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Founding of a European Prize by a Hambourg family under the auspices of the F.V.S. Foundation

Motion for a resolution
Committee on Culture, Science and Education
Mr Fritz ERLER, Germany

A. Draft Resolution[1]

The Assembly,

Having considered the Statute of the European Prize founded by a Hamburg family, under the auspices of the F. V. S. Foundation, which is to be awarded for an outstandingwork in science, literature, administration or journalism likely to promote Kuropean unify ;

Considering that it has been proposed that the Consultative Assembly should associate itself with the award of the Prize,

Expresses its warm thanks to the donor and promoters of the Prize,

Accepts the proposal that the Consultative Assembly should participate in the award of the Prize.

1. Adopted on behalf of the Assembly by the Standing Committee on 9th July, 1955 (Resolution 74).

B. Explanatory Memorandum (presented by M. ERLER, Rapporteur)

1. The Assembly has recommended on several occasions that the Council of Europe should found a prize.

2. M. Alfred Töpfer, a Hamburg business man, was born on 13th July, 1894, and lives at No. 6 Fèrdinandstrasse. He has stated his intention of founding a Prize of 10,000 DM to. be awarded annually for the greatest achievement in science, politics or indeed, oratory likely to promote the unity of Europe as a whole.

3. M. Töpfer has founded four cultural prizes which are awarded in Germany each year, specifically :

The Hanseatic Goethe Prize worth 10,000 DM per annum ;

The Fritz Schumacher Prize worth 10,000 DM per annum ;

The Justus von Liebig Prize worth 10,000 DM per annum ;

4. The Freiherr von Stein Prize worth 25,000 DM per annum.

5. He has also contributed towards the founding of scholarships and university institutes as well as towards the organisation of scientific congresses. In recognition of this he was first made an honorary member of the University on 10th November, 1942, and later, on 13th July, 1954, " Conseiller honoraire " .

6. M. Töpfer expressed the wish that the Consultative Assembly should participate in the award of the new prize, in accordance with the terms of the Statute appended.

7. The Bureau of the Assembly, at its meeting of 17th June, 1955, referred M. Töpfer's proposal to the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions which, at its meeting of 7th July, unanimously adopted the foregoingdraft Resolution.

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