



Herr Franz Etzel (left), of Germany, and Professor Francesco Giordani (centre), of Italy, who have been visiting Britain to discuss cooperation in atomic energy production, photographed during a Press conference in London yesterday. On the right is Mr. M. Kohnstamm, of the Netherlands, the secretary of the Euratom Committee.

how atomic power can meet Europe's future energy needs.

While in Britain they have had talks with the Minister of Power, the Atomic Energy Authority, the Central Electricity Authority, and British industries concerned in nuclear power projects. Their target is to instal within 10 years nuclear power plant with a generating capacity of 15 million kilowatts; this would be equivalent to about 50 of the first nuclear power stations of the British Central Electricity Authority.

ON DIFFERENT LINES

At the Press conference, which M. Armand was not able to attend, Professor Giordani, asked if they had decided on British or American types of reactors, said that the committee were asked to report, not to decide. "We are very much impressed by the achievements here by the technique you have adopted," he said.

He said that there had been complete offers of assistance from Britain and the United States but the two countries were working on different lines. "I am not in a position to make any exact statement on comparative merits," he said.

Speaking of British cooperation with Euratom, Herr Etzel said that they hoped that in some way or other Britain would be connected with Euratom exactly as in the case of the common market. If there were no form of cooperation in the United Kingdom's position would not be so favourable. They hoped cooperation would be forthcoming; their visit here gave "a favourable indication in that direction." He pointed out that Britain had signed a treaty of association with the European Coal and Steel Community, and something similar might be possible concerning Euratom.

EXCHANGE OF STAFF

Problems might be similar from the commercial point of view to those in a free trade market. British-built reactors might be supplied to the Euratom countries just as supplies would be exchanged between those countries. A vast exchange of skilled and trained staff and research was possible, but, he said, "I cannot say anything final at the present time."

Professor Giordani said that both Britain and the United States were to provide technical and economic experts to assist the committee in preparing their report, which might be completed by the end of the month and would be published.

In a formal statement issued by the committee yesterday they said that they were sure their visit to Britain had prepared the ground for fruitful cooperation in the future between Euratom and the United Kingdom.

A joint communiqué issued by the Atomic Energy Authority and the Euratom committee said that the British Authority had declared their readiness to facilitate contacts between British firms and those in Euratom countries interested in the building of nuclear reactors. They also said they were willing to assist in training scientists and engineers.

REPORT ON ITALIAN SOCIALIST MOVES

FROM OUR LABOR CORRESPONDENT

Cumberland and Kent areas abstained. The result of the ballot should be known by the middle of the month.

The proposed agreement with the board would abolish the bonus shift system from June 1 on condition that the union worked for better output and attendance, fewer strikes, and the acceptance of foreign labour where British recruits are not available. It was this last condition that led to dissension at yesterday's conference. Men at many pits are resisting the introduction of Hungarians. There are about 3,900 Hungarians in Britain who could enter the industry and some 500 have been accepted tentatively at the pits.

COMMON MARKET CRITIC WARNS "IDEALISTS"

FEAR OF LOWER LIVING STANDARDS

The fear that British standards of living might be lowered as a result of unrestricted competition in a tariff-free Europe was expressed last night by the Master Cutler, Sir Peter Roberts, Conservative-Liberal M.P. for the Heeley division of Sheffield.

He said at a dinner of chartered accountants in Sheffield that the main bodies of both sides of industry had accepted participation in the common market scheme in principle, but subject to very definite safeguards. It seemed now that the acceptance was taken for granted and little was heard of the proposed safeguards so far as industry was concerned.

"We must think again before we allow ourselves to be tied up too tightly with the Messina countries," he said. "It may be argued that the opponents of the common market and the European free trade area are short-sighted. Is it short-sighted to boggle at proposals which may bring unemployment, misery, and sadly reduced standards to our own people?"

"Will the starry-eyed idealists who support the plan be prepared to change their jobs, to accept lower wages, to eat less, have fewer cars, and drop to the standards of the Continentals in order to be able to compete successfully with them within a tariff-free area?"

