee of the French Communist parliamentary Group. Former secretary of federation of the French Communist Parliamentary Group in the Seine and Marne district. Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology of the European Parliament. Member of the European Parliament since June 1973.

Christian de la MALENE

Group of Progressive European Democrats
Chairman of Committee on External Economic Relations
Member of Committee on Budgets
France

Born December 5, 1920 in Nimes. Sociologist. Minister of Information 1961-62. Member of National Assembly since 1958. Member of European Parliament from January 1959 to October 1961 and since December 1962.

Libero DELLA BRIOTTA

Socialist Group
Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment
Member of the Committee on Agriculture
Italy

Born March 28, 1925, in Ponte in Valtellina. School teacher, and Director from 1946-63. Universities studies in Turin. Member of the PSI (Italian Socialist Party) since 1945. 1956 Member of the Bureau of the Socialist Parliamentary Group in the House of Representatives. Group Secretary from 1969-72. Member of the European Parliament since 1973.

Maurice FAURE

Socialist Group (Allied)
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
France

Born January 2, 1922, in Azerat. Doctor of Law. Member and former President of "Parti socialiste et des radicaux de Gauche". Since 1951 Member of National Assembly. Member of the National Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Mayor of Cahors. President of the "Conseil general du lot". Former Chairman of the European Movement 1960-66. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs 1956-58. Minister of the Interior 1958. Member of the European Parliament 1952-55, 1958-67, and since 1973.

Ludwig FELLERMAIER

Vice Chairman of Socialist Group
Chairman of the Delegation of the Joint Committee of the Association with Turkey.
Vice President of the Delegation from the European Parliament to the EEC-AASM Conference.
Vice Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations.
Federal Republic of Germany.

Born July 2, 1930, in Vienna. Resident since 1934 in Neu-Ulm. Trained for the wholesale trade. On the editorial staff of "Schwabische Donauzeitung" in Ulm 1949-53. Commercial post in automobile industry. Joined SPD in 1947. Active in the "Kreisjugendring" and for many years Vice Chairman of Young Socialists of S. Bavaria. SPD Chairman for West Schwaben. Member of SPD "Landesausschuss" for Bavaria and of district executive for S. Bavaria. Member of Bundestag since 1965. Member of Municipal Council of Neu-Ulm since 1960. Member of European Parliament since January 1968.

Horst Bruno GERLACH

Socialist Group
Federal Republic of Germany

Born August 16, 1919, in Lotzen. Various administrative positions in associations of public interest. Vice Chairman of the SPD for the Weser/Ems district. Member of the "Bundestag" since 1961. Member of the Committee on Budgets and of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport of the European Parliament. Member of the European Parliament since December 1965.

Roger HOUDET

Liberal and Allies Group
Chairman of Committee on Agriculture
Member of Committee on Budgets
France

Born June 14, 1899 in Angers. Agricultural engineer. Graduate of "Ecole superieure d'electricite". "Ingenieur general du genie rural". Minister of Agriculture 1953-55 and June 1958 to May 1959. Member of supervisory board of RTF 1962-64. Chairman of "Conseil de perfectionnement de l'Ecole nationale du genie rural, des eaux et des forets" since 1966. Member of CODER (regional economic development committee) in Upper Normandy. Mayor of Luneray. Member of Consultative Assembly of Council of Europe 1965-68. Member of Senate since 1952. Member of European Parliament since November 1968.

Edgar JAHN

Vice Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment
Christian-Democratic Group
Federal Republic of Germany

Born November 21, 1914, in Neustettin. Studied history, law and political science in Berlin and Graz. Doctorate in political sciences. War service. Author and publisher since 1947. Chairman of "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Demokratischer Kreise" 1951-69. Vice Chairman of the refugee federation. Member of Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 1947. CDU Land Chairman for Brunswick and Member of the CDU Land executive for Lower Saxony. Member of Bundestag since 1965. Member of the European Parliament since January 1970.

Peter Michael KIRK

Chairman of the European Conservative Group
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
United Kingdom

Age 45. M.P. for Saffron Walden. Under Secretary for War 1963-1964. Under Secretary of Defense for the Army 1964. Under Secretary for the Navy 1970-72. Former journalist (regional press) and director of public relations company. Also used to produce documentary films. Educated Marlborough College and Trinity Delegate to the Assemblies of the Council of Europe and the WEU for the whole period of his membership of the House of Commons except for the time that he was serving as a junior Minister. Member of the European Parliament since January 1973.

Erwin LANGE

Socialist Group

Chairman of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Member of Committee on External Economic Relations

Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association

Federal Republic of Germany

Born May 10, 1914, in Essen. Typesetter and Manager of a printing works. Active in the socialist youth movement since 1928 and in the trade union movement since 1930. Arrested on political grounds in 1936. Posted in 1942 to Strafeinheit 999 (disciplinary unit). Politically active for the SPD in the Essen area since 1946. Member of SPD public health and economic affairs committees. Member of SPD board on problems of the self-employed. Member of Bundestag since 1949. Member of the European Parliament since January 1970.

Willem J. SCHUIJT

Christian Democratic Group

Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee

Member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

Member of the Joint Committee of the EEC-AASM Conference

Netherlands

Born June 27, 1909, in Amsterdam. Doctor of Philosophy and Letters. Teacher 1929-37. Grammar School teacher 1940-45. Member of executive of advisory committee of Resistance 1943-46. Journalist (Paris correspondent of an Amsterdam newspaper and of Catholic broadcasting service) 1950-56. Deputy Secretary General of "Nouvelles equipes internationales" in Paris 1952-57. Substitute at Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe and at Assembly of Western European Union 1957-60. Member of the municipal council of the Hague since 1970. Member of Second Chamber of the States General 1956-71. Member of First Chamber of the States General 1971. Former President of the European Parliament. Member of the European Parliament since March 1958.