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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AT THE SUMMIT

WASHINGTON, DC, October 18 -- The European Community members' heads of state or government meet in Paris tomorrow for the first European "Summit" in three years. Also represented at the two-day meeting will be the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Ireland whose entry into the Community this January was prepared at the 1969 Hague Summit.

The topics to be discussed are: economic and monetary union; common social and regional policies, and the "democratization" of the Community through such means as direct elections of members to the European Parliament. Of particular concern to the world at large will be attempts to reach a Community position for the 1973 world trade negotiations, for international monetary reform talks, and for the projected Conference on European Security in Helsinki.

Political leaders of the Community member states and candidates will represent their respective national points of view, but members of the EC Commission will also attend to represent the "European" viewpoint.

The Summit will be held in the Hotel Majestic, site of the current Vietnam peace negotiations.