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VISIT OF THE REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE U.K.

March 27 to April 1, 1977

The Regional Policy Committee of the Community is visiting Britain next week. The Committee, composed of senior officials of the Nine Member States and of the Commission, under the chairmanship of Dr Claus Noë, of the Ministry of Economics of the Federal Republic of Germany, advises the Commission and the Council of Ministers on all aspects of Community regional policy.

The purpose of the visit is to give the Committee first hand knowledge of the problems faced by some of Britain's development areas, what is being done to tackle them, and how the Community can best help. The visit will involve contacts with British Government officials and representatives of local authorities and industry. The Committee will visit a number of investment projects which have been aided by the European Regional Development Fund.

The Committee will arrive in London on Sunday evening, March 27, and will visit South Wales on March 28, North Wales and Merseyside on March 29, Merseyside and Lancashire on March 30, and the North-East of England on March 31, returning to London on April 4.