

# Argument Similar to 'Chicken and Egg' Rises Over Common Market

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Brussels — (UPI) — An argument similar to the old "chicken or the egg" problem is arising over the Common Market.

One group of economists claims the bustling economies of the six Common Market member countries results directly from their decision to start the Common Market in 1958.

A new group, somewhat disillusioned over the community's so far meager steps toward political unity, says the prosperity would have come anyhow.

They say the "Eurocrats" cheat when they claim vast economic gains since the community began. They believe 1958 was a recession year and trade figures were low, thus the gains are much less spectacular than the statistics show.

**Economically Abustle**

Whichever group is right, Europe is economically abustle and the Cassandras who predicted doom after French President Charles de Gaulle vetoed British membership last January are still awaiting the breakup.

All the points on which Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries were to have sabotaged France in revenge for the British veto have been cleared up.

Immediately after the veto, reprisals were threatened on the following points:

1. The five would refuse to ratify an association convention with 18 French-speaking countries in Africa which France badly wanted.
2. The five would end Algeria's benefits still in force despite independence.
3. The five would refuse any action on the common agricultural policy.
4. A scheduled reduction in intra-community tariffs would be postponed until France agreed to contacts with Britain.

Since then the African association convention providing for \$730 million in economic and social aid has been signed. Aid to Africa never stopped flowing because of residue of a previous aid program and advance drawings on the convention.

**Still Gets Benefits**

Algeria still gets tariff benefits which she did when part of French territory. European ministers are unlikely to withdraw these concessions for a long while for fear of pushing Algeria into the Communist camp.

The common agricultural policy is far from complete. But some progress has been made in approximating cereal prices and the first steps toward common rice and pork

marketing policies have been taken. Problems remaining have nothing to do with British membership.

Reductions of tariffs on goods passing between the six member nations took place on July 1, 1963, two and a half years ahead of schedule. This brought total tariff reductions since the Common Market began to 60 per cent on industrial goods and between 40 and 45 per cent on agricultural produce.

**Step Up Contacts**

Having obtained these points France then agreed that contacts with Britain be stepped up and that "European political and economic matters" could be discussed regularly with Britain within the framework of the Western European union at ministerial level.

These contacts are aimed at preventing Common Market and British economies developing along different lines which could make British membership of the community difficult at a later date. That Britain will join at a later date is accepted by all including the French.

For a "stagnating" community the Common Market has been pretty active in other directions all this summer.

**Treaty Drawn Up**

A treaty of association with Greece has been drawn up. Under it, Greece has started harmonizing agricultural and industrial policies with the community and is benefiting from tariff reductions and a low interest \$125 million development loan.

Ties with Latin American countries also have been strengthened. A first step also has been taken for the future

harmonization of the six national commercial policies into one policy with Japan.

In its quarterly report the commission predicts an increase in the economic community gross product of about 4 per cent. Industrial production will increase by about

5 per cent and, despite increasing prices, real wages are up.

In reply to accusations of "cheating" by taking 1958 as the base-line for statistics, Euromart officials point out that exchanges of goods between the six countries at \$3,

091,000,000 dollars in 1959, rose to \$13,404,000,000 in 1962.

Whether the chicken or the egg is responsible for this rise, it is phenomenal.

Looking further ahead the executive commission also has taken steps to coordinate

monetary policies within the community. The pilot point of this plan will be the setting up of a council of governors of central banks of the six.

**Will Meet Monthly**

Meeting monthly they will review monetary situations in each country and discuss bank

policies and monetary measures such as credit conditions, money market trends and pressures in foreign markets.

American chicken exporters who have been practically squeezed out of the German market have not noticed any weakening in the community's muscle.

The Common Market council of ministers has remained singularly unanimous to retain high tariffs on American poultry despite belief in some quarters internal wrangling is tearing the community to pieces.

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### Redding Woman Is Killed at Log Plant

Mrs. Theda Dougherty, 46, of Redding, Calif., daughter-in-law of Mrs. R. J. Rina-barger, 136 Vancouver ave., Medford, was killed in an accident at the Kimberly-Clark Corp. logging plant in Anderson last week.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Dougherty, along with her husband, Raymond, and their son were standing near a pile of logs when one log on top of the pile started to roll. All three began to move to the side to avoid the falling log, but Mrs. Dougherty was unable to avoid it.

Dougherty, a timber management officer for the U.S. forest service, took his wife and son to the logging plant to view unloading operations.

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A TOURIST came back from Africa with a trunkful of shrunken heads he hoped to sell, but experienced some difficulty in locating a purchaser. Somebody suggested he try a big sporting goods store. He called up, and after a few moments, was connected with a man with a very deep voice. "I want to talk to somebody about selling a collection of shrunken heads," explained the tourist. "You're speaking to the right party," the deep voice assured him. "I'm the head buyer."

John Straley at last is convinced that all this talk he's been hearing about women taking over control in this land of ours is the real McCoy. He overheard two little girls quarreling one day last week. Shripped one of them, "My mother can lick your mother!"

As quoted by Joey Adams: A lecturer predicting an unusual coincidence of falling meteors: "It's going to be a tough season for people who bruise easily."

Tennessee Ernie Ford before the first broadcast of a new TV series: "I'm as nervous as a tomcat in a roomful of rocking chairs."

Will Rogers, watching a rodeo show: "Spinnin' a rope is fun— if your neck ain't in it!"

Oscar Levant, tuning out on a great TV star who radiates sweetness and charm: "That's one girl the doctor won't let me watch. I have diabetes."

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