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Organisation of a "Europe Day"

Request for an opinion
Committee of Ministers

Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Consultative Assembly dated 4th April, 1955

Monsieur le Président,

The Committee of Ministers, in its Resolution (54) 7 on multilateral cultural co-operation, which appears as Appendix II of its Special Message of 20th May, 1954, transmitting to the Consultative Assembly the Programme of Work of the Council of Europe, recommends that Member-Governments should organise a " Europe Day " in their respective countries.

M. R. Coudenhove-Kalergi, President of the Pan-European Union, in a letter of 15th December, 1954 to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, informed him that the VIth Pan-European Congress, meeting at Baden-Baden on 1st November, 1954, had proposed, in its Resolution IV, which was adopted unanimously, the idea of fixing 21st March, " the first clay of spring, symbol of a new and shining era ", as the date for " Europe Day ".

At M. Coudenhove-Kalergi's request, this proposal was considered by the Committee of Ministers. The latter, before expressing its views, decided to submit the question to the Consultative Assembly for its opinion.

I should be grateful if .you would be so good as to add this item to the draft Agenda of the forthcoming Session of the Assembly.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Signed : A. H. LINCOLN.

Deputy Secretary- General.