

Britain Sidesteps Announcement Of Plans To Join Common Market

GENEVA (AP) — Britain today sidestepped a definite announcement to its partners in the European Free Trade Association on whether it plans to join the booming rival Common Market, a source at the EFTA conference reported.

There was no other word on what Edward Heath, No. 2 man in the British Foreign Office, told Britain's trading partners but the atmosphere at the opening session of the conference was said to have been friendly. It was held in closely guarded secrecy.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is to outline the British position in the House of Commons Monday, and precautions have

been taken to prevent a leak beforehand.

After a cabinet meeting in London Thursday, Home Secretary R. A. Butler told the House of Commons the government had settled its policy toward the Common Market and would canvass conservative members for support.

It was generally understood Macmillan's government, despite opposition at home and from other commonwealth governments, is ready to link up with the Common Market if France permits certain concessions to commonwealth trade.

EFTA is composed of Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria and Portugal, and Finland is an associate member. The Common Market is made up of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Macmillan's government is ready to start toward completely free trade among the six nations and a common tariff barrier against the rest of the world.

Britain, which must export to live, is anxious not to be shut off from the 200 million potential

customers in the Common Market countries. At the same time she does not want to undermine the economies of the commonwealth countries, who fear their privileged trading position will be sacrificed.

French President Charles de Gaulle sees the Common Market as an opportunity to unite continental Western Europe politically under French leadership and is not anxious to share the reins with the British. At his urging, the six-nation group took a tentative step toward political association last week in a move interpreted as a deterrent to the British.

Shapely Beauties Vying For Crown

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Judges at the International Beauty Congress, dazzled all week by lovely faces and shapely figures, facing their toughest task tonight—picking the winner.

Besides the honor, the girl chosen as Miss International Beauty receives a \$10,000 cash prize.

For many of the 32 contestants, the final night of the annual beauty pageant will be an anticlimax. Thirty-seven of the girls, eliminated in Thursday night's semifinals, will view the proceedings from the sidelines.

The 15 semifinalists, still very much in the running, are:

Miss Brazil, Vera Marie Braun; Miss Canada, Edna MacVicar; Miss Ceylon, Kamala Athauda; Miss China, Dolly Ma; Miss Finland, Marja Ryona; Miss Germany, Renate Moller; Miss Holland, Stanny van Baer; Miss Iceland, Signur Ragnarsson; Miss Ireland, Irene Ruth Kane; Miss Israel, Dalia Lion; Miss Malaysia, Helen Tan Hong Leang; Miss Norway, Aase-Marie Schmedding; Miss Panama, Angela Alove; Miss Spain, Carmen Cervera; Miss Paraguay, Gladys Fernandez.

Uruguay's entrant, Monica Moor-Davie, 22, was voted the title of Miss Friendship.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Douglas Community Hospital
Admitted: Mrs. William Johnson, Floyd Von Schrititz, Mrs. Eliza Crabtree, Roseburg; Mrs. John Yarbrough, Myrtle Creek; Kenneth Stillwell, Judy Pond, Sutherlin.
Surgery: Mrs. Arthur Bates, Roseburg; Mrs. Hobbey Hopkins, Sutherlin.

Discharged
Darrell Munson, Gladys Williams, Clara Delaney, Mrs. James Hall, Roseburg; Floyd Attaway, Winston; John Yarbrough, Myrtle Creek; Patricia Good, Sutherlin.

Mercy Hospital
Admitted: Mrs. Robert Fuller, Roseburg; Carol Handyside, Portland.
Surgery: Mrs. Donald Andrews, Riddle; William Bennett, Sutherlin.

Discharged
Mrs. Glen Humbert and son, Michael Ray, Mrs. Forrest Guessing and daughter, Shelli Rae, Mrs. Charles Jacobs and son, Gary William.

County Is Popular Place For Oldsters

People with school-age children and those who have reached the age of retirement have found the general characteristics of Douglas County to be suited to their wants.

Or so it seems when one compares the population statistics compiled in a bulletin issued recently by the Oregon State Board of Census.

According to the bulletin, there has been a 5.1 per cent increase in population of those 18 years of age and under in the past 10 years. An 8 per cent increase was noted for the ages of 65 and over. On the other hand, a 6.7 decrease was recorded for those between the ages of 18 and 64. A similar increase and decrease was noted in other sections of Oregon.

These figures would seem to indicate that the general environment and school facilities are desirable in Douglas County and that more people in their "golden years" are moving to this locality. The decrease in the age group of 18-64 is probably not significant because it embraces a much larger age span in which many factors would be involved.

Blast Damages Two Negro Homes

ATLANTA (AP) — A dynamite blast damaged two Negro frame homes in southeast Atlanta Thursday night when three blocks from a section where blasts damaged a restaurant and an oil company office July 3 and 4.

Police said the charge exploded in an alleyway between two houses, smashing windows, ripping blanks from the sides of the houses and damaging part of a brick foundation.

Two persons were showered with broken plaster but no injuries were reported.

Joe Paul Strong, who lives in one of the houses, said the blast knocked him out of bed.

Stahr Says America Living In Wartime

HICKMAN Ky. (AP)—Secretary of the Army Elvis J. Stahr Jr., warning that "we in a very real sense are living in wartime," has outlined a National Guard program with both long- and short-range objectives.

Stahr was here to receive the honors of his home town on "Elvis Stahr Day."

"We all must be stronger, more effective and more combat ready than ever before," he said.

"We intend—and we are in dead earnest about this—to bring as many National Guard units as possible to a point where they are ready to be mobilized and deployed on a time schedule geared closely to that of the active forces."

Stahr made the remarks in an interview and in a speech prepared for delivery at a Governor's Day parade of Kentucky National Guardsmen. He did not make the speech because of a change in plans and threatening weather.

