

Interpretation of Words Holds Key To Britain in Common Market

Editor's note: Following is the second in a series of three dispatches by UPI Foreign News Analyst Phil Newsom on the subject of the Common Market and European unity: miracle or mirage.

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The men in charge of the day-to-day destinies of the European Common Market approach their task with almost religious fervor. Among them is a favorite word: "cohesion." Another is "faith."

Their sincerity can no more be questioned than can the undoubted economic success of the six-nation European Common Market whose origin sprang from the desires of the six to bind themselves together to fight future wars among them would be impossible.

But the words "cohesion" and "faith" are subject to interpretation and upon how they are interpreted will depend whether Great Britain is to be successful now in her efforts to join the European community or whether her entry is to be put off indefinitely, perhaps for years.

And upon them also may depend the future of the community itself, whether it really is the forerunner of a united Europe stronger either than the United States or the Soviet Union or whether Europe once more is to fall back into a system of separate alliances and power blocs subject to old jealousies, suspicions and ambitions.

Other Nations Interested

The community which Britain seeks to join is composed of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Upon British entry also depends membership for Denmark, Norway and Ireland.

And conditional upon that is the question of associate membership for Sweden, Switzerland, Austria and Portugal to whom Britain is bound through its ties with the European Free Trade Association.

And beyond that is the hope of an economic and political force binding 300 million West Europeans.

When the Common Market spokesmen speak of "cohesion," they speak of the forces which have brought

the six through the early crisis of organization and another which brought them to agreement on the thorny question of agriculture.

The forces of cohesion, they say, already are at a minimum and might disappear altogether should rules of entry be relaxed.

Therefore, they speak of "faith" which is a broad definition of the terms upon which they demand Britain accept entry, without firm guarantees for British industry or agriculture or for the Commonwealth nations which would lose their trade advantages with Britain.

Boy Scouts

Pack 5

The December meeting for Cub Scout Pack 5 was held in the Jefferson school gymnasium recently. Attending were Cub Scouts and their families, and Cubmaster Wayne Bennett, who presided for the activities. The flag ceremony was conducted by Den 8.

Den 4 decorated a Christmas tree with ornaments they had made during recent den meetings.

The wild frontier, complete with Indians and Daniel Boone himself, (all portrayed by Den 2) was the setting for a skit entitled, "Daniel Boone's Escape."

Den 8 presented "Tree of Many Lands." They trimmed a Christmas tree with ornaments representing different countries of the world and closed with the singing of the carol, "O Christmas Tree."

Richard Snow was escorted to Akela's council for induction into Cub Scouts and was presented his Bobcat pin by his parents.

R. E. Pope awarded dinner stripes to Douglas Wiley.

Cub Scouts brought gift-wrapped cans of food which will be combined with similar donations from Boy Scout Troop 105 of Jefferson school and given to needy families.

The Pack members sang and Mrs. L. H. Trask, Den Mother for Den 2, played piano accompaniment.

The evening's events were climaxed by the arrival of Santa Claus who brought candy treats for all. Den 2 again had the highest representation at the meeting and for the third consecutive time was awarded the "Cubbie."

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ed by mid-1967, two and a half years ahead of schedule. The gross national product of the six up 24 per cent between 1958 and 1961. Industrial production up 29 per cent.

External trade up 27 per cent as compared with 19 per cent for general world trade expansion.

Those within the Common Market who frankly expect failure in the current negotiations with Britain do so on three counts:

— That Britain still regards the European community simply as an enlarged market and not as a real community with political as well as economic goals, thus distorting her vision.

— That Britain's position on agriculture is unrealistic.

— That the Macmillan government errs in attempting to keep the question out of British politics — that the move is so important to Britain that it should become a major issue in a British general election.

To which the British reply: "Who are they to tell us how to run our country?"

Visits Foreign Office

In the stone pile which is the British Foreign Office off Whitehall st., a coal fire burns in an open fireplace against the early winter chill.

And in a marble-lined second floor office, Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath received this correspondent during a breather between sessions of Parliament and his job as Britain's chief negotiator in Brussels.

Heath is a handsome, ruddy-faced man with an eye to history.

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Heath has been tagged by many as the next conservative prime minister of Great Britain and he knows the consequences if he fails at Brussels.

Has Accepted Consequences

Britain, he says, has accepted the political and economic consequences of entering the Common Market but has asked for certain adjustments — adjustments to come into line with Europe's more costly price supports for agriculture and adjustments to protect Commonwealth products which now come into Britain duty free.

Has Britain a deadline on negotiations?

"No. We will negotiate as long as necessary."

Are the negotiations more difficult than expected?

"We thought they would be difficult but not that they (the six) would be so unreasonable."

Heath's determined optimism that the current negotiation will end in success is not shared by Harold Wilson, former chancellor of the Exchequer and a member of the Labor party's "shadow cabinet."

He believes the Macmillan government's obvious anxiety to enter the market has destroyed the British bargaining position and that no agreement acceptable to British agriculture and to Commonwealth exports can be reached.

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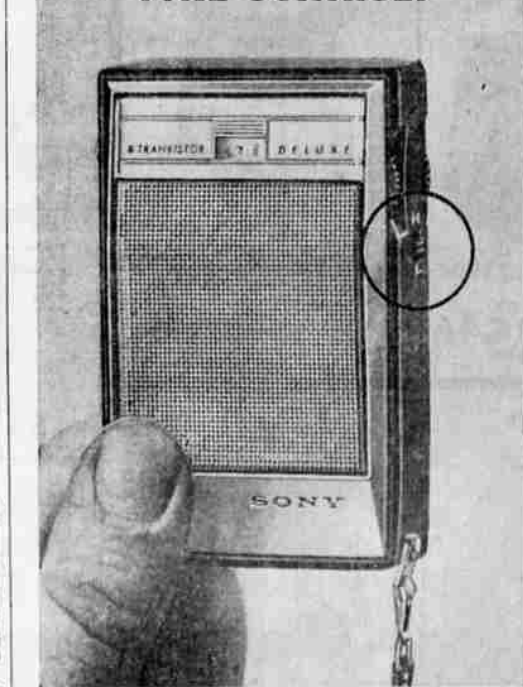
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