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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE

NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Held at 1600, 25 October 1950, in Room 3E-869, Pentagon

PRESENT

- Belgium: Colonel O. Hartéon, Secretary Chief of Staff Committee
- Canada: Mr. C. M. Drury, Deputy Defense Minister
- Denmark: His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann, Ambassador
- France: His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador
- Iceland: Mr. Magnusson, Counselor of Legation
- Italy: Vice Admiral Emilio Ferreri, Navy Chief of Staff
- Luxembourg: M. Le Gallais, Minister of Luxembourg
- Netherlands: His Excellency Fockema Andreae, Deputy Minister of Defense
- Norway: Mr. Dag Bryn, Minister - Representative of Norway to the Council of Deputies
- Portugal: Colonel Botelho Moniz, Military Attache in Washington and Accredited Representative to the Standing Group
- United Kingdom: The Right Honourable Sir Oliver S. Franks Ambassador E and P.
- United States: Major General James H. Burns, USA (Ret)

ALSO PRESENT

- Canada: Air Vice Marshal H. L. Campbell, CBE, Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff Mission.
Mr. G. Ignatieff, Counselor of Embassy, Washington, D. C.
Mr. J. George, Department External Affairs Ottawa
- Denmark: Lt. General E. Goertz, Chief of Staff, Army
Rear Admiral S. Ramlau-Hansen, Military Accredited Representative to the Standing Group.

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ALSO PRESENT (Continued)

Denmark: (cont) Mr. Schram-Nielsen
Major J. H. Johansen

France: Brigadier General Raoul A. Vernoux
Mr. Christian de Margerie, Counselor of
Embassy

Iceland: Mr. Petur Eggerz, Legation of Iceland

Italy: Rear Admiral F. Minbelli
Colonel Ettore Musco
Lt. Colonel Elio Albanesi

Netherlands: Jonkheer O. Reuchlin, E. E. and M.P. Embassy
of the Netherlands
Rear Admiral Jonkheer H. A. van Foreest
Mr. Stuyt
Major E. Dishoeck

Norway: Mr. Sivert Nielsen

Portugal: Commander Antonio M. Belo, Naval Attache

United Kingdom: Air Marshal Sir William Elliot, KBE, CB, DFC
Mr. J. H. Penson, CMG, MC. Attaché, Embassy
of Great Britain.

United States: George Perkins, Assistant Secretary of State
Lt. General Alfred M. Gruenther, USA
Mr. Douglas MacArthur, Department of State
Colonel R. E. Beebe, USAF
Captain A. C. Murdaugh, USN

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Colonel C. H. Donnelly
Lt. Colonel Jean Ducq
Flight Lieutenant J. C. Lovelace

INTERPRETER

Captain Tracy B. Kittredge, USNR

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The Chairman asked the representative of France if he had any views to express on the U.S. proposal on the German contribution to the Defense of Western Europe.

The Representative of France replied that the French Government had presented to the Parliament of France a project for a unified Federal European Army which would include German units along with units of the other Western European democratic countries. After approval by the French Parliament this document will be circulated among the members. He wanted to point out that in order to solve the difference of views which confronted the Ministers of External Affairs at their last meeting in New York, the French government had adopted a new method of approach. It had devised a plan similar in principle to the Schuman Plan for the integration of the Western European steel and coal industries. The establishment of a United Federal European Army including German units would avoid the dangers of bringing into being a German National army and would make full use of German manpower and reinforce the Defense of Western Europe.

The French proposal had many political aspects since it implied the establishment of a European Minister of Defense, a European Department of Defense, a European Assembly and a European Council comprising the Ministers of Defense of the contributing European Countries.

He pointed that the French project did not interfere with the measures or plans now under consideration in NATO since the European Federal army would be integrated in the Atlantic Organization.

The Chairman asked the Brussels Treaty powers if they had any comments to make on the relations between the military agencies of the Brussels Treaty and NATO.

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The Representative of Great Britain replied that the discussion he had on this subject with the representatives of the other Brussels Treaty powers covered the two following points:

1. The military organization of the Brussels Treaty will be modified or superseded by the reorganization of NATO.

2. The Brussels Treaty has political as well as military sides. The change of the military aspects would have effects on the political aspects and it was agreed that the members should draw the attention of the Governments on these consequences.

The Representative of France pointed out that the Military Committee was already making a recommendation on this subject to the Defense Committee.

The Representative of Norway said that in view of the recommendations of the Standing Group now under consideration by the Military Committee and in view of the forthcoming recommendation of the Military Committee to the Defense Committee, it would be advisable to redraft the "Directive to the Defense Committee" issued by the North Atlantic Council on September 17, 1949. He suggested that a working party consisting of 4 or 5 members should be appointed to that effect.

The Representatives of France, Canada, Italy and U.S. agreed

The Chairman with the agreement of the meeting appointed such a working party consisting of a representative of the U.S. (Chairman), Canada, France and Norway.

The Chairman announced that the U.S. delegation would present to the committee a report on the "Trade between the Eastern and Western European countries". This report would be circulated before the next meeting of the Defense Committee.

The Committee decided to meet on Friday, 17th of November 1950 at 2:30 p.m.

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