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NOTE BY EDITOR

THE Treaty establishing the European Community was signed by representatives of Belgium, West Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands in Rome in 1957 and came into force on 1 January 1958.

We are half-way to 1970, the date when nearly all the common agricultural policy should be operating in full. But it is only recently that sufficient detailed information has been available to make possible studies of how the intentions of the Treaty are likely to be implemented in relation to agriculture.

It is hoped that this series, which will be continued in subsequent numbers of the *Journal*, will throw light on problems and possibilities within the European Economic Community, and will be of value to the present member countries, to those countries which are likely to join the Community, and to other countries throughout the world which are involved in, or are contemplating various regional common market agreements.

For the convenience of readers, the main articles on Agriculture of the Rome Treaty (unofficial English translation) are given in the following pages.

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