

Churchill wanted F and Germany to be reconciled. His words also mean that the UK would not participate.

Britain and Europe

Context : beginning of the Cold War, Churchill no longer in office.

Good English is foremost. Your paper should consist in two paragraphs, each one based on a document, starting with a brief description of the historical context.

● Churchill's call for the United States of Europe (Zurich, 19 September 1946).

“... We must re-create the European family in a regional structure called, it may be, the United States of Europe.

The first step is to form a Council of Europe.

If at first all the States of Europe are not willing or able to join the Union, we must nevertheless proceed to assemble and combine those who will and those who can.

The salvation of the common people of every race and of every land from war or servitude must be established on solid foundations and must be guarded by the readiness of all men and women to die rather than submit to **tyranny**.

In all this urgent work, **France and Germany must take the lead together**.

Great Britain, the British Commonwealth of Nations, **mighty America**, and I trust **Soviet Russia** - for then indeed all would be well - must be the **friends and sponsors** of the new Europe and have the right to live and shine.”

Churchill wanted the US to get involved, because the UK was no

This remark is a little bit hypocritical, as Churchill had just called Stalinism a “tyranny”.

In the context of the CW, it could only mean the USSR.

Friends and sponsors = not members.

The time of the EEC (since 1957, Treaty of Rome). Britain not yet a member.

The other members are smaller. The 1st one is Adenauer, the chancellor of the FRG. Germany was divided in the context of the Cold War. It was weaker than it is today.

Looming large, an infuriated De Gaulle.

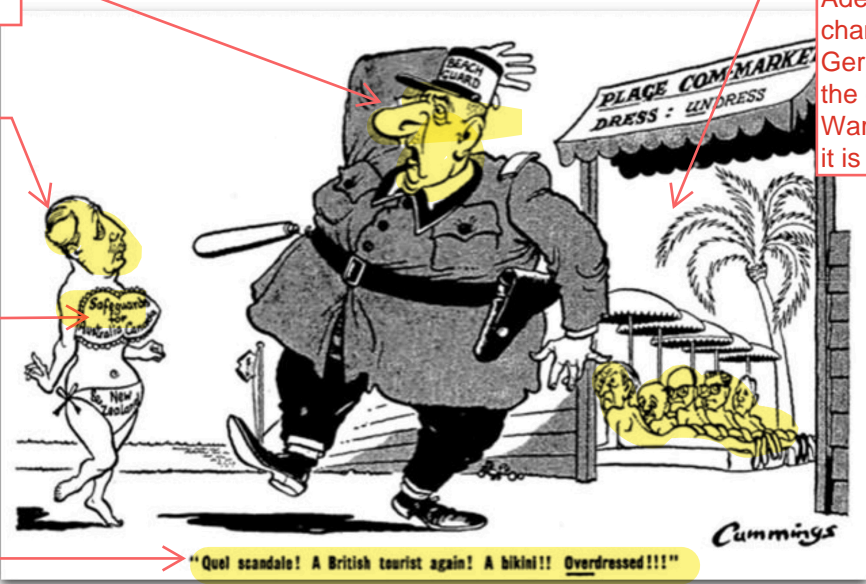
In front of him, a ridiculous Macmillan, begging for a membership.

The bra stands for the Commonwealth.

De Gaulle was determined not to let Britain in : because of the Commonwealth and because of the “special relationship” with the US.

Winston CHURCHILL, speech delivered in Zurich, 19 September 1946

● A British Cartoon by Cummings, 10 August 1962



Charles de Gaulle prevents the British prime minister Harold Macmillan, wearing a bikini, from entering the common as a nudist beach. On the bra : “safeguards for Australia, Canada, on the pants : “New Zealand”. De Gaulle had want her (England) naked (without the Commonwealth)”.

➤ Using the documents and your knowledge, describe the evolution of the British position towards European integration.