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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON

Information on the activities of the ten-nation European Community is available in Washington from the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

The ten nation European Community (better known as the Common Market) is represented in the United States by the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

The ten member countries of the Community have a total population of 270 million and a gross domestic product of \$2400 billion. Together they are responsible for about a quarter of world trade, making the Community the world's largest trading power.

The Community is the United States' leading economic partner and a major political ally. It is the largest overseas market for US exports, taking \$41.7 billion worth in 1979. The US has had a significant trading surplus with the Community for many years. This surplus was over \$9 billion in 1979 and is expected to be even higher for 1980.

By joining the Community, Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have adopted common policies in trade, agriculture and antitrust. Policy in these areas is no longer decided on a national basis but through the Community's own institutions - the Commission, the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the Court of Justice.

Common policies have also been initiated on energy, the environment, development aid to the third world, transportation and other sectors. In 1979 the European Monetary System was established, linking the currencies of eight EC countries and setting up a joint reserve asset.

Two more countries, Spain and Portugal, are expected to join the Community in the 1980's.

More than 100 countries, including the United States, have recognized the Community by accrediting diplomatic representatives to Brussels. The Community is not recognized by the Soviet Union, but it has trade treaties with the People's Republic of China and Romania.

The Community's Delegation in Washington represents the Community's Brussels-based executive Commission in its dealings with the US Government. Its staff of European experts responsible for trade, agriculture, trade, nuclear supply, energy, development questions and science keep in touch with their American counterparts, reporting to Brussels on US developments and alerting the US to European progress in these fields.

Inquiries

The Delegation's Press and Information Section can provide information on all aspects of the European Community's activities including economic, trade, statistical and legal questions. A wide range of publications is also available. Its telephone number is 862 9500.

EUROPE Magazine

Published six times a year by the Delegation, EUROPE Magazine has a US circulation of 60,000. It features articles by journalists, experts and officials from both sides of the Atlantic on issues affecting the Community and US-European relations from economics and politics to cultural and social topics. It also contains regular reports from the EC member countries, as well as a news summary of EC current events and a bibliography of recent publications. Free copies of EUROPE are mailed to all congressional offices.

European Community News

News releases covering decisions and events in Brussels and other European capitals that affect the European Community are sent to all congressional offices.

EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE radio program

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In Washington, EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE can be heard on Sundays at 10AM on WGMS (570 AM, 103.5 FM) and on Thursdays at 7PM on WGTS (91.9 FM).

Library

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