

taking account of these, the situation probably looked something like this :

	For	Against	Varying degrees of doubt	Totals
Conservative	217	37	71	325
Labour	54	170	65	289
Liberal	4	1	1	6
Independent	.	5	1	6
T O T A L S	275	213	138	626

8. By late June the situation had somewhat improved, particularly on the Labour side. The Labour Committee for Europe had taken courage and found 100 Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party prepared to sign an advertisement in the "Guardian" supporting membership of the EEC. No particular reliance could be placed on this support, however, as the Labour leadership was steadily moving against the Government on the issue. (Many of the 100 subsequently fell by the wayside, although others joined.) In any case, there remained a large block of doubters and opponents within the Government Party.

9. In the country, the public opinion polls indicated a massive three-to-one majority against the venture. This had been so since the beginning of the year. There had been some improvement after the Prime Minister's visit to Paris in May, but on 21 June the Opinion Research Centre (ORC - the poll used by both the British Council of the European Movement and the BBC) still

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