Newspapers blame de Gaulle for collapse of Market talks

LONDON (Reuters) — Newspapers throughout Europe were almost unanimous today in placing the blame for the collapse of the Common Market talks on President de Gaulle.

Several French newspapers charged de Gaulle has isolated France from its five Common Market partners by torpedoing British entry into the trade group.

Most newspapers in Britain took the view that the British government should not now turn its back on Europe. They stressed a united Europe including Britain was inevitable.

The tabloid Daily Sketch banner says "We Fight On."

The Daily Herald declares "Now We're Out — Into Battle."

The Daily Mirror headline says "All Over; History Will Wait."

The Daily Mail says "It's All Over; France in Utter Isolation Wins Hollow Victory."

An editorial in The Times says Britain should not abandon forever the idea of joining the Common Market and says the immediate task for Britain is to put her own house in order. "A fresh start is badly overdue."

The Manchester Guardian says Britain cannot enter the market "so long as de Gaulle rules France," and declares: "Alternatives to entering Europe must be sought at once."

The Daily Express, which strenuously opposed Britain's entry, headlines its frontpage story: "Glory, Glory Hallelujah, It's All Over."

In Paris, Le Figaro says the breakdown gave France "the hardly enviable privilege of isolation."

B.C. Briefs

VANCOUVER (CP) — The high costs of materials and labor have taken a bite out of 1962 Pacific National Exhibition profits. Treasurer T. A. Steeves blamed these factors for a net profit of only $44,068 last year, despite a record attendance of nearly 1,000,000.

TWO SENTENCED

WILLIAMS LAKE (CP) — Two men were sentenced in police court Tuesday on a total of 11 charges arising from a rash of recent break-ins. Raymond Arden Mattice, 22, drew three concurrent terms of three years and Raymond Binette, 18, drew 18 months definite and six months indefinite.

GAVE PROOF

VANCOUVER (CP) — Emo Klemola, 58, a former miner, said Tuesday he has part of his lung cut out to prove he has silicosis, but still couldn't get a pension from the Workmen's Compensation Board. He was appearing at a Royal Commission enquiry into the Compensation Act.

Liberals face crucial decision on when to force new election

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberal party faces a crucial decision in the next few days on the timing of an all-out drive to force a dissolution of Parliament and a new election.

The Liberals have to clear choices—hit the government when it asks for temporary spending authority, probably next week, or concentrate their efforts on the five upcoming supply motions and the subsequent debates on the 1962-63 spending program.

At the moment, the weight of opinion in the party appears to favor a go-for-election drive when the government asks for further temporary spending powers.

The government's current spending powers expire Jan. 31 and debate of about a week, provided forceful enough argument can be put forward, would made it virtually impossible for the government to pay its bills — civil service salaries, pensions, allowances, interim payments and contractors and the like.

Gov't padding books, says MLA

VICTORIA (CP) — A New Democratic Party member of the legislature Tuesday charged the government with padding the books and using surplus agriculture department money for other purposes.

A Social Credit member replied afterward that he was wrong.

James Rhodes of Delta said during the throne speech debate there is a continuing trend to pad the books of the agriculture department and cut back expenditures.

Rejection of Market bid will bring biggest repercussions in Britain

LONDON (CP) — Shock waves of disappointment and anxiety surged through Free World capitals today at the rejection of Britain's Common Market bid.

The Atlantic alliance groped for steady footing amid the far-ranging uncertainties of President de Gaulle's blackball.

The collapse of the Brussels negotiations to link the island kingdom with continental Europe threatened the biggest immediate explosion in Britain itself.

Prime Minister Macmillan, who had staked his reputation on the success of the talks, was certain to face a full-scale attack from the opposition Labor party against a background of 800,000 unemployed and a stagnating economy.

One effect could be a scaling down of British military commitments to the defence of Europe.

Trade experts said Britain has one path now: A fierce fight to win bigger markets overseas and to spur industrial growth at home through more efficiency in industry and harder work all around.

ALIENATES PARTNERS

While de Gaulle's snub was directed at Britain, one immediate result was to isolate the French statesman from his five Common Market partners, who had rallied to the British cause.

The five—West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg—called off a meeting of Common Market finance ministers set for later this week. The session was to have discussed the flow of U.S. investments into the Common Market area, something which arouses concern in France.

Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath, who led Britain's fight in Brussels, said Tuesday night his government will be "in the closest contact" with the five for the next few days "and then decide what should be done."

"We shall not turn our backs on Europe or the countries of the European Community," he told a British television audience.

MAY FORM NEW BLOC

Reports circulating in London have suggested that Britain may now press for a big Western trade bloc linking the United States and the nations of the Commonwealth and the European Free Trade Association.

SMOKE KILLS FIVE

NOKESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Five pre-school-age children suffocated Tuesday in smoke from a sofa fire which started while their parents were fetching drinking water from neighbors in this rural northern Virginia area. Two other children of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones were at school.

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