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PRESIDENT HALLSTEIN REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF U.S.-EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 4 --- President Walter Hallstein of the Common Market Commission today in London reiterated his support of partnership between a united Europe and the United States.

His remarks were made at the fourteenth Sir Daniel Stevenson Memorial Lecture at Chatham House, headquarters of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

President Hallstein said that the Community's objective is to work in partnership with the United States but that "Europe must develop its own personality in order to become a partner of America and to serve as a magnet for the countries of Eastern Europe."

In his speech entitled "False Problems in Relation to the European Economic Community," President Hallstein said that many questions and criticisms of the EEC are based on misunderstandings -- particularly the question of an 'inward' or 'outward' looking Community. "The Community," he said, "has fully accepted its responsibilities toward the rest of the world."

President Hallstein said that a new economic and social order is emerging in Europe and that his order is based on the Treaty establishing the EEC and on the Community's legislation.

"No Hegemony Within the Community"

"It is misleading," he said, "to think in terms of hegemony within the Community. Problems between the member countries are solved within a new constitutional system and not as part of traditional foreign policy.

"Europe must be built on the basis of the nations with their ancient and noble traditions and must maintain its fruitful diversity," he said. "But the Community must be given authority to act in fields where the individual states acting alone are too weak. The significance of European unification can not be grasped in terms of 'federation' or 'confederation'.

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"Integration is a dynamic process and by its own progress creates reasons for widening the fields of action in which it is taking place," he said. "Economic integration is thus an argument for integrating defense policy. A common commercial policy involves integration in one of the major fields of foreign policy."

President Hallstein also pointed out the need to extend the present machinery to cover non-economic external policy. "To do this," he said, "would not mean a transition to another 'political' sphere for the Community's activities are already political. The creation of a political union must not, however, be made a condition of further progress in the economic field."

"Inward or Outward?"

"The choice between a 'greater Europe' and a 'little Europe' is a false one," he said. "The creation of a smaller unit pressing ahead as the Community is doing is an essential step to wider unity. The Community has shown a lively sense of responsibility to its neighbors and solidarity with a greater Europe."

"The Community can not be called 'inward looking'," he said. "EEC external trade runs at a level equivalent to a quarter of its gross product. It is the world's largest importer and, in 1963, accounted for one-fifth of the world's imports. Community imports from the United Kingdom have more than doubled between 1958 and 1963."

President Hallstein emphasized the scale of financial aid given by the Six to developing countries and said that the Community intends to keep expanding its responsibility in the world.

President Hallstein said that he felt the alternative of "Europe or the Commonwealth" to be a specious one.

"A link with the Commonwealth through British membership would be valuable and welcome to the Community. The recent opening of negotiations with the EEC by Nigeria and the East African countries shows that the link would also interest the Commonwealth," he said.