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Pierre Uri, an independent economic consultant and Director of Studies of the Atlantic Institute, is the author of "Partnership for Progress", a study of transatlantic relations, published in September 1963.

Brilliant, argumentative and audacious, Mr. Uri has figured prominently in U.S.-European economic affairs. He was former director of the Economic Affairs Division of the European Coal and Steel Community. He presently chairs the Expert Committee on long-term Committees of the Alliance for Progress on Colombia and Mexico.

Born in Paris in 1911, Mr. Uri is a graduate (1929) of the Ecole Normale Supérieure. Until the outbreak of World War II, he taught philosophy. He spent a year at Princeton University in 1934 as a lecturer in philosophy. Mr. Uri left teaching at the outbreak of the war, was mobilized into the French Army and fought in northern Norway. Later, barred from teaching by the Vichy Government, he resumed studies started earlier in the Ecole Normale and in the United States in the field of economics.

Following the liberation, Mr. Uri became economic and financial advisor to the French Government's Office of the Commissioner General for Modernization and Equipment Planning. He later joined the Commission on National Finances which was created to examine the resources and requirements of the French economy, in the light of the national revenue, with a view to developing anti-inflationary measures. He was, in particular, the author of the first French Economic Budget, "Bilan National" in 1947.

At the end of 1949, Mr. Uri went to the United States as a member of the five-man International Committee appointed to report on national and international measures to insure full employment.

Mr. Uri participated in negotiations for the Schuman Plan beginning in May 1950 which resulted in the Treaty of Paris creating the European Coal and Steel Community. He later became a member of the French delegation to the Interim Committee of the Atlantic Council.

When the ECSC was formally established in Luxembourg on August 10, 1952, Mr. Uri helped organize the Secretariat of the High Authority and then was appointed Director of the Economic Affairs Division. In 1955, he was granted leave to work with the steering group of the Brussels Committee, headed by Belgium's Foreign Minister, Paul-Henri Spaak, which had the task of preparing a report on the possibilities of extending European economic integration. This Committee led to the Treaties of Rome of 1957 and the following year to the formal establishment of the European Economic Community (Common Market) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

In September 1959, Mr. Uri left the Community to become representative of the Paris office of Lehman Brothers, New York investment house.

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Biographical Background

Pierre URI, born in Paris in 1911, student of the "Ecole Normale Supérieure", then graduate student at Princeton University, New Jersey.

Professor of Philosophy up to the war, then research economist.

Economic and financial adviser to the French Planning Commission, 1947-1952; was, in particular, the author of the first French Economic Budget: "Bilan National" 1947. Professor at the National School for Public Administration in Paris.

Member of the Expert Committee of the United Nations which produced a report on National and International Measures for Full Employment - 1949.

Assistant to Mr. Monnet on the Wise Man's Committee which prepared the Lisbon Conference on the reorganization of NATO.

Prominent in developing the Schuman Plan and the Treaty instituting the Coal and Steel Community; Economic Director with the High Authority.

On behalf of the Intergovernmental Committee established by the Messina Conference, was the author of the so-called Spaak Report which formed the basis of the Rome Treaty; assistant to Mr. Spaak in the negotiation.

Chairman of the Expert Group which produced the reports on the economic situation in the Community countries and associated territories, on behalf of the European Economic Commission; and author of the synthesis.

Mr. Uri was also Chairman of the Joint Committee High Authority - Council of Ministers which produced reports on long term economic perspectives in the Community, an Energy Balance Sheet and a Report on a Co-ordinated Energy Policy. He was also the Chairman of the Expert Group on the harmonization of transport rates for coal and steel. He is himself the drafter of both reports on transport and energy policy. He was also a member of the Hartley Committee on Energy, then a member of the Consultative Committee on Energy in OEEC.

Apart from his responsibilities in the European Coal and Steel Community, he was economic adviser to the European Economic Commission in Brussels.

He has been called as a consultant to prepare the Latin American Free Trade area.

He left the European Communities to become the European Representative of Lehman Brothers in Europe.

Is now an independent consultant, and the Director of Studies of the Atlantic Institute. He chairs the Expert Committee on long term development established by the Common Market Commission, and serves on two Committees of the Alliance for Progress, on Columbia and Mexico.