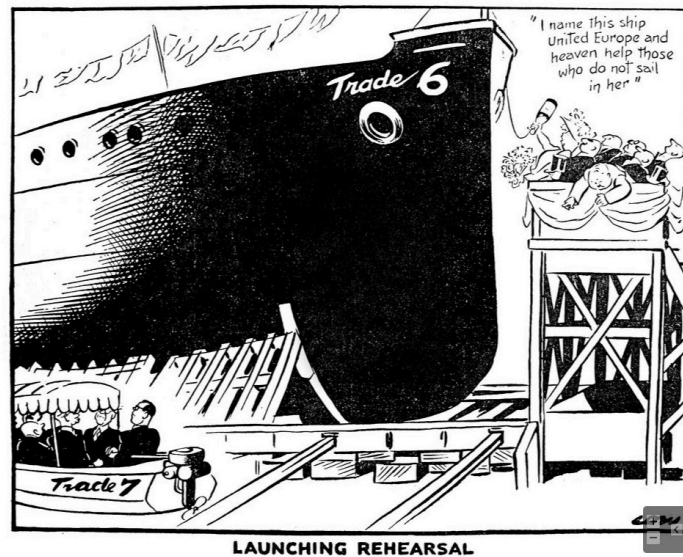


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## Britain and Europe: at sixes and sevens

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On 26 April 1960, British cartoonist David Low illustrates the weaknesses of the fledgling European Free Trade Association (EFTA <sup>1</sup>) vis-à-vis the economic weight of the Europe of Six.



'...the only room left, she said! Maybe we should never have come...' On 5 November 1962, the British cartoonist, Cummings, portrays the concerns felt by Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, about the exigent attitude and the lack of goodwill manifested by General de Gaulle regarding the United Kingdom's application for accession to the European common market.

➤ *Using the documents and your knowledge, explain the successive policies of Britain towards the EEC.*

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1. EFTA: a customs union of western European countries, established in 1960 as a trade grouping without the political implications of the European Economic Community. The original seven members were Austria, Denmark, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.