

# Western European Nations Finding Stepped-Up Trade in Common Market

Editor's note: U.S. housewives, as well as business men, will be impressed by the effects the European Common Market has had in cutting prices for European shoppers. In only three years, the market has brought about profound changes in the economic face of the six nations involved, and may exert political force as well. A special reporting team of UPI staff correspondents in these countries tells in the following dispatch, the first of three, what the market is, its accomplishments to date and what may be expected in the future.

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Mrs. Rene Verdier, a Paris housewife, went shopping and had an eminently successful day. She saved \$11.50.

The reasons behind this happy experience remained a little vague in Mrs. Verdier's mind. But it occurred in a large Paris department store in which gaily decorated placards proclaimed "La France et le Marché Commun" (France and the Common Market).

Her savings came on an \$8 Italian twin sweater-set for her two daughters, a \$2.50 drip-dry blouse for herself from Holland and a \$4 briefcase from Germany for her husband.

In 1958, the sweater set would have cost \$14, the blouse \$5 and the briefcase \$7.

The key to this lesson in thrift came in the placard, "France and the Common Market."

Roger Couillard, a 55-year-old pharmacist, had a similar experience.

Couillard, shopping for a automobile, bought a German compact car.

"It's simple," he said. "The quality is about the same. I've always wanted to try one, and it was a good bargain."

He figured he had saved about \$50 over the price of a comparable French car.

Change Is Dramatic

This is the result of a new and dramatic economic pulse beating in six Western European industrial nations, lowering tariff barriers, heralding the birth of a United Europe and a powerful new dramatic force. The countries are West Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The market is a potential weapon in the cold war that affects the pocketbooks of millions.

Outwardly, the badges of the European Economic Community — official name of the Common Market — are seen in the shape of "EUR" plates on automobiles, marking their owners as officials of the bloc, and on the plaques designating EEC buildings in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

It is seen in the filled order books of European industrialists and in Western Europe's unprecedented prosperity.

Back in 1945 when visionary men were seeking a way to end the wars which had devastated Europe for centuries, Sir Winston Churchill spoke of a "United States of Europe."

President Charles de Gaulle sees it as a "Europe des Patries" (Europe of Fatherlands).

Bound Together

But whatever it is called, the six nations of Western Europe have bound themselves together, already have progressed so far in economic union that there appears no chance of turning back.

Eventually, their goal is political union as well, either as a federal union similar to the United States or as a confederation of loosely united independent states.

In these countries economic union binds together 170 million people in a single market which eventually will see the free movements of goods and labor anywhere within the bloc.

Economic union still is not complete. Trade barriers within the six are falling and will continue to fall to point "zero" for the next 10 to 12 years. Internal tariffs on manufactured goods are already down 40 per cent and on agriculture some 35 per cent.

Problems Remain

Political union, if it comes, will be slower.

Only gradually can the logic of economics and geography take over from the unreason of centuries of prejudice.

"You Americans," said a French professor of history, "may wonder why it has taken us so long to get together. But to us Europeans, the wonder is that it has happened at all."

Although the Common Market has been in existence only three years, growth figures are such as to have been



**AUCTION ITEMS**—Some of the items of merchandise which will be auctioned beginning at 4 p.m., Saturday, April 28 in Hawthorne park following the Blossom Festival parade, are on display at Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan Association. Only Blossom Bucks may be used in bidding for items at the auction. A wide variety of merchandise will be presented which totals about \$4,000 retail value.

Among the larger items to be featured are a washer and dryer, television set, bicycles, stereoscope recorder, camera, lawn mowers and a movie camera. Numerous small items also will be auctioned including surprise packages. The auction will end five weeks of Blossom Bucks promotion sponsored by the merchants of greater Medford area. (Knackstedt photo)

## Pakistan Campaigns Against Kidnapers Of Young Children

Karachi (UPI)—Pakistan has begun a drive against bands of kidnapers who maim young children, make beggars out of them, and force them to turn over the money they collect.

The government also hopes to eliminate another activity of the child stealers—kidnaping girls and selling them as prostitutes or as slaves in the Middle East.

A voluntary organization which traces lost children is cooperating with government agencies in the drive. An official of the agency, which is called Idara-E-Khidmat-E-Khalq, said 16 boys and girls ranging in age from 6 to 14 years were lost in Lahore in one recent week alone.

Many of them were found, but others were feared taken by the kidnapers. The bands "carry the children away and then either maim them for begging purposes or sell them abroad as young slaves," agency officials said.

Often Deformed

Part of the drive against the kidnapers is a series of police raids. Police have found that the kidnaped children often are deformed through the use of leg, hand and head casts made of iron.

Others have their tongues cut out. Both forms of maiming are aimed at evoking more pity for the child beggars and more money for their masters.

Kidnapers recently arrested in Rawalpindi said they preferred to seize children between the ages of 4 and 10 because they were the easiest to train as beggars.

