

# Adenauer's Successor Keeps Germans, World Guessing

## Fate of Country Rests on Shoulders On Moscow Jaunt

Bonn, Germany, — (U.P.) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer embarks on his historic mission to Moscow this week with the fate of a nation hanging on the shoulders of a man nearing 80 years of age.

West Germany's iron-willed "Grand Old Man" celebrates his 80th birthday next Jan. 5. He is still firm, erect and imperious in his manner. He looks about 15 years younger.

But despite the issues that would crush many a younger man he has done nothing to pin-point a "crown prince" or possible successor.

But other German leaders and the German press have been nagged increasingly by the question: "What will happen to this nation when Adenauer goes?"

**Choice of Two Aides**  
If Adenauer should die tomorrow the choice probably would lie between two of his ablest aides—peppery little Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer from Bavaria and big, bluff, professorial Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard.

Schaeffer is considered the abler of the two and the one most likely to get the nod at once. But Schaeffer has several marks against him.

First, his health is not good. He is 67 and recently had to give up work for several months for health reasons. Another point against him is that he is a Bavarian—always a disadvantage in German politics. Finally, as the man who has applied the tax screws in Germany for the past seven years he is not exactly a popular figure.

Erhard, only 56, and with his 220 pound bulk a walking advertisement for the "German Miracle," has won a popular following and political strength from West Germany's amazing economic boom.

But Erhard is not considered an adept politician and his knowledge of foreign affairs outside the economic sphere is only rudimentary.

A man with his eye on the chancellery — some day — is Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano, a 51-year-old bachelor and until recently the parliamentary floor leader of Adenauer's Christian Democrats.

Another youngish man with his eye on the chancellery is Minister of Interior Gerhard Schroeder, 45.

He was considered one of the outstanding "bright young men" of the Christian Democrats until last summer when West German Security Chief Otto John, one of his subordinates, skipped to the East German Communists.

A "dark horse" candidate, who stays out of the day-to-day turmoil of Bonn politics but is a big force in the Christian Democratic party, is Karl Arnold, 53, for the past eight years Premier of North Rhine-Westphalia which with a 13,000,000 population is the most populous state in the Bonn Republic.

Arnold is popular in the trade union wing of the party and has made a success of maintaining good relations with the opposition Socialists in his own state. He also has the advantage that Adenauer has high regard for his ability.

**Longshoremen To Discuss Strike**  
New York — (U.P.) — Members of the International Longshoremen's Association hold a series of meetings today to decide whether they will strike in their grievance with the New York-New Jersey waterfront commission.

Capt. William Bradley, president of the independent union, said a few hours before the scheduled meetings there was a "definite possibility" some 30,000 longshoremen would walk off their jobs today or tomorrow.

The union has charged the commission with assuming powers it does not have, harassing union men, and joining with the New York shipping association in keeping the waterfront in a continuous state of unrest.

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## Colorado GOP Leader Believes Ike Will Be Candidate; President Says Party Needs More Young, Vigorous Men

Denver — (U.P.) — A rising young Colorado Republican leader who received President Eisenhower's personal encouragement today said he has a "strong feeling" that the chief executive will seek reelection next year.

Donald Brozman, 33, state senator and 1954 GOP gubernatorial candidate, said he formed that opinion because Mr. Eisenhower "appears to be man who enjoys his job," and is "thriving on it."

Brozman told reporters after a half-hour early morning session with the President that he feels that Mr. Eisenhower "has certain things in mind that he wants to accomplish."

**Young Men Needed**  
Mr. Eisenhower underscored his belief that the GOP needs more young, vigorous leaders by inviting the young Boulder attorney to the summer White House for a conference.

Brozman's attractive blonde wife, Louise, accompanied him and said she was "thrilled" over meeting the President for the first time.

Brozman said the President emphasized his feeling that "young people should come forward and assert their ideas."

The young GOP leader came close to pulling a major political upset last year when he lost the Colorado governorship to 71-

year-old Edwin C. Johnson, veteran Colorado warhorse, by only 34,000 votes. Johnson, who retired from the Senate to seek the governorship, has announced his plans to retire at the end of his term next year.

**May Try Again**  
Brozman said he has not made up his mind whether to seek the governorship again next year. He said the President did not specifically urge him to run but "he didn't say anything that would discourage me."

The President broke his own record for early arrivals by reaching his Lowry Air Force Base office at 7:21 a.m. He left shortly before 9 a.m. for his daily round of golf at Cherry Hills Country club.

**Aloof from Primary Fights**  
Mr. Eisenhower keeps carefully aloof from GOP intra-party primary fights. But it is no secret that he believes strongly in encouraging successful young vote-getters.

The President got in his usual round of golf in the bright, dry late summer sun Tuesday shortly after approving plans for a two-day conference here Sept. 27-28 on the physical fitness of American youth.

He also conferred at length with Director Theodore C. Streibert of the U.S. Information agency and approved the "Voice of America" plans for a stepped-up program to emphasize U.S. determination to work for world peace in the wake of the recent Geneva Big Four conference.

kindling wood. Owner Millard Elkins estimated damage to his house at \$3000.

The freak storm, one of the most violent in the area in many years, was reportedly caused by high humidity and the intense heat of the past few days.

The area is undergoing its driest year since 1949.

**Dust Storm Sweeps Through Prineville**  
Prineville — (U.P.) — A dust storm swept through Prineville yesterday with winds gusting to hurricane force and limiting visibility at times to 50 feet.

Greatest property damage from the blow was reported in Ochoco Heights where one roof was lifted off and smashed to

Manhattan, Kan. — (U.P.) — Kansas has a lake with 50,000 black bass—and strictly no fishing! The fish are fingerlings dumped into the new Manhattan state lake. The lake now has 20 acres of water. In about two years when the bass are big enough for legal fishing, it is expected the lake will have 80 acres of water.

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## McNeil To Attend Travel Conference

Don McNeil, secretary and manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, left today for Mt. Rainier, Wash., to attend a three-day meeting of agencies belonging to the Pacific Northwest Travel association.

Reports will be given on attendance at various big-city travel shows this year at which the PNMTA had displays. It will also be decided at which shows displays will be maintained in 1956, and itineraries for tours of travel writers, sponsored by the PNMTA, will be decided for the coming year.

Mrs. McNeil is accompanying her husband, and they will stop in Portland to visit relatives en route. They are traveling by car.

## Nine Cases of Illness Listed

Only nine cases of communicable diseases were reported in Jackson county during the week ending Sept. 3, according to a report prepared by the county health department.

The list included three cases of measles, all in Medford, and three cases of strep throat, with two in Ashland and one in Talent.

There also was one case of pneumonia in Ashland, one case of tuberculosis at Ashland, and one case of infectious mononucleosis at Trail.

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