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## COMMON MARKET-AMERICAN LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE CONTINUES

WASHINGTON -- October 29 -- A delegation from the Common Market's European Parliament arrives in Washington today for the second round of three-day talks this year with their American counterparts and for meetings with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other US officials.

The 18-member group, led by EP Vice President Pierre-Bernard Couste (French Progressive Democrat), includes, for the first time, members of the British Socialist Group, Betty Boothroyd and Doris Mary Fisher. (See Annex for a full list of members of the EP delegation and biographical sketches.)

On the American side, the visit was organized by Representative Donald M. Fraser (D-Minn.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, subcommittee members Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D-NY) and Representative Paul Findley (R-Ill.), and by Representative Sam Gibbons (D-Fla.), member of the Ways and Means Committee.

The first official EC-US parliamentary exchange took place in January 1972, when Congressmen went to Luxembourg, site of the European Parliament's Secretariat. The exchange now occurs twice a year, with one meeting on each side of the Atlantic. The last exchange took place on April 14-16 in Munich, Germany.

### Topics of Discussion

Institutional developments in the Community and the United States will be a major topic on the agenda. Americans sometimes wonder who speaks for the Community -- its member states or its executives, the Commission and the Council of Ministers in Brussels. Europeans, in turn, tend to be puzzled by the often conflicting positions taken by different agencies within the Executive Branch and by the role of the Congress in making foreign policy, including economic decisions. Discussion will focus on the role of the Congress in foreign affairs, on the European Community's progress toward political unity, on the European Parliament's new budgetary powers, and on the prospects for the election of EP members by direct universal suffrage. (See Background Note 32, attached, for more detailed information on the latter two points.)

Looking ahead to the December 16 Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation, international agreements on primary resources and commodities will be explored. The Community has recently signed the Lome Convention with 46 developing African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries, which many observers believe could serve as a model arrangement for relations with the developing world. In addition to providing \$3.2 billion in financial aid and giving the ACP countries preferential access to Community markets, the pact creates a nearly \$468 million fund for stabilizing those developing countries' export earnings over a five-year period.

Other topics on the agenda will be

- the draft report on a Code of International Conduct for Multinational Corporations
- international monetary problems
- political developments since the last meeting (Southeast Asia, results of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and events in the Eastern Mediterranean and in Portugal).

#### Other Appointments

The Europeans are also scheduled to meet with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, Under Secretary of Treasury Sid Jones, Under Secretary of Commerce James A. Baker III, Under Secretary of State Ralph Ingersoll, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Arthur A. Hartman, the Acting Director of the Council of International Economic Policy J. M. Dunn, and with the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations Frederick B. Dent.

Pierre Bernard COUSTE

- Born June 29, 1920, in Rochefort-Sur-Mer, France
- Member of the Union des Democratres Pour la Republique (UDR) Assemblée Nationale
- Member of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, (DEP) of the European Parliament; Vice Chairman of the Associations Committee, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on External Economic Relations, and the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC Turkey Association

Walter BEHRENDT

- Born September 18, 1914, in Dortmund, Germany
- Vice President of the European Parliament
- Member of the Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands, Deutscher Bundestag
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Political Affairs Committee, the Associations Committee, and the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC Turkey Association.

Betty BOOTHROYD

- Born October 8, 1929, in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England
- Member of the Labor Party, House of Commons
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

Libero Della BRIOTTA

- Born March 28, 1925, in Ponte in Valtellina (Sondrio), Italy
- Member of the Partito Socialista Italiano, Camera Dei Deputati
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and of the Committee on Agriculture

Fernand L. DELMOTTE

- Born July 24, 1920, in Jeumont, Belgium
- Member of the Parti Socialiste Belge, Belgian Senate
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport

Doris Mary FISHER

- Born September 13, 1919, in Birmingham, England
- Member of the Labor Party, House of Lords
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth

## II.

### James Martin GIBBONS

- Born August 3, 1924, in Kilkenny, Ireland
- Member of the Fianna Fail, Dail Eireann
- Member of the Progressive Democrats Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Agriculture and of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology

### Roger HOUDET

- Born June 14, 1899, in Angers, France
- Member of the Republican Independants, Senate
- Member of Liberal and Allies Group of the European Parliament; Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and Member of the Committee on Budgets

### Liam KAVANAGH

- Born February 9, 1935, in Wicklow, Ireland
- Member of the Labor Party, Dail Eireann
- Member of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committees on Social Affairs and Employment, and on Regional Policy and Transport

### Peter Michael KIRK

- Born May 18, 1928, in Oxford, England
- Member of the Conservative Party, House of Commons
- Chairman of the European Conservative Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Budgets

### Egon Alfred KLEPSCH

- Born January 30, 1930, in Bodenbach, Germany
- Member of the Christian Demokratische Union (CDU), Deutscher Bundestag
- Vice Chairman of the Christian Democratic Group of the European Parliament; Vice Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC Turkey Association, Member of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, External Economic Relations and of the Associations Committee

### Silvio LEONARDI

- Born July 16, 1914, in Turin, Italy
- Member of the Partito Comunista Italiano, Camera Dei Deputati
- Member of the Communist and Allies Group of the European Parliament; Vice Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

### III.

#### Tom NORMANTON

- Born March 12, 1917, in Rochdale, England
- Member of the Conservative Party, House of Commons
- Member of the Conservative Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology

#### Augusto PREMOLI

- Born August 17, 1911, in Almenno S. Bartolomeo (Bergamo), Italy
- Member of the Partito Liberale Italiano, Senato Della Repubblica
- Vice President of the Liberal and Allies Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committees on Social Affairs and Employment, and Public Health and Environment

#### Willem SCHOLTEN

- Born June 1, 1927, in Deventer, Netherlands
- Member of the Christelijk Historische Unie, Tweede Kamer Der Staten Generaal
- Vice Chairman of the Christian Democratic Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and of the Budgets Committee

#### James SCOTT-HOPKINS

- Born November 29, 1921, in London
- Member of the Conservative Party, House of Commons
- Member of the European Parliament's Conservative Group; Member of the Political Affairs Committee, of the Committee on Agriculture, and of the Committee on External Economic Relations

#### Horst SEEFELD

- Born November 21, 1930, in Berlin
- Member of the Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands, Deutscher Bundestag
- Member of the Bureau of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

#### Mario VETRONE

- Born January 1, 1926, in Benevento, Italy
- Member of the Democrazia Christiana, Camera Dei Deputati
- Member of the Christian Democratic Group of the European Parliament; Vice Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Member of the Committee on External Economic Relations, of the Associations Committee, and of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the EEC Greece Association