A ring of female kidnapers in Rawalpindi told police they tricked young girls into working in brothels by promising to make them movie stars.

Accurate statistics on the kidnapings are hard to come by, but the fear of kidnaping is widespread among Pakistani parents.

believed impossible 10 years ago.

From 1953 through 1960, internal trade among the six increased 49 per cent. Exports jumped nearly 35 per cent and imports nearly 30 per cent. Figures for 1961 are expected to be equally impressive.

Today, the six are the world's greatest exporters.

Production Spurts

Again from 1953 through 1960, industrial production in the community rose by approximately 25 per cent, compared with 13 per cent in Great Britain and just over 8 per cent in the United States.

In 1960 the value of trade within the community surpassed \$10 billion.

France, which had been the most fearful of the impact of the Common Market on its economy, increased its trade within the community by 79 per cent.

In these same years, foreign investment flowed into the six nations for a total of nearly \$600 million. More than 500 American firms established themselves in the Common Market.

Within the six there is almost total employment, with only Italy having a sizable manpower pool.

In Germany there are four jobs for every unemployed person, and production may slow down simply because there are not enough workers to go around.

Tomorrow: The market's probable expansion and effect on Russia.

Some of the kidnapers strike on the streets in daylight. In Lahore recently, a quick-thinking passerby saved 11-year-old Mosaddiq Mahmood from seizure. Realizing what was happening when he saw the boy struggling with a man, the passerby had a tug of war for Mosaddiq's freedom, shouting for help at the same time. A large crowd gathered as the boy was pulled free, but the would-be abductor escaped.

Not all cases turn out as happily. The vast numbers of maimed children who station themselves in front of the best stores, restaurants, and theaters in Pakistan's cities are evidence of the kidnapers' success.

Some of the children recovered by the police said they were beaten unconscious while trying to escape.

Welfare agencies and the government agree that eliminating begging is the way to stamp out kidnaping.

Sahib Ali Shah, one of the leading private crusaders against the child stealers, believes more government help, a law against begging by children, and more women police could stamp out kidnaping.

Methods Studied

Lt. Gen. W. A. Burki, health and social welfare minister in Ayub's government, is studying methods to eliminate begging. The main problem, he said, is rehabilitation of beggars through an adequate number of welfare homes.

Akbar Kabir, director of social welfare of the ministry, said a national plan to eliminate begging will be started this year in Pakistan's major cities. Priority is being given to destitute women in order to save them from prostitution, he said.

Little Bird Causes Widespread Outage

Grants Pass—A little bird carrying a piece of copper wire smaller in diameter than a straight pin and approximately 18 inches long was responsible for a power outage last week which affected a large area in Josephine county.

The bird flew with the wire between the 12,000 volt risers at the Park Street substation. As a result the wire shorted across the risers and caused an arc between phases and damaged three 12,000 volt disconnect switches. Two 66,000 volt highline fuses blew and a 66,000 volt circuit breaker automatically relayed, protecting the substation structure.

The protective switch opened the circuit de-energizing the Park Street substation and damaged three 66,000 volt circuits feeding Murphy, Provo, Selma, Rogue River highway, Lower River road, Merlin, Hugo and Fruitdale.

Complete restoration of power was made in about an hour and a half.

AWARDED MEDAL

Specialist Four Robert M. Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Klein, route 1, Gold Hill, recently was awarded a good conduct medal while serving with a 15th evacuation hospital in Munchweiler, Germany.

Klein entered the Army in February, 1960, completed basic training at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and arrived overseas in September, 1960. He attended Rogue River academy in Medford.



JAMES D. BENSON  
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## Eagle Point Boy Gets Assistantship

James D. Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Benson, Eagle Point, senior student at Southern Oregon college, has received a graduate assistantship amounting to \$2,600 for advanced business study at the University of Nevada, it was announced by Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social science division.

Benson, who will receive his bachelor of science degree in general studies in June, has majored in the social sciences. While in college he has served as vice president of Theta Delta Phi, men's scholastic fraternity; secretary-treasurer of Tau Kappa Epsilon, service organization; and as a member of the track team, the geography fraternity, Gamma Theta Upsilon, and the SOC choir.

He has been on the honor roll for the past five terms.

Newby Says Demos Back 'Unit Rule'

State Sen. Lynn Newby has charged that the Oregon Democratic Central committee, dominated by the ultra-liberal wing, is attempting to destroy representative government in Oregon as we know it.

In a letter to Republican State Committee Chairman Phil Roth, he said "The 'unit rule' of voting, as endorsed by the Oregon Democratic committee can 'kill' the votes of the people outside of large urban areas. This can easily result in a Democratic 'rubber stamp' legislature controlled by labor unions and city politicians."

Newby strongly urged the Republican party not to follow the Democratic party's example "which will result in its repudiation by the people when they find out they are being short changed."

