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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

NATO VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMME 1960/61

Note by the Chairman

When the Council in January, 1957, decided to establish the Professorships Programme(1) for the academic years 1958/59 and 1959/60, it was with the understanding that if it proved successful it might be further developed.

2. In general, the results so far have been encouraging, and as stated at the Committee's meeting on the 29th May, 1959, the Secretariat would like to see the programme continued during the academic year 1960/61 in order to gain a broader basis of experience which would permit a more thorough evaluation.

3. At its meeting on the 11th/12th June 1959, the North Atlantic Studies Committee, while endorsing this view, suggested that the subject of the lectures should have a direct interest for NATO and contribute to a better knowledge of the Atlantic Community.

4. The programme for the university year 1960/61 should be continued along the same lines as heretofore, its objective being to contribute to a wider appreciation of the idea of an Atlantic Community among students likely to be appointed, in the future, to positions in which important political decisions have to be taken, or where they can exercise a major influence on public opinion.

5. In the light of the experience gained so far, certain modifications are suggested in this programme. These are reflected in the draft announcement which is attached at annex. Briefly described, the following adjustments have been made:

(a) In paragraph 2, which defines the fields of study of interest to NATO, cultural, linguistic and scientific problems are given a lesser priority, in order to meet the recommendation of the North Atlantic Studies Committee.

(b) In paragraph 11, the lecturing period has been extended to 20 weeks in order to meet the academic requirements of certain universities.

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(c) In paragraph 8, the words "more especially at the post-graduate level" have been omitted as our experience indicates that courses for undergraduates are equally rewarding from a NATO point of view.

(d) A new paragraph 10 has been added, stipulating that a report should be submitted to NATO upon termination of the visiting professorship.

(e) In paragraph 11, the grant has been adjusted to take account of the devaluation of the franc.

6. The Committee is invited to say whether it agrees to recommend that the Council:

- (a) approve the continuation of the visiting professorships programme in the academic year 1960/61;
- (b) approve in principle the financial implications of this scheme, subject to detailed review by the Budget Committee;
- (c) instruct the Budget Committee to include in the Headquarters Budgets for 1959 and 1960, the funds necessary to finance the scheme.

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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMME 1960/61

1. The North Atlantic Council established, for the academic years 1958/59 and 1959/60, a programme of Visiting Professorships, providing for a number of university professors to visit universities in countries other than their own for one term or semester. The programme will be continued during the academic year 1960/61.

2. NATO visiting professors will be asked to give courses of lectures or to undertake seminars or tutorial work in fields of study of direct interest to NATO and likely to reveal the common traditions and historical experience of the countries of the North Atlantic area, considered as a community, and give insight into its present needs and future development. The lectures should preferably deal with historical, political, constitutional, legal, social or economic problems and possibly those of a cultural, linguistic or scientific nature.

Number and Distribution of Awards

3. During the academic year 1960/61 ten awards will be allocated as follows:

- (a) The Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland and Portugal will each invite one professor from the United States;
- (b) Italy will invite one professor from Canada;
- (c) The United States will invite 4 professors, one from each of the following countries: Denmark, Greece, United Kingdom, and Norway;
- (d) Canada will invite two professors, one from France and one from the Netherlands.

Procedure

4. Each government, or an appropriate central committee designated therefor by the government, will select the university (ies) to be given the opportunity to invite a visiting professor from the country specified.

5. If the inviting university so desires, NATO will request the national authorities in the country from which the visitor is to come to suggest the names of professors eligible for a Visiting Professorship.

6. The university to whom the offer is extended shall submit to the national authority (or central committee) the name of its first choice of visitor, together with its second and third choice, bearing in mind the language requirements involved.

7. Governments will forward this information to the NATO Secretariat which, in turn, will ask the government in the visitor's country to secure provisional acceptance of the invitation, after which a formal approach shall be made direct to the visitor by the inviting university.

Obligations of visiting professors

8. The visiting professor will be asked to give courses of lectures or to undertake seminar or tutorial work, in fields of study of interest to NATO, as defined in paragraph 2 above.

9. It is important that the visitor's teaching programme should be related to the examination curriculum of a substantial body of students if his visit is to be utilised to the full. So far as possible, therefore, the teaching programmes of visiting professors should be integrated into the existing curriculum of the university where the professorship is held.

10. Upon termination of the Visiting Professorship a report shall be submitted to NATO.

Terms of awards

11. A visiting professor in France will receive from NATO a total grant of the equivalent of F.fr. 400,000 per month (4,000 "Heavy" French francs) expressed in the currency of the country in which the professorship is held. Grants will be for a period of 10 to 20 weeks. It is hoped that whenever possible universities will continue the salaries of professors during their absence from their regular posts.

12. In addition, NATO will cover the return fare from the visitor's place of residence to the inviting university (1st class by air or sea).

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