

Wallace Sees NATO and Market Aides

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BRUSSELS, Oct. 16—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, completed two days of talks with Belgian, Common Market and North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials here today before flying for Rome on the third leg of his journey, which also includes Britain, West Germany and France.

At NATO he spoke with Secretary General Joseph M. A. H. Luns, saying later that he agreed with Mr. Luns on the need for a strong NATO alliance. He also got a briefing on defense problems from Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., supreme allied commander. General Haig said later that the Governor supported keeping alliance troop levels high enough to meet the potential Warsaw Pact threat.

The Governor talked at Common Market headquarters with a group of officials led by Albert Borschette of Luxembourg, a member of the group's 13-man executive commission. Discussions covered recent trade problems between the United States and Europe and energy.

Mr. Wallace told the officials of American worries about imports of cheap cars and said it was important for Western nations to cooperate on oil. On leaving, the Governor commented that having economic wars over chickens, wine and cheese was better than shooting wars. "You get over them a lot quicker," he said.

Mr. Wallace, wearing a green business suit, traveled around Brussels in a small motorcade with a large escort of Alabama

policemen and Secret Service agents.

Although his visit was not official, he was accompanied on his rounds by the United States Ambassadors to Belgium, NATO and the Common Market and was the guest of honor at a dinner given last night by Leonard K. Firestone, the United States Ambassador to Belgium.

While Mr. Wallace has gotten heavy coverage from the American press, especially television, the European press has so far showed scant interest.

The sole comment from the Belgian press on him today was from the Socialist daily *Le Peuple*, which said: "We are told there is a new Wallace with a statesmanlike character. We would like to believe it since he is at the heart of the contradictions in America."