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'EUROPE 81'

New publication launched by EEC London Office

The London Office of the European Commission has just published the first issue of a new monthly magazine, Europe 81. Its Editor-in-Chief is George Scott, Head of the European Commission offices in the U.K. Mr Scott is an author and broadcaster and former editor of The Listener.

A copy of issue No 1 is enclosed.

Introducing the new magazine, George Scott says: "Eight years after our entry into the European Community, the question of Britain's membership is still one of political controversy. Knowledge and understanding of the Community are still inadequate. Too much argument is based on prejudice rather than fact.

"The magazine of the UK offices of the Commission has been restyled in an attempt to reach out to a wider readership than before. The basic aim of Europe 81 will be to spread information about Community decisions and policies, and to show their impact on the lives of the British people and those of other member countries."

The lead story in the first issue of Europe 81 is about the run-down in the British steel industry, focusing on the Shotton closure in North Wales and on how the European Coal and Steel Community has helped to soften the blow to redundant steel workers.

New Commission President, Luxemburger Gaston Thorn, at the start of his four year mandate, gives his views on what is wrong with the Community institutions. Other contributors are Lord George-Brown, Scottish MEP and political commentator Adam Fergusson, and the two British Commissioners, Christopher Tugendhat and Ivor Richard. A feature on "the big apple rumpus" looks at both sides of the Golden Delicious controversy and Dilys Powell in "A friend in Greece is a friend for life" contributes a personal assessment of the tenth EEC member state.

Europe 81 incorporates Euroforum as an eight-page insert providing authoritative news and commentaries from the Commission in Brussels. The new magazine is sent out free of charge to readers by the European Commission's London Office. Anyone on the mailing list of the two publications superseded by Europe 81, European Community and Euroforum, will get the new magazine automatically. New readers wishing to be added to the mailing list should apply to the above address.

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