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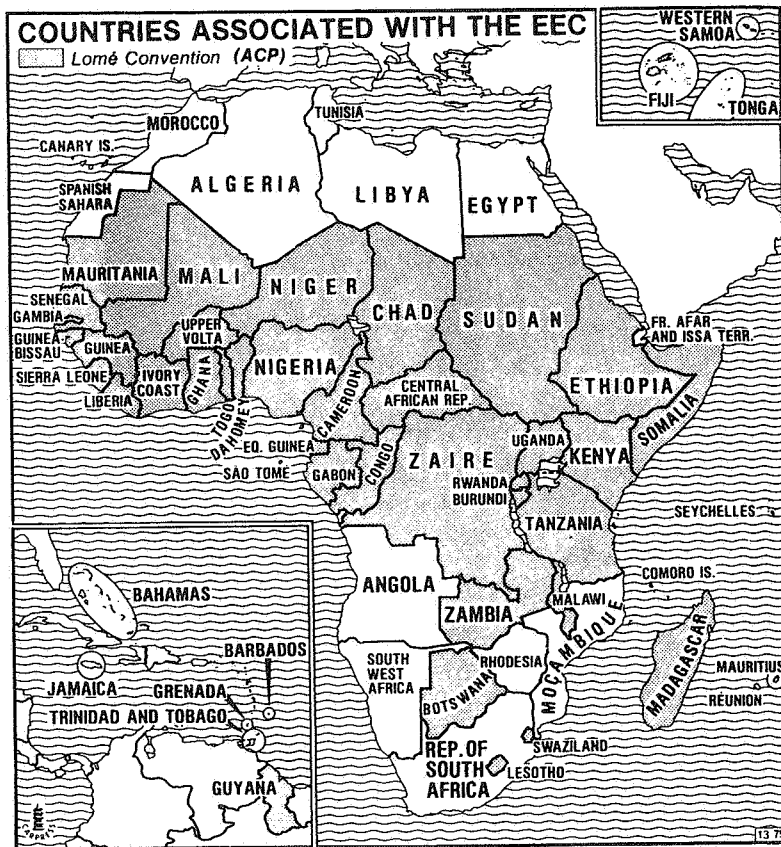
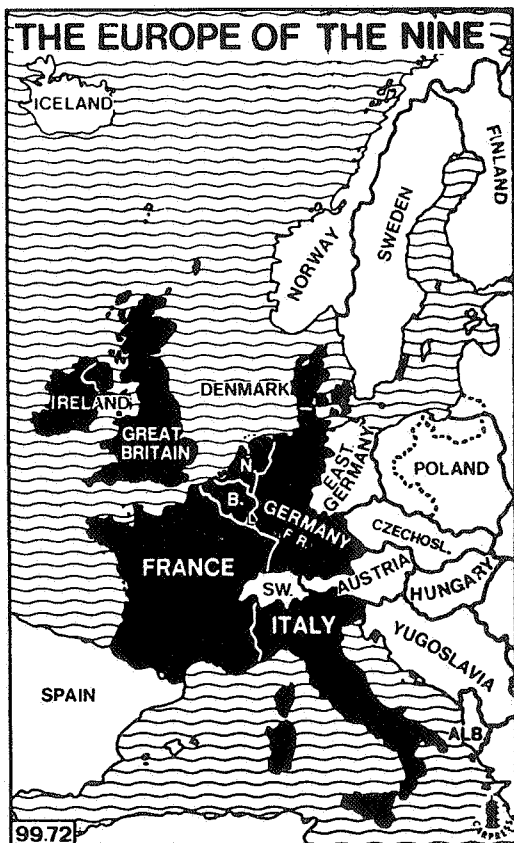
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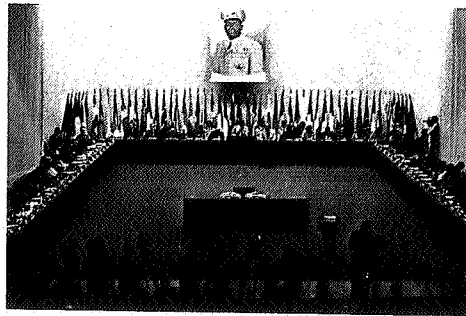
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Lomé — The new convention between the European Community and the 46 ACP countries was signed in this hall in the Togolese People's Building. The flags of the 55 partner countries made a solemn setting as journalists came from all over the world to cover the event. Outside, the town of Lomé, the people of Togo and a blazing sun gave a frenetic tropical welcome. The highly colourful spectacle witnessed in its own way to the capital importance of the occasion. **Pages 14 to 18**



Garret FitzGerald — Ireland had the privilege of presiding over the Council of Ministers of the Community when the Lomé agreement was finally settled. The chairman of the Council and Irish Foreign Minister described his feelings about this convention, considering that "Europe now has a very close relationship with these (ACP) countries, which should stand to the advantage both of Europe and these partners in the future." **Page 6**

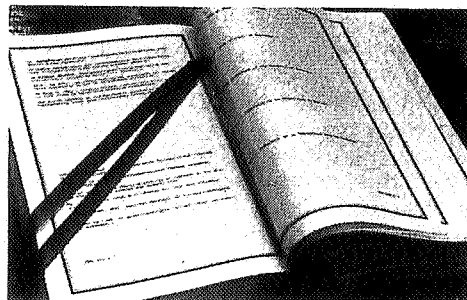
Babacar Ba — The Senegalese Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs was nominated chairman of the ACP Council of Ministers in July, 1973. Mr. Babacar Ba conducted the eighteen months of negotiations with efficiency and address, the more so for Senegal's having been a signatory to the first and second Yaoundé conventions. Considering the range of the Lomé agreement, he said: "For me, the new cooperation with Europe has something of a revolutionary character". **Page 6**



François-Xavier Ortoli — The Commission of the European Communities played a central part from the beginning in the Europe-ACP negotiations that produced the Lomé Convention, notably with the Deniau memorandum. Commission President François-Xavier Ortoli was naturally present at Lomé, and expressing his satisfaction during the signature ceremonies he gave credit to "the efforts and the talent of the negotiators from our different countries". He paid them a warm tribute in the name of the Commission, "a tribute to match the exception results that have been achieved". **Page 18**



The Convention — The official documents of the Lomé Convention signed in the Togolese capital will regulate economic relations between the Community and the ACP countries for the next five years. It has seven titles, the main ones being trade cooperation, export receipts from basic products, industrial cooperation, financial and technical cooperation and the institutions; ninety-four articles; seven protocols; a final act; and an agreement on European Coal and Steel Community products. **Cream pages**



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