

European Nations Start Merging Into Powerful Economic Bloc

'Euratom' Also Becomes Effective In Six Countries

Paris (UPI)—The dream of generations of Europeans will come true today when six leading continental nations start merging into a powerful economic bloc.

The six common market nations are France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. Their customs union is officially called the European Economic Community (EEC). Simultaneously, there goes into effect the six nations' "Euratom" — a pool of their atomic resources for a peaceful production of nuclear energy.

The economic measures taken by the six nations on New Year's Day will be far from revolutionary: A 10 per cent cut in customs duties and quota free imports amounting to at least 3 per cent of national production in all industrial branches. But what is revolutionary is the political significance of the initial measures.

France, Germany and Italy, who have for centuries been fighting for supremacy and markets will start on the road of a cooperation which, with the three Benelux countries, will turn them into a single trading bloc over a period of 18 years.

United States of Europe

But the ultimate target of the authors of the six-nation treaty is far more ambitious. For them the common market is only a step, although a long one, to the merger of the member countries into a political community — a United States of Europe.

The solemn signing of the treaty in Rome in March 1957 was widely acclaimed as the beginning of one of the most successful bloodless revolutions in European history.

But today, 19 months later, the implementation of the treaty threatens to split Western Europe into two hostile trading camps.

Britain Asks Extension

The common market, Britain claims, is a "factor of division" in Europe because its common external tariff will make it hard for Britain and other Western countries to sell their goods to the community.

Britain demanded that the common market be extended to include all the 15 European members of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) to which the United States and Canada also belong.

The common market nations rejected the British "free trade zone" scheme last month after an 18 month negotiation.

They said Britain cannot receive preferential treatment on the continent as long as she refuses to give up her worldwide system of imperial preferences.

And France and West Germany especially feared that the free trade zone, from which political ideas are absent and which is strictly a trading plan, would kill all hopes of forming a political community in Europe.

Warn of Retaliation

The OEEC Council of Ministers will make a new, and possibly final, attempt at healing the dispute Jan. 15.

Britain has warned that she and other non-member nations would form their own customs union and take retaliatory measures against the common market countries if

Organic Molecules Show Evidence of Vegetation on Mars

Gainesville, Fla. — Evidence of vegetation, and therefore at least one form of life, has been found on Mars.

Dr. William M. Sinton of Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., said he now had definite proof that organic molecules are present in the dark regions of Mars. He told the American Astronomical Society meeting here that absorption bands at three wavelengths confirmed the pres-

Young Girls Fail In Robbery Tries

Salem (UPI)—State, county, and city police today sought two girls, who, armed and masked, fruitlessly tried a couple of holdups here Tuesday night, then vanished in the fog.

It was a frustrating try for the two would-be bandits. First they attempted to rob Mrs. Shirley Miller, 22, at her home. They fled when Mrs. Miller told them she had no money.

Then they attempted to hold up Mrs. Mabel Stokes at her small grocery store in Salem. But Mrs. Stokes also told the girls she had no money and again the girls fled into the fog.

Meanwhile, police had been called, but said they could not find any trace of the girls although road blocks were thrown up. The officers said the two girls, one a red-head and the other a brunette wore bandanas over their faces. They added that the girls appeared to be about 17 years old.

MALRAUX' SON ILL

Turin, Italy (UPI)—Gauthier Malraux, 18-year-old son of French author and Minister of State Andre Malraux, was rushed to Martini Hospital here Tuesday night from the nearby Bardonecchia ski resort with pneumonia. Doctors said his condition was serious.

no compromise were reached.

Many observers believe French President Charles de Gaulle, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer may hold a "summit" conference shortly to seek a way out of the deadlock.

Allied diplomats believe the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance probably would not survive a full-scale trade war among its partners in Europe.

There was speculation the United States, although it is keeping aloof, might be asked to mediate the quarrel if both sides maintained their unyielding stand.

France Not Impressed

British warnings and threats of retaliation seemingly failed to impress France, which is leading the common market nations' opposition to the free trade area project.

French officials believe the community will be strong enough to win in a trade conflict with Britain.

Their theory is that Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and other small nations which support British criticism of the common market's closed shop policies will balk at joining Britain in a showdown with their powerful community neighbors.

ence of organic molecules.

The spectra of Syrtis Major, Pandora Fretum, Mare Sirenum and Mare Cimmerium, all dark areas, showed the absorption. The absorption was absent to weak in the bright regions surrounding Arabia and Amazonis, so-called desert regions.

Test Repeated

Dr. Sinton tested for the presence of organic molecules, a test for plants, on Mars in 1956 and repeated the test this year, using improved equipment obtained with a grant from the National Science Foundation in conjunction with the 200-inch Hale telescope of Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories, Pasadena, Calif. The sensitivity was increased to approximately ten times that of the 1956 observations.

This improvement, together with the larger telescope, permitted study of different regions of Mars, Dr. Sinton reported.

The three absorption bands were found at 3.43, 3.56 and 3.67 microns for the dark regions of Mars. In terrestrial plants, absorption occurs mainly in two bands at approximately 3.41 and 3.51 microns. A micron is one-millionth of a meter, which is 3.3 feet.

Significant Difference

Dr. Sinton said the third band found on Mars may indicate a significant difference in the type of molecules present. However, the closeness of the absorption bands to 3.5 microns indicates they are definitely due to organic molecules.

