Europe one big family as prosperity continues

By COLIN FROST

LONDON (AP)—Fashion-conscious French girls look to Italy for their shoes and sweaters.

Car-crazy Britons take the road in snazzy Citroens from France.

Christmas tables in Germany were piled with the products of a dozen countries.

That's a representative picture as booming Western Europe marched confidently into the new decade, more than ever a family despite occasional squabbles. From country after country the year-end report is one of boom, with more prosperity expected.

Except in Italy, unemployment is negligible. The government is enticing northern industry to the impoverished south to help matters.

BELGIUM HESITATES

Only in Belgium, over-dependent on coal exports which few countries now want to buy, was the past year less than booming. And even there the recovery prospects are bright.

Paradoxically, the rival trade blocs which threaten to split West Europe's economy may actually help to unite it.

The year saw West Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Luxembourg unite in a "common market" with tariffs reduced on trade between each other.

Britain and six other countries—Switzerland, Austria, Portugal, Norway, Sweden and Denmark—replied with a tariff cutting plan of their own. It came into effect in 1960.

Soon the two groups start talking together. If all goes well, the result will be lower tariffs everywhere.

A major split is unlikely—because manufacturers already are putting a foot in the opposite camp.

Britain has taken a stake in the Italian auto industry and is building toys in Germany. France builds cars in Britain. Germany assembles radios in Britain.

And United States subsidiaries in a dozen industries—cars, food, refrigerators, generators — are busy in both European trade groups.

Here's the 1959 picture, country by country:

Britain: Harold Macmillan's Conservatives won the October election with the economic battle cry: "You've never had it so good." Christmas spending topped all records. Shipping stocks are rising—a sure sign that world trade is on the way up.

France: Production up, sales up. President de Gaulle did far better than expected in keeping prices down. For once the franc was strong.

West Germany: Outstripped Britain during the year to become world's second biggest seller, topped only by the United States. Germans bought more, travelled more—and still saved more than ever in history.

Italy: 2,000,000 unemployed and chronic poverty in the south were the black spots. Tourism earned $400,000,000—enough to balance the trade books. Next year the Rome Olympics will bring even more.

Belgium: Coal exports down, steel textiles and chemicals up.

Netherlands: Boom year with jobs for all. Foreign investors pumping cash into top Dutch industrial stocks.

Austria: Unemployment lowest since 1947. Tourism, biggest single source of foreign cash, at record level.

Switzerland: Watch and machine manufacture, building and tourism all booming with no letup in sight.

Sweden: Vital pulp, iron ore and steel industries on the up-and-up as year ended. But four-per-cent general sales tax starts Jan. 1 to meet budget deficit.

Denmark: Key agricultural exports increasing, industrial production up, too. Employment high and Danes spending freely.

Norway: Merchant marine fourth largest in world, bringing ships out of reserve as 1958 recession fades. Christmas trade hits all-time record.

Divorcees have edge in hubby-hunt

LONDON (CP)—On a statistical basis, husband-hunting women stand a better chance if they have a divorce to their credit.

The registrar-general's statistics for 1957, recently published, show that divorced women are proportionately well ahead of widows or spinsters in the marrying business.

During the year, in the 20-to-25 age bracket, 267 spinsters in every 1,000 got married. For widows the figure was 305. For divorced women it was 450.

In the 25-to-30 age bracket the figures were: Spinsters 160, widows 366, divorced women 542.

Divorces in Britain during 1957 totalled 23,785, compared with 26,265 in 1956.

Good News for Homemakers

Carolyn Campbell

Chicken Gravy Goes International

From the countries of Europe come many exciting and unusual recipes. Each country has its own specialties with definite characteristics. For instance, in Hungary most of the main dishes use seasonings such as paprika, dill, and caraway seed and are deliciously rich with sour cream.

One of the very popular recipes found there is . . . Chicken Paprika. For the homemaker who likes to be adventurous we suggest you try the Canadian version of this old-country recipe made easily and quite appropriately with a new canned product . . . chicken gravy. Like its companion of long-standing fame canned beef gravy which is so wonderful used for veal paprika . . . you'll find this new gravy perfect for many Canadian favorites as well as those of international origin. Its smooth creamy base makes it ideal as a cooking ingredient.

With this tempting chicken dish serve an orange and onion ring salad, and lots of hot coffee for a meal-delight.

CHICKEN PAPRIKA

2 packages (1 pound each) frozen chicken breasts, drumsticks, thighs, or wings.
1/3 cup flour
¼ cup shortening
1/3 cup minced onion
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons hot water
1 can (10 ounces) chicken gravy
¼ teaspoon lemon juice
Pinch grated lemon rind
½ cup sour cream

Thaw chicken as directed on package; dust with flour. In skillet, heat shortening. Add chicken; brown lightly on all sides. Add onion. Sprinkle with paprika and salt; add hot water. Cover; simmer about 45 minutes or until tender. Stir in chicken gravy, lemon juice, lemon rind; heat. Fold in sour cream. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Young charmers featured in princess fashion jumpers, shirtwaists, easy-to-sew and so perfect for the school set

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4954 SIZES 6–14

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All the girls applaud the crisp look of tucks topping a whirling skirt. Round neck, buttons to waist. Choose rustling taffeta for holidays, Plain or print cotton for school.

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Francois Lake News

By AGNES H. NEAVE
Daily News Correspondent

FRANCOIS LAKE—We have been interested to see that rabbits still have not turned white. Perhaps the mild weather is responsible. Fur prices are low so there is not much trapping done but sometimes we see a batch brought through to Burns Lake for sale. Hugh took a young native lad in this week with a bundle fur for which he was paid $490. The beavers are coming back again gradually.

