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**UK SEEKS MEMBERSHIP IN
COAL & STEEL COMMUNITY**

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2 -- The British Government today made formal application for membership in the European Coal and Steel Community, it was announced from ECSC headquarters in Luxembourg. The application was submitted to the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers of ECSC by Sir Arthur Tandy, Chief of the United Kingdom Mission to the European Communities.

The United Kingdom made official application for membership in the European Economic Community (Common Market) on August 10, 1961, and negotiations have been in progress since November 8. On the occasion of today's application, the High Authority, executive branch of the ECSC, noted that the principle of membership in all three Communities including Euratom had already been accepted at the time negotiations for Common Market membership were initiated.

The Coal and Steel Community, oldest of the institutions of the six-nation body, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. The Common Market and Euratom came into force in 1958.