B.B.C. PROGRAMMES FOR THE WEEKEND

TO-DAY

HOME

330m. and 93.5Mc/s.

6.25 a.m., Market Report for Farmers. 6.30, News. 6.33, Theatre Organ. 6.55, Weather. 7, News. 7.10, Programme Parade. 7.15, Orchestra. 7.50, Religious Talk. 7.55, Weather. 8, News. 8.10, Programme Parade. 8.15, Good Health. 8.20, Record Roundabout. 8.50, Beethoven Sonata (Lipin, Bowman, piano). 9.20, Music of Edward German. 9.50, Ghana. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Music While You Work. 11, Music and Song. 11.30, Orchestra. 12, Listen to the Band. 12.25, Have a Go! 12.55, Weather. 1, News. 1.10, The Saturday Show. 12.5, Giordani's

our position. There must be real Government saving less expenditure than was collected in tax. Industry must increase production with increasing cost. We should not be frightened by the word "automation," which should be demanded by all workers.

"We are taking a long time to realize that we are perhaps the greatest debt country in the world—certainly we are among the great debtor countries—and that debtors have no certainty of financial position or future.

RUSSIAN COMPETITION

"We have, on the other hand, always a many challenge, to the surprise of friends and critics alike and of ourselves. And now I believe, we have a real challenge before us—and at the same time, as I see it, a new opportunity in the proposed European free trade area. Here is a real chance of which I am sure that we can make more than anyone."

Mr. James Crawford, labour relations member of the National Coal Board, said "Russia is fast becoming a dangerous competitor of those European countries which live by their industries. I am certain that the Soviet Union is deliberately out to subsidize the expansion of its export trade in order to further its political ambitions and to consolidate and extend its influence over other parts of the world."

£4,500 FRAUD ON BANKS ALLEGED

DEALER AND CLERK CHARGED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NOTTINGHAM, MARCH 1

It was alleged at Nottingham Magistrate Court to-day that a London dealer was involved with a bank clerk in fraudulent obtaining £4,500 from banks in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Nottingham and that he said to a detective: "If you tell the bank to drop the charges against me I will tell them where the cash is hidden otherwise you will never find it."

The two men were remanded in custody for a week on fraud charges.

Opposing bail for William Charles Wilcox, aged 36, bank clerk, of Dales Drive, Middlesex, Detective-inspector I Syles said that the prosecution would be bringing evidence to show that Wilcox used his professional knowledge to effect the frauds. None of the money had yet been recovered and there were further alleged offences—most of them committed in matters of three days along with confederate.

Wilcox was refused bail but was granted legal aid after the Court had been told by his solicitor that during the police inquiries his assets had been frozen.

The other man, Henry Schultz, aged 47, dealer, of Queensborough Terrace, London was on a similar charge.

RECORDER ROBELESS AFTER CAR THEFT

Mr. Melford Stevenson, O.C., Recorder of Cambridge, had to sit without wig and robes at the city quarter sessions yesterday after his car had been stolen in London on Thursday night.

The car, which vanished from a parking place in Floral Street, Covent Garden, W.C., was found abandoned near the spot. On the road beside it were the wig and gown, but a briefcase and documents it contained, were missing.

TO-MORROW

HOME

330m. and 93.5Mc/s.

7.30, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8, News. 8.10, Programme Parade. 8.18, Morning Melody. 8.55, Weather. 9, Bird Song of the Month. 9.10, Organ Recital. 9.30, Sung Eucharist from the Chapel of Keble College, Oxford. 10.30, "The Desert and the Green." Lord Lytton's reminiscences. 4—The Baraza of Capital Trousters. 10.50, Music Magazine. 11.40, Records. 12.10, Wiedersehen in Deutschland. 12.25, From Our Own Correspondent. 12.55, Weather. 1, News. 1.10, Country Town. Ross on Wye, Herefordshire. 1.40, Opera at Home. 2, Home Grown. 2.30