Newby said, "As long as I am senator from Jackson county I'll have no part of any 'unit rule,' but will vote for the best interests of the people of Jackson county and the state of Oregon. I am sure responsible members of the Democratic party are opposed to the 'unit rule' and I am hopeful they will join with us in exposing this threat to representative government."

ON DESTROYER

James E. Darland, radio-man second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Darland, 922 Park st., Medford is serving on board the destroyer USS Bears.

The ship was one of the Atlantic Fleet reviewed by President John F. Kennedy during a two-day visit on April 13 and 14 to the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Va.

## COURSE COMPLETE

Pvt. Roy C. Gra, Jr., whose parents live at 585 Allison st., Ashland, recently completed the airborne course at the Infantry school, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Gra received his paratrooper wings after completing four weeks of intensive ground and aerial training and instruction in the techniques of air transportation and delivery.

He entered the Army last October and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif. He is a 1957 graduate of Ashland High school and attended Springfield, (Mass.) college and was an assistant physical instructor at the Springfield YMCA prior to entering the Army.

AIRPLANE PURCHASED

Salem (UPI)—The Oregon Forestry department has purchased a new airplane, a six-place Cessna 185 that replaces an older Cessna 180, four-place.

## Request for Time of Day May Bring Argument in State After Sunday

By JAMES J. DOYLE

Portland (UPI)—Asking what time it is in Oregon after next Sunday could bring an argument instead of an answer.

The person you ask may not like what time it is and decide to move it forward or back an hour—depending on whether he is an advocate of daylight or standard time.

On Sunday, the five county area of Greater Portland goes officially on daylight time. But many other communities have decided to switch to fast time unofficially.

The result—as of last summer—will be a crazy quilt of time zones.

A 1961 Oregon law permits Multnomah county and the four contiguous counties to go on daylight time. But last summer in a number of towns, the schools went fast

while the city government remained standard—or businesses remained on standard while the city went for fast time.

Theaters Want Standard

Main opposition to daylight time in Oregon has come from theater groups. A financial report of the Standard Time Committee whose advertising defeated daylight time the last time it was on the ballot shows that theaters contributed all but a small amount of the sum spent. The Grange is on the side of the theaters.

Because of such opposition, the 1961 Legislature failed to pass a memorial to Congress advocating uniform time. But the same assembly did pass the law permitting the five counties to go on daylight by choice.

The legislature also referred

the matter to the November electorate when voters will decide the time situation in 1963.

Gov. Mark Hatfield urged city and county officials to use their influence and maintain standard time outside the five county area.

But several communities already have served notice they prefer daylight time. Others say they will stick to standard time.

Salem and Medford are two areas that plan to stick to standard time. State offices in Salem will be on standard time while those in Portland will be on fast time. Eugene, Albany and Corvallis prefer daylight time.

Newport did a switch, first deciding on standard time, then coming back to fast time after nearby Oceanlake, Taft and Delake decided on fast

## COMPLETES TRAINING

Pvt. William E. Irwin Jr., whose parents live at 555 Broad st., Butte Falls, Ore., recently completed eight weeks of military police training at the Provost Marshal General center, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

He entered the Army last November and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif. A 1957 graduate of Butte Falls High school, he was employed by the forest service prior to entering the service.

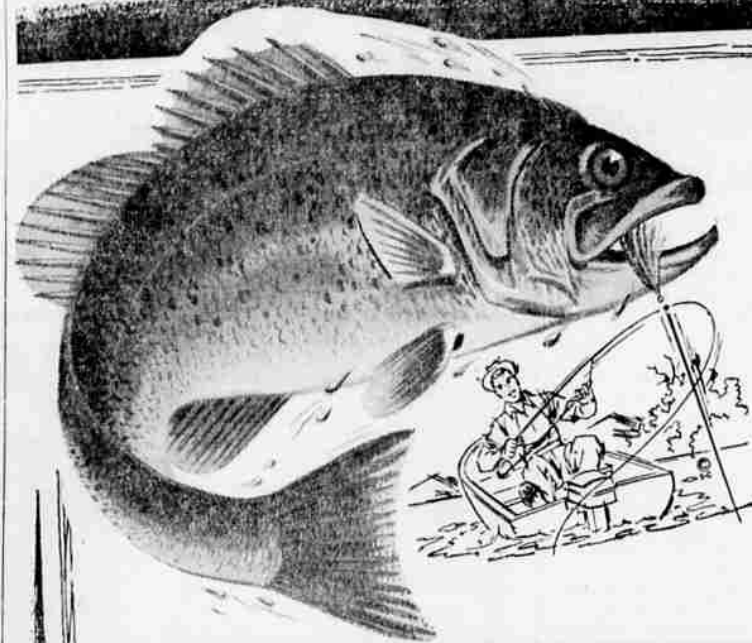
time. The Central Oregon area around Bend prefers fast time. Klamath Falls has indicated it will remain on standard. And so it goes . . .

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