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## COMMISSION REFUTES US DUMPING CHARGES

The US Treasury's charges that European automobiles are being sold on the US market at prices lower than those on home markets is a growing cause of concern to the European Community, an EC spokesman said September 9 in Brussels. Imports to the United States of automobiles manufactured in EC countries are reasonably priced, the Commission feels, and are neither causing nor threatening to cause material injury to the US automobile industry. In the Commission's view, the ongoing US investigations appear to violate the antidumping code of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), to which the United States is a party.

If the Treasury proves its claims, US-bound auto imports from the Community could be charged added import taxes. The Commission sees US action in this field as a "threat to a traditional and important Community market in the United States."

## COMMISSION SITS IN AT BANKING, UN MEETINGS

The Commission of the European Communities participated as an observer at two international gatherings held in the United States this month -- the meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund/International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, held in Washington, D.C. September 1-5, and the September 1-12 United Nations (UN) Seventh Special

Session of the General Assembly in New York. The "Nine" made no statement at the Washington meeting, but Mariano Rumor, President in office of the EC Council of Ministers, addressed the UN assembly on the Community's role in the creation of a "new world economic order."

## CHINESE AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

His Excellency Li Lien-pi will present his credentials as Chief of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Economic Community to EC officials September 15 in Brussels. Li Lien-pi currently serves as his country's ambassador to Belgium.

China's contacts with the European Community have been intensifying in recent years. China officially recognized the Community last May. All nine EC member states have granted diplomatic recognition to China -- Denmark was the first to do so, in 1950, and Ireland the last, in 1972.

## "FATHER OF MODERN IRELAND" DEAD AT 92

Eaamon de Valera, the "father of modern Ireland," died August 29 in a nursing home near Dublin at the age of 92. Born in New York City of an Irish mother and a Spanish father, de Valera spent his life fighting for Irish independence and promoting Irish nationalism. During his colorful political career, de Valera served as Taoiseach (Prime Minister) and Foreign Minister of Ireland. In the

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latter capacity he became a prominent figure in the League of Nations, serving as President of the Council in 1932 and President of the Assembly of the League in 1938. In 1959, de Valera was elected President of the Republic of Ireland as a member of the Fianna Fail party, which he founded. Re-elected in 1966, he served in that post until his retirement in 1973.

#### PRICES IN EC RISE 14.3 PER CENT IN YEAR

Consumer prices climbed 14.3 per cent in the European Community from July 1974 to July 1975, according to the latest figures of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Britain led the Community with a 26.2 per cent inflation rate for that period, followed closely by Italy with 24.4 per cent. On the other end of the scale, Germany registered a Community low of 6.2 per cent, substantially below Denmark, its nearest rival for low inflation, at 9.9 per cent. The total inflation rate for that period for all OECD countries -- which include the United States, Japan, Canada, and 12 other non-EC countries -- was 11.7 per cent.

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA TRIP FOR ORTOLI

Commission President Francois-Xavier Ortoli took a swing through Southeast Asia September 1-8 and paid official visits to the republics of Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines. During his visit, Ortoli met with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, Indonesia's President Suharto, and Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, as well as with members of their respective governments.

#### EC-GREECE COUNCIL GATHERS IN ATHENS

The EC-Greece Association Council held its first meeting in Athens, on July 28, since Greece's return to a democratic regime nearly a year ago. After reviewing the progress made in the re-activation of the association agreement -- signed 14 years ago but suspended during the 1967-74 military rule -- the Council focused on the harmonization of the agricultural policies of Greece and the Community, and the second financial protocol between the two. Greece's application for full Community membership is under study and the Commission, as required by the EC Treaties, will soon give its opinion on the application.

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