

FOREWORD

Although the United States has explored many avenues to peace since the Second World War, including the United Nations and various other international organizations, it continues to regard cooperation among the Atlantic states as the core of democratic strength in the world. President Kennedy, in his July 4, 1962, address, called the Atlantic group “a nucleus for the eventual union of all free men.”

Today voices are raised to argue that there is greater need and greater opportunity than ever before to build a stronger “Atlantic Community,” not only as a bulwark against aggression but as an aid to positive development and progress. Yet the Atlantic states find their present common endeavors, particularly those associated with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, weakened by confusion and dissension.

The present volume examines the question of whether cooperative relations among the Atlantic nations should be developed further and, if so, for what ends and by what means. The analysis is organized as a symposium with chapters contributed by leading specialists drawn from Europe as well as the United States. The earlier chapters reflect on the present and future development of the Atlantic Community in relation to the interests of various countries: the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, the communist states, the neutrals, and the emerging countries. Subsequent chapters deal with functional aspects of the Community—economic, strategic, and political—and with its relations with the European Community and the United Nations.

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The editors believe this volume is a timely and important one.* Certainly, in the light of the revolutionary changes that have taken place since World War II, it deals with a subject of vital importance. We hope it will contribute in some small measure to a better public understanding of the Atlantic Community—its progress and its prospects for the future.

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