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1956 JOURNALIST TOURS FOR 1956

Note by the Director of Information

Earlier this year the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations agreed on an "Outline of future procedures for the conduct of NATO Tours of Journalists".<sup>+</sup> With this paper and the discussions leading to its adoption as the background, the Information Division herewith submits a tentative plan for NATO Journalists' Tours for 1956. The plans again cover all member countries. Two new types of trips are included in the 1956 proposals:

- (a) A visit by top military correspondents to Canada and the United States to study the Continental Defence of North America. This tour will only be budgetarily possible if USIAF and ROCAF can provide transportation or special funds are made available for the transatlantic air fares. A tour of this type, covering Standing Group, SACLANF, American and Canadian defence installations, seems particularly desirable since Europeans are unfamiliar with the joint Canada-US Continental Defence effort, how it fits into overall NATO strategy, and its bearing on the security of the free world.
- (b) A visit to NATO by some 45 editors of youth publications from member countries. This visit, not to be confused with the proposed second Youth Course, should be restricted to carefully selected youth publications. The editors will be briefed at NATO, SHAPE, AFCEA, and it is hoped to arrange for a visit to an allied air base. Periods will also be set aside for general discussions and exchanges of views, in particular as to what continuing follow-up action can be taken by NATO with youth organizations.

2. As in the past year, the Information Division intends to arrange at least one Television Tour, details of which will be submitted later.

3. It will be noted that the date of the proposed tour to Greece and Turkey (no 45) has been left open, and that the theme of the tour is not at this time proposed.

4. The plans for the 1956 journalists' tours are based on the assumption that a budget of approximately 20 million francs will be available. Roughly estimated, the tours listed will cost approximately sixteen million francs, leaving a reserve of four million francs which it is intended to use for individual journalists, lecturers, etc. (see paragraph 4, document AC/52-D/121),

<sup>+</sup> AC/52-D/121

when it is in the NAFO interest to send on special missions. It has been suggested by the British Atlantic Committee, for example, that a visit to NAFO and NATO be organized, for a picked group of ten UK lecturers on NAFO. It is hoped that similar visits might be organized from other member countries.

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Tour No. 33 - PORTUGAL

Belgium 1, Canada 1, Denmark 1, France 1, Germany 2, Iceland 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, UK 1, US 1, - Total 11

Theme: Defence, shipping and economics. Briefings on Portugal's social rôle vis-à-vis NATO.

Dates: Monday, 16th April - Friday, 27th April.

Note: Portugal was not visited during 1955 and rates priority on a 1956 visit.

Tour No. 34 - BENELUX COUNTRIES

Denmark 1, Germany 1, Greece 1, Italy 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, Turkey 1, - Total 7.

Theme: Education, literature and art. The tour should include a visit to the College of Europe at Bruges. In Luxembourg a briefing of the High Authority should of course be included even though it does not strictly belong to the set theme.

Dates: Monday, 16th April - Tuesday, 1st May

Note: The success of this tour will depend greatly on selection of members of the group, who must be genuinely interested in education and arts and able to write about them.

Tour No. 35 - NATO

editors of youth publications to spend one week with NATO.

4 each from France, Germany, UK and US. 3 each from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Turkey. 1 each from Iceland and Luxembourg, - Total 45.

Theme: Briefings at NATO HQ, SHIP, etc.; visits to allied air base and SHIP school. General discussions and exchanges of views.

Dates: Monday, 14th May - Sunday, 20th May.

Tour No. 36 - CANADA AND UNITED STATES

6 leading European military correspondents to be designated.

Theme: The Defence of North America (see cover note)

Dates: Monday, 21st May - Monday, 4th June.

Tour No. 37 - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Canada 1, Denmark 1, France 2, Greece 2, Italy 2, Norway 1, Portugal 1, Turkey 2, UK 1, US 1, - Total 14.

Theme: The Federal Republic of Germany will just have completed its first year as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the theme should be a fairly general one serving to show what has happened over the past year in the fields of defence, economy and planning.

Dates: Monday, 21st May - Monday 4th June.

Lour No. 38 - CANADA

Belgium 1, Denmark 1, France 1, Greece 1, Iceland 1, Italy 2, Luxembourg 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, Turkey 1, UK 1, US 1, - Total 13.

Theme: The economic and industrial development of Canada. Some insight into Canadian family life and the progress of European immigrants.

Dates: Monday, 4th June - Monday, 25th June.

Note: As references will have been dealt with by special correspondents in Lour No. 36, No. 38 might perhaps touch on other fields.

Lour No. 39 - DENMARK AND NORWAY

Belgium 1, France 1, Germany 1, Greece 1, Italy 1, Netherlands 1, Portugal 1, UK 1, US 1, - Total 9.

Theme: Fairly general, with emphasis on article 2. Broad theme is suggested because journalists have few occasions to visit Scandinavia and accounts of life in these Atlantic Community countries are not yet stale.

Dates: Monday, 4th June - Tuesday, 19th June.

Lour No. 40 - UNITED KINGDOM AND ICELAND

Denmark 1, France 1, Germany 1, Greece 1, Italy 1, Luxembourg 1, Portugal 1, Turkey 1, - Total 8.

Theme: United Kingdom's contribution to NATO. General for Iceland.

Dates: Monday, 25th June - Wednesday, 11th July.

Lour No. 41 - FRANCE

Canada 1, Denmark 1, Greece 1, Germany 1, Iceland 1, Italy 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, Turkey 1, UK 1, US 1, - Total 12.

Theme: The industries of France with emphasis on what the country contributes in goods to the Atlantic Community.

Dates: Monday, 3rd September - Tuesday, 18th September.

Lour No. 42 - ITALY

Belgium 1, Canada 1, Denmark 1, France 1, Germany 2, Iceland 1, Luxembourg 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, UK 1, US 1, - Total 13.

Theme: General, but with some emphasis on the strengthening of defences in Northern Italy and on the modern Italian Navy.

Dates: Monday, 3rd September - Tuesday, 10th September.

Group No. 43 - GREECE AND TURKEY

Belgium 1, Canada 1, Denmark 1, France 2, Germany 2, Iceland 1,  
Luxembourg 1, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Portugal 1, UK 1, US 1, -  
Total 14.

Theme: Not fixed.

Dates: Left open.