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### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Time: Tuesday, November 25, 6 p.m. (Social session, 5:30 p.m.)

Place: Commodore, 24th and Dodge Streets

Guest Speaker: Mr. Peter W. Unwin, Director of Economic and Political Affairs Division, British Informations Services, New York.

Issue: "Britain and Europe"

While some people thought that with the stepping down of DeGaulle things would smooth out in Europe--from the United States viewpoint, such has not been the case. And our guest, Mr. Unwin, will be able to explain to us, in an exceedingly candid fashion, I am told, just why.

In recent days, for example, significant opinion is appearing in Great Britain advocating that the nation stop trying to enter the Common Market. Further, Foreign Minister Michael Stewart has endorsed the holding of a "European security conference," meaning not only among the NATO allies, but in conjunction with all members of the Warsaw Treaty Organization as well. He said, "It is clearly not enough for this country or any of the other members of NATO to hide behind a shield without any imaginative attempt to move the world forward...."

Great Britain has already, at the Reykjavik Conference, indicated a readiness to discuss with the Soviet Union and her allies the possibility of mutual force reductions in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Unwin will also be prepared to discuss the potential impact on the British economy of the SDR's ("paper gold") scheduled to be introduced in the international monetary system early in 1970.

If you plan to join us Tuesday, please return the enclosed card promptly. Because of our obligations to the Commodore, it will be necessary to charge members making reservations but not honoring them. I can change reservations up to Monday evening. My phones are 348-2836, 553-4506. The tab is the usual \$5.00. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

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Looking ahead, you may wish to mark your calendar tentatively for Dec. 9. We are corresponding with U. S. Ambassador to Ivory Coast, George A. Morgan, for that date. Ambassador Morgan has had other highly interesting assignments in his career. Other future possible guests include Roger Hilsman and the Ambassador from Iran. I would appreciate hearing from members on any persons they know are coming through Omaha, or could come to Omaha, to speak to the Committee.

*Ken Wise*