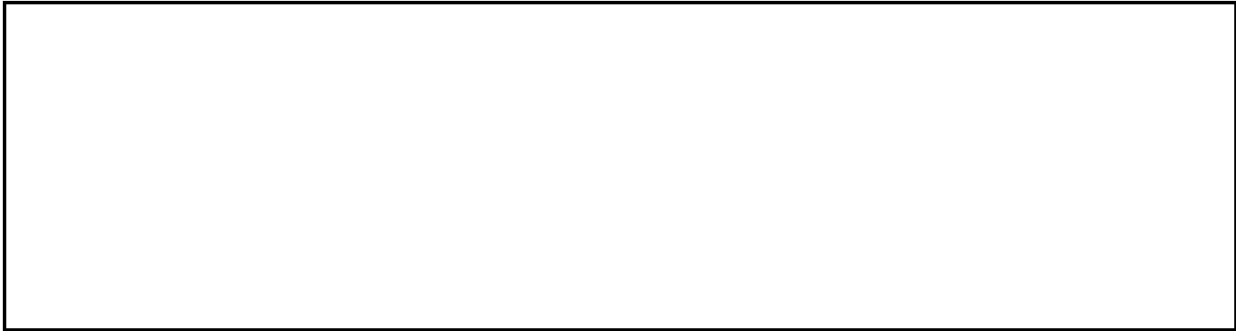


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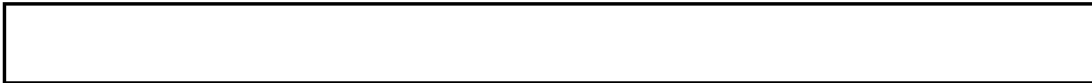
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UK's Two EC Commissioners Will Campaign for
Continued UK Membership in EC

Britain's two EC Commissioners plan to campaign actively in the UK for continued British membership in the community. Their tours of the UK during the coming months, while not the first occasion Commissioners have engaged in domestic politics, may nevertheless add a new note of controversy to the referendum campaign.

Both Christopher Soames and George Thomson have made it clear in the past that they regard it as their responsibility as Commissioners to keep their countrymen informed about the consequences of EC membership.

Although the British press is likely to approve their entry into the referendum campaign, the anti-marketeers probably will not. Thomson, in particular, may get a rough time from his former colleagues in the badly split Labor Party.

Soames is probably hoping that his projected speaking engagements will put him back in the public eye and allow him to test the waters for a possible future bid to lead the Conservative Party. He has already published a detailed rebuttal of the anti-EC arguments recently made by Labor anti-marketeer Tony Benn.

During the next few months Soames will concentrate his appeals on Conservative and Liberal audiences, while Thomson will address trade union and Labor Party meetings. Both men will presumably seek to show that Britain cannot afford to withdraw from the EC and that UK membership does not involve an unacceptable loss of sovereignty.



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Cuban and West German officials will meet in Paris on January 7 to open negotiations on the establishment of diplomatic relations. The only question of substance to be settled in the talks is the Federal Republic's right to represent West Berlin abroad. A formula similar to the one Bonn uses with other Communist countries should remove this obstacle.

West Germany and Ireland are the only European countries that have not recognized the Castro regime. Bonn broke relations with Havana in January 1963 after the Cubans recognized East Germany.



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