

Las Vegas Hotel Damaged by Fire

Las Vegas—Six persons were overcome by smoke and 125 guests were evacuated when fire broke out in a seventh floor room at the \$6 million Hotel Fremont Thursday.

The hotel is located in the downtown casino center. The fire broke out in room 709, sending smoke pouring through several floors of the 15-story hotel. The flames were contained within the room and the fire was brought under control within 15 minutes after the 6:07 a.m. alarm. Gambling continued throughout the operation. Damage was estimated at several thousand dollars.

Recreation Use Of Schools Urged

Salem—For the sake of more recreation for adults and children, public schools have got to open their doors in off hours or week ends, and in the summertime, a panel at a Northwest Recreation conference was told Thursday.

Washington State Parks Director Clayton Anderson said this means giving the public more access to grade and high school swimming pools, gymnasiums, art and craft shops, and other facilities.

He said the future of public indoor recreation depends on this, for a good reason—smaller communities can't afford to duplicate recreational facilities already available in public schools.

Efficiency Increased, Costs Down Through European Common Market

Editor's note: In the following dispatch, the last of three, a special reporting team of UPI staff correspondents in the six nations which form the European Common Market reports on the forces that led to the combine, how efficiency was increased and costs lowered.

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The European Common Market is one of three inter-related communities within six nations—Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Italy.

The first was the European Coal and Steel Community which came into being in 1952. The third is "Euratom," set up to pool resources and knowledge for the development of atomic power for peaceful purposes.

Euratom and the Common Market were established in 1958.

The forces which led to the European Community have been both political and economic.

A first motive was to end the historic enmity between France and Germany.

Economically, there was a growing realization that in a world of super-powers headed by the United States and the Soviet Union, only through unity could Europe retain a competitive position and a powerful voice in world affairs.

Purposes Combine

In both France and Germany, stagnation had set in due to lack of competition and enterprise.

On May 9, 1950, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman made an audacious proposal.

He suggested that French and German coal and steel production be placed under a "common high authority." His proposal first produced amazement and then enthusiastic endorsement.

The Coal and Steel Community established the pattern for others to follow.

At its head was a "high authority" independent of individual governments. A council of ministers representing the governments provided a watch-dog body. A European parliamentary assembly chosen from parliaments of the six nations reviewed high authority by majority two-thirds vote.

A court of justice of seven judges made decisions which were binding on individuals, firms or nations.

In this way, each of the member nations surrendered some sovereignty at the outset.

Eventually, it is expected that the Coal and Steel, the Common Market and the Euratom communities will be merged. The court of justice and the European parliamentary assembly already are common to all three.

Leads To Others

The successes of the Coal and Steel Community led to the establishment of the other two, and also encouraged the planners for a united Europe to overcome some obstacles and disappointments.

One immediate result was both an increase in efficiency and a lowering of costs.

"Look at these changes in cost," said a Dutch shipper, holding up charts that show freight charges on coke, scrap, steel from the Ruhr down 10 to 20 per cent.

Since the high authority has its own income from taxes on the industry, it has been able both to encourage new industry and to improve living standards of workers.

It has set aside more than \$40 million for re-training and

re-settlement of workers thrown out of employment by the closing of uneconomic mines or industries or temporarily made idle as plants are modernized.

Included in this are 100,000 Belgian miners who are being retrained as pavers, lathe-workers, carpenters and masons in order to fit in with Belgium's construction boom.

Included also were some 13,000 workers in four steel

companies in the St. Etienne district of France. Alone, the companies could not face the new competition of the Common Market.

Aided by a grant from the authority, they combined. Other funds from the high authority aided over the workers during the period of modernization.

Loans for Homes

The authority has granted loans totaling \$90 million for construction of 32,000 workers' dwellings.

For capital investment it has loaned nearly \$430 million dollars.

Discriminatory freight rates are declining, and ultimately freight cars will roll freely from nation to nation as trade directs, rather than returning each time to their home nation.

As its predecessor, the Coal and Steel Community, is able to allocate development and aid funds, so is the Common Market.

These funds are intended for agriculture, small and medium-sized firms and transport as well as heavy and basic industry.

Within the six nations, more than \$120 million in

"pump priming" loans have led to a total investment of nearly \$900 million, spread among Italy, France, Luxembourg and Germany.

The Common Market also is closely tied in with the economies of former French and Belgian colonies in Africa which now have achieved independence.

Four African countries—Ghana, Guinea, Mali and Morocco—already have commissions working on details for an African Common Market patterned on the European system.

Aid granted to the developing African nations so far by the European Common Market is \$148 million out of \$581 million set aside for the years 1958-62.

Customs duties on products not directly competing with community projects either are being eliminated or reduced. Included among such products are bananas, tea, coffee, cocoa and tropical woods.

Arouses Fears

As the Common Market moves toward its goal of abolition of custom duties within the six nations and setting up common external tariff

against goods coming in from the outside, fears have been aroused among other nations that their export goods could be priced out of the market.

Hence, Britain's move to enter the Common Market despite conflicts with its own responsibilities to nations of the British Commonwealth.

Hence, too, United States' concern.

A list drawn up in February of this year by the United States Department of Commerce named products in which the United States and prospective Common Market countries account for 80 per cent or more of world exports. It is an impressive

showing, for, conversely, it also demonstrates those products in which the United States might expect growing competition from the increasing economic might of the Common Market.

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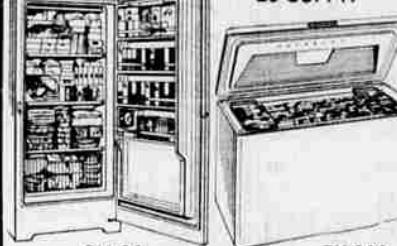
Jim, originally from the Mid-West, has been a resident of Eugene, Oregon... he attended the University of Oregon and has been associated with the Appliance business for 10 years... has two children and will make his home in Medford.

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