

'UK urged to support MLF' from The Guardian (23 October 1964)

Caption: On 23 October 1964, the British daily newspaper The Guardian comments on a resolution adopted the previous day by the Committee on Defence Questions and Armaments of Western European Union (WEU), which urges France and the United Kingdom to support the creation of a multilateral force (MLF).

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The defence and armaments committee of the Western European Union (the Common Market countries and Britain) yesterday adopted a resolution urging Britain and France to support the mixed-manned force of surface vessels armed with Polaris missiles.

It is suggested by officials of WEU that the parliamentary assembly of that organisation, which meets in Paris on December 1 for a four-day conference, will certainly adopt the resolution. This requests the Council of Ministers of the organisation to urge all its member Governments to support and participate in the force.

Germans active

The Germans must have been active on this particular committee because theirs is the only European country really keen on the MLF. France is deeply opposed to the project, Italy may join if Britain joins, and Holland and Belgium show little enthusiasm.

There is an increasing risk that President de Gaulle will withdraw from WEU and other international or European organisations undertaking commitments to which he is bitterly opposed.