Dr. Sinton suggested that wherever the planet is dark, these bands occur, even in regions that have become dark during the history of observations of Mars. If this is true, Dr. Sinton said, then organic molecules are produced in localized regions in short spans of time.

"Growth of vegetation," Dr. Sinton concluded, "certainly seems the most logical explanation for the appearance of organic matter."

Previously, theories of life on Mars have been primarily founded on the fact that dark and light changes are observed on the planet. These are thought to be seasonal changes, deriving their contrasting tones from the recurrence of vegetation.

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WAITING — Film star Dan Dailey sits at the Van Nuys, Calif., police station, after being arrested for drunk driving. Dailey's car ran into another, and police had to handcuff him to bring him in.

Grange News

The Central Point Grange hall bore a festive air for the annual Christmas party December 19. The decorations around the hall by Mrs. Charles Jantzer carried out the holiday theme.

The refreshment table, with a holiday centerpiece arranged by Mrs. Marshall Weidman, contained many old fashioned items, such as popcorn balls, cookies and candies.

There was no business meeting. The program started at 8 o'clock directed by Mrs. Gaston Floux, beginning with the children of the Grange singing carols. Carol Foote read of customs of other lands at Christmas time, illustrated in pictures by Johnny Frink, two piano solos by Elaine Young; Mrs. B. E. Ford, Mrs. Cleo Young, and Mrs. Gaston Floux gave accounts of Christmas recognitions at different periods of time.

Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer acted as reader, Aubrey Evans as soloist and Mrs. Walter Mang as tableau manager. The following songs were illustrated: "There's a Song in the Air," "Eastern Mountains," "Holy Night." On the last number, "Angels We Have Heard on High," the double quartette consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer, John Niedermeyer, Mrs. Fred Kuest, Mrs. Melvin Hall and Homer Jefferies, sang with Evans. They also sang carols after the skit, and led the group in singing. Mrs. Effie Kurtz accompanied the vocalists.

Those taking part in the tableaux were Mr. and Mrs. Arold Bohnert, Mrs. William Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morehouse, Otto and John Niedermeyer, and Wendt.

After games and mixers, members saw Santa Claus ushered in by Frank Hammond with treats for the children. A sum was donated to welfare of unfortunate families.

New officers will take their

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Hilda S. — My husband and I have been married 12 years and have five youngsters. My husband's work calls for our relocating every three or four years.

As you can imagine, this is a very hard life for me. I can never really fix up a nice home. When we get really settled and comfortable in one place we have to pick up and take off. I am not complaining just for myself, but it is terrible for the children. They are constantly being taken away from the schools and playmates they like. They cry for weeks before and after a move.

I feel that Dick should make up his mind to find a settled job. I am willing to take a cut in our standard of living if necessary. He can apply his skill in different ways if he really wants to settle down.

Richard S. — Before we got married I explained to Hilda that we would never be able to settle permanently in one community—at least not while I am young. I can get a much higher income and do far more interesting and rewarding work if we keep on the move.

Hilda was thrilled by the idea at that time. She said she hated being stuck in one place. I realize of course, that it is much harder with young children. Each move seems to become more difficult, but I try to help out as much as possible. Hilda's complaints don't help a bit.

I'd be willing to make a sacrifice for the kids any day, but in this case it may be the kids who would actually be making the sacrifice. I certainly won't be able to help five through college if I take a drop in income.

The Council: Despite her protests that she is not concerned much for herself as her children, we feel that Hilda deserves considerable sympathy and credit for her achievement in having made several relocations while bearing and raising five children. It certainly could not have been an easy life, but perhaps it might have been, and may yet become, a more entertaining one if Hilda could get herself to take it in stride.

Moving is hardest for children who have a deep sense of insecurity. If they are comfortable with themselves and feel secure about their parents' love, they are not stations at the next meeting beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 2, with Mrs. Julius Dobrot as chairman of the program committee. This is the beginning of a two months alphabetical contest the winners being the only who have the largest attendance of members or visitors at their meeting. All members from A to F should make every effort to attend this meeting, as the losers have to give the winners an Irish stew dinner the first meeting in March.

Display table will be arranged also by the A to F members.

West European Economy Shines

London (UPI)—West Europe's economy bounced back strongly today from its first big post-war dose of freedom, and economic experts said the way was now clear to import more U. S. and Canadian consumer goods.

The British pound sterling, which any foreigner now can change for U. S. and Canadian dollars, kicked off its second control-free day with a new showing of strength. Continental currencies followed suit.

The biggest sour note in a generally bright European picture came from France. Communist-dominated labor unions there rumbled ominously against the heavy doses of austerity ordered by the De Gaulle government.

Mother, Two Sons Shot To Death

Farmersville, Ill. (UPI)—A mother and two of her four sons were found shot to death in their beds today.

State's Attorney Otto Funk identified the victims as Ann Beierman, 53, and her sons, Tom 13, and James, 9.

Funk said the bodies were discovered by Mrs. Beierman's husband when he returned home from work early this morning.

It was not determined immediately who did the shooting.

Funk said there were two other boys in the family and both were at home.

EYE OPENER

London (UPI)—The official London Gazette today carried this announcement: "The Pin, Hook and Eye, and Snap Fastener Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the minister of labor and national service proposals for increasing the statutory minimum remuneration set out in the wages regulations, pin, hook and eye, and snap fastener order, 1958 order O. 160.

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