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Miss Mary Rock paid a short visit to the O'Meara family. She now works in Prince George where she is in charge of the Young People's activities in the Anglican church, also the Sunday school and Junior W.A.

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Claudia and Albert Jeffrey and the two little girls drove down to spend Christmas with Albert's mother and sister in Kirkland, Washington. It was quite warm there, like summer, and they found the roads good all the way.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe are home again after spending Christmas in Fort St. John with Ralph and his family. They were surprised to find no snow at Dawson Creek, nor at Fort St. John, where they are ploughing the land.

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Our favorite pony, Pet, 24 years old, has gone where the good ponies go. We brought her with us from Saskatchewan when we moved here 10 years ago. Although quiet to ride, she was always bossy with the other horses, and quick with her heels and teeth. Word of her death has gone through the district and several of our neighbors have come in to say that they are sorry to hear about old Pet. We even had a phone call from a friend to express sympathy with us.

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Jack O'Meara's Jersey cow managed to find a 30-pound bag of crushed oats which she ate. Although not as dangerou as whole oats she was very ill indeed. Jack came down to the store for raw linseed oil, and Hal went home with him to help. She is nearly well again.

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Instead of having Sunday school in church on Sunday morning they came to our home at the Landing as Hugh wanted to show them a film.

After a short lesson, we darkened the room and Hugh explained to the children about the film they were going to see. It was sent by St. Luke's church at Burlington, Ontario, the church which has adopted ours. The film was all in color and showed a Nativity Play in the church three years ago, given by members of the congregation of all ages.

It was very beautiful, and the children wanted to see it through twice. We are planning on taking a film here and sending it to Burlington, as they are so interested in our church and Sunday school. Hugh also put through the film we took of our May Day celebration here and the children were interested to see themselves dancing and in the procession.

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In England it is possible to take your own car with you when you go visiting on the continent. Our niece and her husband and children travel this way to Germany for their holidays and appreciate having their own car with them.

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We enjoyed reading Miller Bay Tidbits telling about Santa's visit on Christmas Day, and the were amused to read that a dainty supper was served, for it would seem that any other kind would have been a waste.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill of Port Edward leave Saturday aboard the "Canadian Prince" on a two-week business trip and holiday visiting friends in Vancouver.

Miss Linda Stewart, daughter of Mrs. Arne Paulsen, 1352 First Overlook, leaves by boat Saturday night for Vancouver where she will attend school at Pitman Business College.

Announcements

● Whist and dance at S.O.N. Hall, Friday, Jan. 8. Whist at 8 and dance at 10. (4)

● Star's Style Centre Annual January Clearance Sale! Prices cut to rock bottom. Come early. Sale starts Thursday, 9 a.m. (3)

Male nurses break ground at Ottawa nursing school

OTTAWA (CP)—Two British-born nurses are breaking new ground at the University of Ottawa's school of nursing.

They are the first men to study at the school since it was established 16 years ago. The rest of the student body, all taking post-graduate work, comprises 22 women.

Frederick Bowden, 36, and Bryan Topping, 28, have become known as The Inseparables.

But the nickname doesn't come of any need to look to each other for moral support, when faced with an otherwise all-girl student body. They met years ago as male nurses in England, came to Canada at the same time three years ago, have been working in Ottawa's Civic Hospital ever since, won bursaries covering their tuition fees, and continue working nights at the hospital.

Bowden and Topping both have been trained in psychiatric nursing, with the intention of teaching later.

Bowden came from Paignton, Devonshire, and Topping from Haydock, Lancashire.

City CBC radio listeners to hear special programs

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is including Prince Rupert in its extension program service to listeners on the Pacific radio network.

Starting Sunday, January 3, 1960, all communities in B.C. served by CBC booster stations had an extra hour of special programming beyond the present 11 p.m. close-down.

For six nights a week the emphasis will be on light music of all kinds, ranging from show tunes to dance music.

Along with the latest hit parade tunes on Thursday night's show there will also be a round-up of reports and items of local interest.

Sunday night programming will start at 10:30 p.m. In this period Pacific network listeners will be able to hear "CBC Sunday Night," a program which has until now been heard only by lower mainland listeners.

CBC Sunday Night offers a wide range of music, drama, discussion, and documentary. Recent programs have included Christmas music down through the centuries, a documentary on the treatment of criminals, a discussion of the arts in Britain, as well as dramas and symphony concerts.

Producing the six weekday shows are Rod Falconer, who spent three years here at the Prince Rupert CFPR radio station, Bob Wagstaff and senior variety producer Jack Bingham.

Sharing host duties on the late shows will be three announcers well-known to B.C. listeners, Bob Switzer, Telford Oliver and Carr Pecknold.

Of the seven new nightly programs Prince Rupert is included in four.

Sunday: CBC Sunday Night—Music and drama beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Hot Air—popular jazz with jazzman Bob Smith, produced by Bob Wagstaff.

Thursday: Pacific Exchange—Carr Pecknold with a roundup of news items of local interest from interior communities, interspersed with the latest hit parade numbers.

Saturday: Western Jamboree—Bob Switzer with a program of square dancing, Grand Old Opry and other western style music, produced by Rod Falconer.

PERSONALS

J. S. Lindsay, 638 Fourth Avenue East, leaves tomorrow by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane via Terrace en route to Windsor, Ontario where he will attend a Chrysler Dealer's convention. He plans to return January 13.

Sailing Saturday aboard the "Canadian Prince" is Mrs. G. Derry Roos and children Michael and Deborah of 1618 Second Avenue West. While away for three weeks she will be guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Moore in Vancouver.

Jacob Rush of Sandspit, leaves tomorrow by CPA plane via Terrace for the Queen Charlotte Islands, after spending the holiday season visiting members of his family and friends in the city.

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