Stahr mentioned no numbers in talking of enlarging the guard, which now is authorized by Congress to have 400,000 men. But he said the program calls for some units to be brought to full strength and to be ready to go in three to five weeks should they be called to active duty. Other units will have to wait up to three months.

"The program will require gradual increases over the next three years," Stahr said. "It is not something we can do overnight."

Select House Group To Be Fair Feature

A traveling exhibit of pictures and plans of 28 award-winning houses will be on display throughout the Douglas County Fair and Exposition Aug. 24 through 27.

The displays, the American Institute of Architects and Sunset magazine western home awards, will point up the fair's theme, Western Home Living.

Spotlighting examples of the very best in modern residential design in the Far West, the award selection is a result of cooperation between the western districts of the AIA and Sunset magazine. The 28 distinguished award-winning houses were selected from hundreds of entries by a well-qualified jury of American architects.



INSTALLED AT RECENT RITES OF the Knights of Columbus lodge at St. Joseph's Catholic Center recently was this group of officers. They include (back row) Dr. Paul Flood, advocate; William Levassuer, inside guard; Ernest Clapperton, chancellor; Larry Williams, recording secretary; Robert Croon, outside guardian; Dale Clarke, financial secretary; Joseph White, warden; Paul Logan, treasurer; Robert Neveu, trustee. In the front row are Paul Bellendorf, trustee; Oscar Browlin, district deputy from Grants Pass; Robert Herbage, grand knight; Vincent Derig, past grand knight and trustee; and Father Eunan Buckley, state chaplain. Not present for the picture were Martin Hilgers, deputy grand knight, and Ray Martin, state deputy.

Kennedy To Hear Workers' Wives

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A meeting in Portland with Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy has been granted to a group of construction worker's wives seeking an end to the shutdown in the construction industry, a leader of the group said Thursday night.

The dispute, between the Hoisting and Portable Engineers Union and the Associated General Contractors, has brought to a halt most of the major construction in Southwest Washington and Oregon.

Mrs. Nadine Weinfurter, Salem, said the Saturday appointment with Kennedy was confirmed by

U. S. Attorney Sidney Lezak, Portland.

Mrs. Weinfurter and Mrs. May Watkins, Willamina, were in Eugene Thursday, where a central office for the wives' campaign was established earlier.

The women said the group would present petitions to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield at a meeting today in the governor's office.

A telephone contact point for women interested in signing the petitions to end the dispute was set up in Portland Thursday, at the trailer home of Mrs. Carmonetta Cox.

Mrs. Cox said she received a large number of calls Thursday, most of them sympathetic to the women's cause.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suit Filed

Marion A. vs. Letha M. Lane. Married at Roseburg Nov. 14, 1959. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks award of personal property listed, and defendant to have certain real and personal property, with joint property to be equitably distributed. Order of court restrains defendant from selling property claimed by plaintiff.

Elizabeth May Collier vs. Robert James Collier. Married at Roseburg April 8, 1950. Cruelty charged. Custody of five children and \$35 monthly support asked by plaintiff. Plaintiff asks award of real property at 545 Valley Ave. and furnishings and fixtures, with other personal property to go to defendant.

Hike In Welfare Aid Asked By Multnomah

SALEM (AP) — An immediate increase in state welfare aid was demanded Thursday by Multnomah County's commissioners and welfare board in a meeting with Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The governor in turn pledged to do all within the framework of his authority and the budget to help, but castigated the county for not having a federal surplus food distribution program underway.

Hatfield said he too desired that all persons in Oregon get 100 per cent of the U.S. Agriculture Department minimum food standard for health.

Cut Protested

The county commissioners and welfare board came protesting a state Welfare Commission order they said forced them to cut the diet for those on general assistance to 65 per cent of that federal standard.

Commissioner Jack Bain told Hatfield that Multnomah County's program was an emergency. The Rev. Rene Bozarth, county welfare commissioner, said it was a serious crisis and people were going hungry because of it.

Andrew Juras, state welfare administrator, said the 65 per cent diet applied only to the general assistance program.

General assistance represents 12 to 15 per cent of the total welfare program and is the only portion financed exclusively by the state and counties without federal participation.

Juras said the state commission told counties they could either cut to 65 per cent and get further aid if the load increased, or maintain present standards but be ineligible for any further aid above that standard for the month.

Twenty-two counties maintained higher standards, Juras said.

He said Multnomah was one of 14 that dropped to 65 per cent.

Priest, Hits Inequity

Father Barth, Gresham, an Episcopal priest, said this inequity between counties should be wiped out.

He said problems in Multnomah County — because of its metropolitan character — were more severe, food prices were higher

and fewer were able to have gardens.

Hatfield said a program of surplus food distribution was signed into law May 25 providing state aid, and the federal government has had the food available for two years.

He said while Multnomah County soon will have surplus food available it should have had it much sooner and this would have averted the present crisis.

Hatfield said he meets Friday for the first time with the so-called new state Welfare Commission, the first with a majority of his appointees, to review his policy set by the so-called old commission.

"I pledge you my fullest cooperation and my desire to see this problem alleviated," Hatfield said. "I cannot do more."

Bain said after the meeting that Hatfield had said "absolutely nothing."

Jackie Celebrates Her Birthday Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy plans to fly to Hyannis Port, Mass., today in time to help his wife celebrate her 32nd birthday.

The First Lady will have a late afternoon private celebration with her family.

Mrs. Kennedy has scheduled afternoon festivities, including a birthday cake, so that her daughter, Caroline, 3½, and young Kennedy cousins can share in the event.

But, according to word from the White House, the candles on the cake won't be lighted until the President arrives.

Mrs. Kennedy's birthday celebration will be at the Kennedy's traditional Cape Cod gathering place.

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