

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE - COUNCIL OF EUROPE

DIRECTION DE L'INFORMATION — DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION



COE006709

IP/1009
PL/MG
17/10/56

INAUGURATION OF THE EUROPEAN MEMORIAL WINDOW

The European memorial window in Strasbourg Cathedral will be inaugurated on Sunday, 21st October, between 10.45 a.m. and 12 noon.

The ceremony in the Cathedral will be partly secular and partly religious. It will not be a Mass, the Chapter having agreed to change the hours of Sunday services.

The Cathedral will be open to all, except for the space reserved for distinguished visitors, and we are sure that many Strasbourg people will wish to attend this memorable event in the life of their city. It will be both an important landmark in the work of restoration of the Cathedral and a historical reminder of the efforts towards European union made at Strasbourg and of the first Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, the late Jacques-Camille Paris.

The Committee which launched the European Fund, headed by its Chairman M. Paul van Zeeland, former Prime Minister of Belgium, will take its place in the Choir, opposite the French Secretary of State for Fine Arts, M. Jacques Bordeneuve, and the Board which assisted him in making the final selection. The designer, M. Max Ingrand, will also be present.

In the nave will be Mme. Jacques-Camille Paris and her family, the local and regional government officials, headed by the Prefect, M. Henri-Marie Trémeaud; and behind them the representatives of the Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe, the Permanent Representatives to the Council and the members of the Consultative Assembly, headed by the Bureau. On the opposite side of the nave, headed by M. René Mayer, President of the High Authority of E.C.S.C., will be the members of the High Authority, of the Special Council of Ministers of the Parliamentary Assembly and of the Court of Justice of the European Coal and Steel Community.