

Position of the British Committee of the ELEC on the Schuman Plan (22 May 1950)

Caption: On 22 May 1950, in the British daily newspaper The Times, the British Committee of the European League for Economic Cooperation (ELEC) launches an appeal for the United Kingdom's active involvement in the implementation of the Schuman Plan.

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M. Schuman's plan

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,— M. Schuman's proposals to create a European steel and coal organization as one of the foundations of a new Europe may prove to be as momentous as General Marshall's offer at Harvard. The French Government has taken a courageous and statesmanlike initiative, the main purpose of which is to prevent the recurrence of war. It is not enough to applaud it. We must take our full share in working out the Schuman plan. Its political and economic implications are of great importance to this country, but the details remain to be worked out. It is, therefore, very much in British interests that we should take an active part in its elaboration from the beginning. Britain should show plainly that she means to take her full share in the building of peace in Europe and in the solution of our common economic and social problems by responding at once to M. Schuman's invitation. The security and economic progress of Europe can only be achieved if Britain, France, and Germany work together on the task. M. Schuman has shown how a beginning can be made. We cannot turn our back on Europe at this critical moment.

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