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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE THREE-MAN COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE SIX WESTERN EUROPEAN POWERS NEGOTIATING A NUCLEAR ENERGY POOL ("EURATOM") WILL VISIT OTTAWA AND CHALK RIVER FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO 16.

THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE MESSRS. LOUIS ARMAND, FRANZ ETZEL AND FRANCESCO GIORDANI. M. ARMAND IS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FRENCH STATE RAILWAYS AND PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, HERR ETZEL IS SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH AUTHORITY OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, AND PROFESSOR GIORDANI IS PRESIDENT OF ITALY'S NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

"EURATOM" IS A NUCLEAR ENERGY POOL TO BE ESTABLISHED BY A TREATY, EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AMONG BELGIUM, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG AND THE NETHERLANDS. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TREATY ARE IN THEIR FINAL STAGES IN BRUSSELS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF M. SPAAK, FOREIGN MINISTER OF BELGIUM. THE NEGOTIATING GOVERNMENTS HAVE APPOINTED THE THREE-MAN COMMITTEE TO REPORT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY "ON THE AMOUNTS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WHICH CAN BE PRODUCED IN THE SIX COUNTRIES DURING THE NEXT YEARS, AND ON THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO THAT END".

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHO ARE VISITING THE UNITED STATES AT PRESENT, WILL ARRIVE AT UPLANDS AIRPORT, OTTAWA, WITH THEIR STAFF FROM NEW YORK DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 14. THEY WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT A LUNCHEON AT WHICH MR C. D. HOWE WILL ACT AS HOST ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND WILL SPEND THE AFTERNOON IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IN THE EVENING THEY WILL PROCEED BY TRAIN TO CHALK RIVER, WHERE THEY WILL SPEND FEBRUARY 15 VISITING THE CANADIAN ATOMIC ENERGY ESTABLISHMENT AND CONFERRING WITH CANADIAN SCIENTISTS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER.

ON FEBRUARY 16 THE PARTY WILL RETURN TO OTTAWA, LEAVING IN THE AFTERNOON FOR MONTREAL TO FLY THAT EVENING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.