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NATO FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME: 1958/59

Report by the Chairman of the Committee on Information
and Cultural Relations

In 1955 the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations proposed, and the Council agreed, that NATO should launch a Fellowship and Scholarship Programme.

2. Accordingly, it was announced that the Organization would offer a number of Fellowships and Scholarships for the academic year 1956/57. NATO Fellowships were designed for scholars with established reputations, and Scholarships for young people who had graduated in recent years. In planning the Programme, the Committee had the advice of an Expert Working Group which met under the Chairmanship of Dr. H.J. Reinink of the Netherlands. The primary aim of the Programme was to foster research and study, leading to publications, which would give a more solid intellectual foundation to the Atlantic idea.

3. In June 1956, the Council approved a recommendation by the Committee on Information and Cultural Relations that the Programme should be continued in the academic year 1957/58. A Selection Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Canadian Permanent Representative, met in March this year to scrutinise applications and designate successful candidates. The awards were announced on 4th April 1957, the eighth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty.

4. Recently the Committee, with the advice of the same Expert Working Group, has been considering the scope of a Programme in 1958/59 and the refinements which should be introduced. The recommendations made by the Selection Committee (1), as endorsed by the Expert Working Group (2), have been examined, and other details of the Programme agreed.

5. Such changes as have been introduced are designed to increase the effectiveness of the Programme by seeking to attract more candidates, to select candidates more carefully, to channel research towards subjects of direct interest to NATO and to promote wider dissemination of studies prepared by the Fellows and Scholars. If this new scheme is to be a success, active participation by governments will again be required.

6. The Committee proposes that a total of 17 NATO awards should be offered for the academic year 1958/59, at an estimated cost of 21 million F. frs. This is the same sum allocated to the Programme in the current academic year.

(1) AC/52-D/233
(2) AC/52-D/244

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7. It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) agree that the sum of 21 million F. frs. should be allotted to the 1958/59 Fellowship and Scholarship Programme, and
- (b) instruct the Budget Committee to include in the 1958 NATO Headquarters Budget such part of this figure as may be necessary to finance the Programme in 1958, on the understanding that the balance will be carried on the 1959 budget.

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