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DENMARK VOTES "JA" TO COMMON MARKET
ENTRY

WASHINGTON, October 3 -- Sicco L. Mansholt, President of the European Communities Commission, expressed delight at Denmark's resounding approval of Common Market entry at a news conference in Brussels this morning.

By a vote of 1.9 million for and 1.1 million against, the Danish people approved the terms negotiated by the Government for entering the Common Market. The voter turnout was 89.8 per cent.

Mr. Mansholt said he hoped that Norway and Sweden would join sometime in the future. In a referendum last week, Norwegians voted to stay out of the Common Market. He also hoped Spain would join -- after becoming a democracy.

As a vehicle for democratic expression, the referendum is ill-suited for deciding so complex an issue as Common Market entry, Mr. Mansholt said. It is particularly ineffective if rumors and false charges are deliberately made, during the pre-referendum campaign, as was the case in Norway, he added.

He also said that renegotiation of the treaty by which the United Kingdom will join the Community was out of the question. Mr. Mansholt was referring to a British Labour Party promise to hold a referendum on Common Market entry and renegotiate the treaty, if returned to power.