

# European Community NEWS

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## EC LEADERS TO HOLD PARIS SUMMIT MEETING

The Summit meeting of European Community Heads of State or Government will be held in Paris December 9-10. The agenda will focus on economic, financial, and monetary questions, political cooperation, and on EC energy, regional, and social policies. The last Summit was held in Copenhagen during December 1973.

## SOAMES IN WASHINGTON FOR EC-US CONSULTATIONS

Energy, agriculture, multilateral trade negotiations, and relations with third countries highlighted talks at the semi-annual high-level EC-US consultations held in Washington December 5-6. Commission Vice President Christopher Soames headed the EC delegation of Commission officials which met with the US team led by Deputy Secretary of State, Robert S. Ingersoll. Soames was also scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, US Treasury Secretary William L. Simon, and members of Congress. The last round of talks was held in Brussels last June.

## MOVE TO ACTIVATE EC ENERGY POLICY

Guidelines for getting the European Community's new energy policy strategy underway were proposed to the Council of Ministers by the Commission November 27. They set precise targets for diversifying supplies and reducing demand by 1985 by:

dropping annual energy consumption growth from 5 per cent to 3.5 per cent, reducing EC dependence on imported oil supplies from 63 per cent to 45 per cent; bolstering nuclear energy production to meet half of EC electricity needs, and maintaining and stabilizing coal production.

Presenting the proposals to the press November 27, Commission Vice President Henri Simonet said: "By offering tangible evidence of her political commitment, Europe's credibility will be strengthened vis-a-vis both the producers and other consumer countries."

The proposed guidelines will be discussed first at the December 9-10 EC Summit meeting in Paris, then by the Council on December 17.

## EC LAW LABYRINTH TO BE CLEARED OUT

European Community citizens, businesses, and organizations will be getting better information and understanding of Community laws, according to a resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers November 26. The Council instructed the Commission to submit detailed proposals for consolidation of frequently amended regulations and directives. The Council also agreed on measures to speed up the work and decongest the European Court. In another resolution, the Council called for setting up a project to computerize EC legal documents and increasing cooperation between national legal documentation centers.

## EUROPEAN COURT JUSTICE NAMED IRELAND'S PRESIDENT

Cearbhall O'Dalaigh became Ireland's new President November 29. O'Dalaigh was chosen by the Irish Government to succeed Erskine H. Childers who died on November 17. O'Dalaigh had been serving as President of the First Chamber of the European Communities' Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Born February 12, 1911, he was graduated from University College Dublin in 1931. He became a barrister in 1934 and served as Ireland's Attorney General from 1946 to 1948 and again in 1951-53. O'Dalaigh became a judge of the Irish Supreme Court in 1953 and was appointed Chief Justice in 1961.

On becoming President he said: "I went to Luxembourg because I was an Irishman; and am returning to Ireland because I am a European." He pledged his continued efforts toward helping to build the European Community.

## EC AGRICULTURE EXPERT ADDRESSES US FARM EDITORS

The director of International Agricultural Affairs in the EC Commission Pierre Malve addressed the American Agricultural Editors Association at a December 4 luncheon in Chicago. Malve, special envoy of EC Agriculture Commissioner Petrus Lardinois, spoke on EC-US relations in the agricultural field,

the world food market crisis, problems of hunger, and the need to develop new types of international cooperation. The luncheon was sponsored by the National Soybean Processors Association.

## CALL FOR BROADER EC-PORTUGAL TIES

Talking to Commission representatives in Lisbon, November 25-26, Portuguese officials reiterated their hope that future ties between Portugal and the European Community will go beyond the current preferential trade agreement to include financial cooperation and new trade arrangements. The officials were members of the EC-Portugal joint committee which oversees execution of the current trade accord which went into effect January 1.

## RESOLUTION FOR EC TO JOIN ENERGY AGENCY

The European Community should join the International Energy Agency, the European Parliament's Energy, Research, and Technology Committee said in a draft resolution adopted last month. All EC member states, except France, joined the Agency which was set up November 15. The committee stated that the Commission could act as the EC spokesman without compromising the rights of the member states which ratified the agency's oil sharing agreement.

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