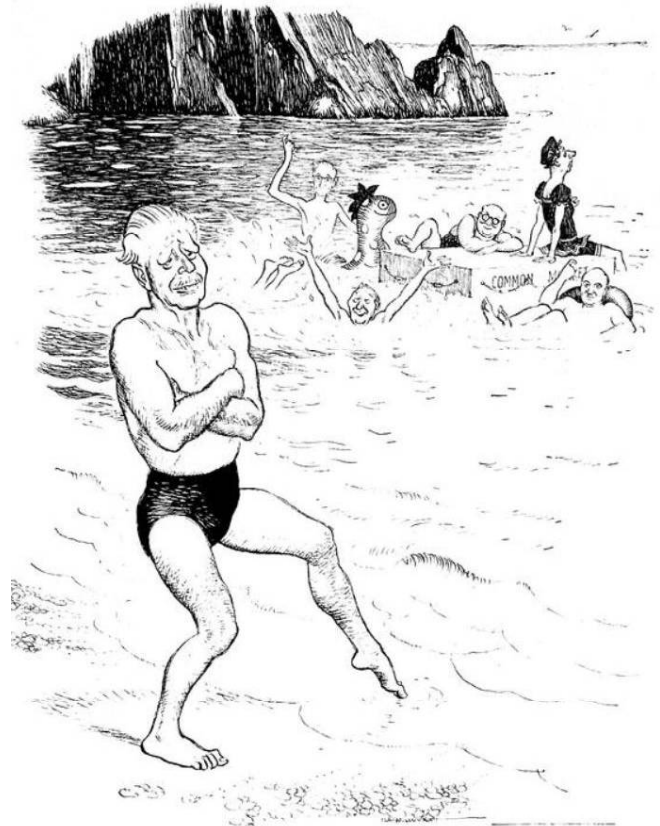


# THE UK AND EUROPE SINCE 1945

**Task: After presenting the sources, describe and explain Britain's relationship to Europe between 1950 and 1973.**

## Source 1: British communiqué on the Schuman Plan (3 June 1950)

« In the view of the French Government, the negotiations should be aimed, in the first instance, at the preparation of a treaty embodying these principles, and establishing the high authority, to be submitted to ratification by Parliament. His Majesty's Government do not feel able to accept in advance, nor do they wish to reject in advance, the principles underlying the French proposal. They consider that a detailed discussion, which would throw light on the nature of the scheme and its full political and economic consequences, is a normal and indeed essential preliminary to the conclusion of a treaty. They feel that there is a substantial difference of approach between the two Governments as to the basis on which the negotiations should be opened. [...]. They have accordingly, to their regret, found it impossible to associate themselves with the negotiations on the terms proposed by the French Government. »



“Go on, it's warmer in than out.”

Source 2 (up right): Illingworth in *Punch*<sup>1</sup>, 10 May 1961

Note : the main character is British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Source 3: *The Daily Mirror*, 1st January 1973



<sup>1</sup> *Punch*, was a British weekly magazine of humour and satire.