

Position of the political groups in mid-September 1953

Caption: In 1953, three political groups are formed in the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community: the Christian-Democratic Group, the Socialist Group and the Liberal Group.

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Three political groups have been set up pursuant to Rule 35a of the Common Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

These are:

- (1) the Christian Democrat Group, which currently has 17 members;
- (2) the Socialist Group, which has 19 members;
- (3) the Liberal and Allies Group, which has 10 members.

New members will be joining all the groups.

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In its Resolution No 2 of 16 June, the Assembly ruled that appropriations entered in the budget would be made available only to the groups as a whole and that no payments would be made to members individually.

Some group chairmen would have liked the amounts payable to their group to be paid into their personal account or into an account available to a colleague or fellow-member.

The Secretariat felt unable to accommodate that request and asked the group chairmen to have an account opened in their organisation's name at a financial institution of their choice.

To date, only the Socialist Group has completed that formality. Consequently, it has received an initial instalment of the sum due to it to the order of FRF 345 000.

Under Rule 33a, groups with at least nine members must notify the President of the Assembly in a statement of formation specifying the name of the group and including its members' signatures and a list of the members of its bureau.

The statements submitted by the three groups were not in order. To date, only the Socialist Group has rectified the situation. The representatives of the other groups have undertaken to do likewise.