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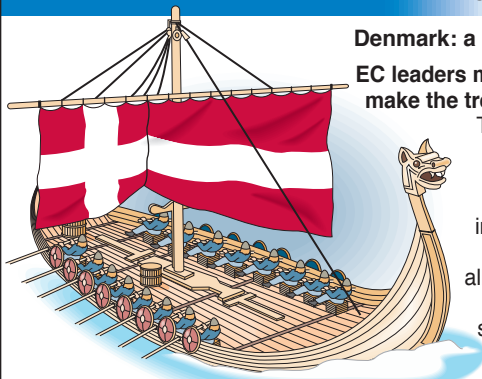
Agenda to resolve Maastricht deadlock

Jacques Delors has called for cooperation and solidarity amongst EC member states at the Edinburgh summit. Meanwhile John Major hopes that a successful resolution to the Danish question and securing a deal on the EC budget will rescue the British presidency from ending in failure

Denmark: a solution to Maastricht

EC leaders must attempt to find a way to make the treaty acceptable to Denmark.

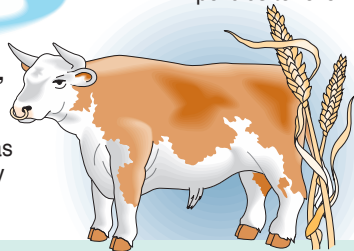
The Danes may feel the British suggestion of a summit declaration accepting their demands for opt-outs is insufficiently legally binding but if too many concessions are allowed the EC risks a *Europe à la carte* where each member state can pick or choose which policies to follow



Reaching a deal on GATT

EC ministers must try to pacify France, who refuses to accept the EC-U.S. agreement on farm export subsidies.

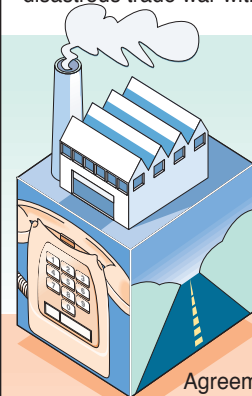
The agreement was reached last month as part of the Gatt deal, averting a potentially disastrous trade war with the U.S.



Agreeing the new EC budget

Near-universal recession has made richer states cautious about the Delors plan to increase spending by one third by 1999.

Britain's counterproposal to limit the increase is opposed by Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Greece who insist that promises of cash from the 'cohesion fund' should be met



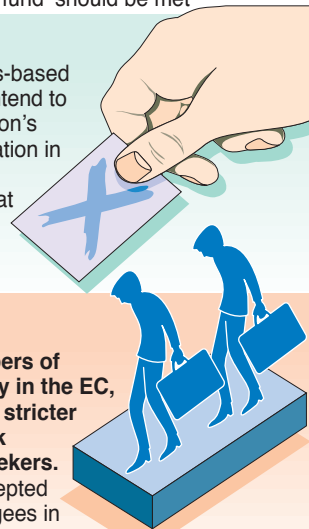
Economic growth

Little agreement is expected other than a guideline for action.

The Commission supports more spending on transport and telecommunications links between eastern and western Europe and closer cooperation between economic policies of individual member states

Defining 'subsidiarity'

To lessen fears of a Brussels-based bureaucracy, EC ministers intend to scrap much of the Commission's existing and proposed legislation in favour of allowing individual member states to decide what is most appropriate for their own citizens



New EC members

Agreement is expected that discussions on entry to the EC by Finland, Sweden, Austria – and possibly Norway – will start early in 1993, despite earlier insistence that these should not begin until a budget deal is in

Policy on immigration

With ever increasing numbers of refugees seeking sanctuary in the EC, ministers have agreed to a stricter immigration policy to crack down on bogus asylum-seekers.

Germany, who will have accepted 440,000 out of 500,000 refugees in 1992, is expected to ask other member states to share more of the burden

