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**SIMONE VEIL TO LEAD EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION
ON VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK**

Simone Veil, the President of the Parliament, will lead a European Parliamentary delegation to Washington next week to meet with members of the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Administration.

This will be the first meeting between Congress and the European body since the historic direct elections to the Parliament were held in the nine European Community nations last June.

One hundred and ten million voters took part in this first simultaneous supranational election in June 1979, when the old European Parliament of 198 appointed members was replaced by a 410 member directly elected body. This vote, the result of a sixty-one per cent turn out, is the largest ever recorded in any western election.

The new Parliament has already made its presence felt in the European Community, notably in its December 13 vote to reject the EC's 1980 budget. This unprecedented use of its budgetary powers was in protest against the amount of money the EC Council of Ministers proposed to spend on agriculture. The Parliament wished to see more resources allocated to regional development aid and the restructuring of declining industries.

Madame Veil, who heads the twenty-one member delegation visiting Washington next week, was elected President of the European Parliament in July 1979 following the direct elections and is a former Minister of Health in the French Government. Her engagements in Washington will include a speech at a National Press Club luncheon at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, January 28 and meetings with President Carter, Secretary of State Vance and House Speaker Tip O'Neill.

The delegation's permanent chairman is also a woman, Mrs. Eval Gredal, a former Danish Minister for Social Affairs. In addition to Mrs. Veil and Mrs. Gredal, the delegation consists of five members from Italy, four from the United Kingdom, five from Germany, three from France and one each from Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and Denmark. One Community country, Luxembourg, is not represented.

Members of the European Parliament group themselves by party, rather than by nationality. According to these distinctions, the delegation includes seven socialists, six members of the European People's Party, four Liberals, three European Democrats, two Communists and one European Progressive Democrat.

Delegations from the European Parliament and the U.S. Congress have met twice a year since 1972 to discuss a wide range of political and economic issues. The U.S. organisers of next week's meeting are Congressman Donald J. Pease (D-OH), the Chairman of the U.S. Congressional Delegation and his two co-chairmen, Congressman Sam M. Gibbons (D-Fla) and Congressman Larry Winn Jr. (R-Ks).

The meetings between the two delegations will include three plenary sessions and the topics to be discussed are human rights, East-West relations and detente: the African context, U.S. and E.C. relations with the Third World and the international narcotics traffic. The first session, at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29 in Room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, will be open to the press.

The delegation's other engagements will include luncheons given by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, hosted by Chairman Clement J. Zablocki, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, hosted by Senator Joseph R. Biden, Chairman of the Subcommittee on European Affairs.

The parliamentary delegation will also have meetings with a number of U.S. Administration officials, including Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Zbigniew Brzezinski, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, Secretary of Energy Charles Duncan, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs David Newsom, Secretary of Commerce Philip M. Klutznik, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers Charles Schultze and U.S. Special Trade Representative Reubin Askew.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DELEGATION DUE
TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C. - JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1, 1980

MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (Protocol Order)

- Mrs. Simone Veil (France), President of the European Parliament
Member of the Liberal and Democratic Group

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- Mrs. Eva Wilhelmsen Gredal (Denmark), Chairman of the Delegation
Member of the Socialist Group
Member of the Committee on Budgets
- Mr. Ernest Glinne (Belgium), Chairman of the Socialist Group
Member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation
- Mr. Martin Bangemann (Federal Republic of Germany), Chairman of
the Liberal and Democratic Group
Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control
- Mr. Vincenzo Giuffarà (Italy), Vice Chairman of the Delegation
Member of the Group of the European People's Party
Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations
- Mr. Maurice Martin (France), Vice Chairman of the Delegation
Member of the Communist and Allies Group
Member of the Committee on Transport
- Mr. Mario Zagari (Italy), Vice President of the European Parliament
Member of the Socialist Group
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
- Mr. Erwin Lange (Federal Republic of Germany), Member of the Socialist
Group
Chairman of the Committee on Budgets
- Mr. Heinrich Aigner (Federal Republic of Germany), Member of the
Group of the European People's Party
Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control
- Mr. Harry Notenboom (Netherlands), Member of the Group of the
European People's Party
Vice Chairman of the Committee on Budgets
Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control
- Mrs. Louise Moreau (France), Member of the Group of the European
People's Party
Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations
- Mr. Maurice Faure (France), Member of the Socialist Group
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
- Sir David Nicolson (United Kingdom), Member of the European Democratic
Group
Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary
Affairs

- Mr. Dario Antoniozzi (Italy), Member of the Group of the European People's Party
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations
Member of the Committee on Budgetary Control
- Mr. Guido Fanti (Italy), Member of the Communist and Allies Group
Member of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning
- Mr. Niels Haagerup (Denmark), Member of the Liberal and Democratic Group
Member of the Political Affairs Committee
- Mr. Sergio Pininfarina (Italy), Member of the Liberal and Democratic Group
Member of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
- Mr. Alan Tyrrell (United Kingdom), Member of the European Democratic Group
Member of the Legal Affairs Committee
Member of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions
- Mr. Roland Boyes (United Kingdom), Member of the Socialist Group
Member of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
- Mr. Karl Von Wogau (Federal Republic of Germany), Member of the Group of the European People's Party
Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- Mr. William Newton Dunn (United Kingdom), Member of the European Democratic Group
Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
- Mr. Erdmann Linde (Federal Republic of Germany), Member of the Socialist Group
Member of the Committee on Energy and Research
- Miss Sile De Valera (Ireland), Member of the Group of European Progressive Democrats
Member of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment