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WASHINGTON, DC -- Cornelis Berkhouwer, President (Speaker) of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, arrived in Washington April 16 for two days of talks here with senior Administration officials and Congressmen. On April 15, President Berkhouwer gave a luncheon address to the Northern California World Affairs Council and the Mid-Atlantic Pacific Club in San Francisco.

From April 18 through 20, Berkhouwer will take part in a series of panels and symposia on "American foreign policy and the new Europe" at Blacksburg, Virginia. This interdisciplinary conference is jointly sponsored by the University of South Carolina and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Berkhouwer will fly back to Europe on April 20.

President Berkhouwer, 56, is a Dutch lawyer. Like other members of the European Parliament, he retains his seat in his national legislature.