Time Ripe For Western European Cultural Unity; Will Complement Common Market

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"The Cultural Common Market" was the subject developed by Louis Landre, Professor of Languages and Literature at the University of Paris, in his speech to an overflow crowd in the Physics Amphitheatre on Friday, October 12.

M. LANDRE, who is currently Visiting Professor of French at Rice, indicated the development of the cultural ties which bind not only the members of the Common Market, but all the nations of Western Europe, and which now seem ripe for "a revival of the cultural unity of the past ages."

Including such non-Market countries as England, Spain, Austria, and Switzerland in his discussion, M. Landre stressed that, "commercial and industrial agreements between nations do not beget culture." Rather, it is close associated over many centuries which cause individual cultures to develop interpedently.

THE DISTINGUISHED Professor Landre pointed to various agreements and alliances which have served to aid the development of the potpourri of culture: from the Pax Romana, through Chalemagne, the Renaissance, and the Reformation, ties which would have a permanent force were being formed.

The speaker stressed the fact that the Common Market, a trade unit, had "no intention of erecting an economic wall against themselves," as can be seen by their commerce with the other nations of the world.

M. Landre held great hope for both Common Market—the economic and the cultural—and indicated his hope that they will soon be merged into one distinct unit.