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INSIDE TODAY: Our Super September What's On Guide

THE LONGEST SEASON



● Record holiday season will mean that hotels will remain open much longer than usual.

● Some hoteliers say that the island is on course for a good winter after a great summer season.

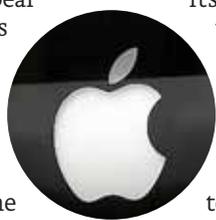
● It could be the best ever year for Balearic Tourism.
● See Full Report Inside Today.

European Union hits Apple with 13 billion euro Irish tax demand

London.—The European Commission ordered Apple Inc. to pay Ireland unpaid taxes of up to 13 billion euros (\$14.5 billion) yesterday as it ruled the firm had received illegal state aid.

Apple and Dublin said the U.S. company's tax treatment was in line with Irish

and European Union law and they would appeal the ruling, which is part of a drive against what the EU says are sweetheart tax deals that usually smaller states in the bloc offer multinational companies to lure jobs and



investment. The U.S. feels its firms are being targeted by the EU and a U.S. Treasury spokesperson warned the move threatens to undermine U.S. investment in Europe and "the important spirit of

economic partnership between the U.S. and the EU". Starbucks Corp has been ordered to pay up to 30 million euros (\$33 million) to the Dutch state, while Amazon.com Inc and McDonald's Corp are also under investigation by the Commission, the EU's executive arm. **See Inside**

Veterans mark WW2 Arctic Convoys

London.—World War Two veterans gathered in the Russian city of Arkhangelsk yesterday to mark 75 years since the first so-called Arctic Convoys carrying supplies from Allied forces arrived by sea at the northern Soviet port.

Britain's Princess Anne, accompanied by a group of British veterans, was among those attending events honouring those who sailed and protected the convoys to aid

the Soviet Union in the fight against Nazi Germany. Some of the cargo was delivered to the besieged city of Leningrad.

The first of the convoys was code named *Dervish*. Some 1,400 merchant vessels, accompanied by Royal Navy, U.S. Navy and Royal Canadian Navy ships, sailed to northern Soviet ports between August 1941 and May 1945. Dozens of the vessels were lost

