

West Germany Seen Heading for Radical Changes in Policy

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West Germany seems to be heading toward a radical change in policy. The West German army, now in process of formation, probably will be converted into a largely volunteer force based on the use of tactical atomic weapons. Politically, West Germany is likely to cooperate more closely with other Western European countries, especially Great Britain and France.

It seems possible that the change in policy also may result in the establishment of better relations with Soviet Russia.

But one change which had long been expected seems to have been postponed. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, now nearing his 81st birthday, apparently intends to keep his leadership for the foreseeable future, and not name a political heir.

The change in policy was foreshadowed when Adenauer shook up his cabinet Tuesday.

Defense Minister Dropped

The most notable change was that Defense Minister Theodor Blank was dropped. The defense post was given to Atomic Energy Minister Franz-Josef Strauss.

Blank was sacrificed because of the lag in rearmament. The lag was due partly to the strong opposition by many West Germans to the whole rearmament program, especially the draft. But Blank had become increasingly unpopular himself.

As planned originally, West Germany was to have a 500,000-man "fighting force," as it is called officially, based on the use of conventional weapons. Most of the men were to be draftees.

Strauss has more advanced ideas. Under him, the fighting force is expected to be limited to 300,000 men. It probably will consist largely of professionals—volunteers who want to make the army a career.

Strauss is expected to be concentrated on forming an army which will depend basically on tactical atomic weapons.

One change which had been expected as part of the cabinet shift did not materialize.

Political Heir Expected

Adenauer had been expected to make Foreign Minister Heinrich Von Brentano a vice premier. In that capacity, Brentano would have been designated as Adenauer's political heir. A lot of members of Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party would like to have him build up Brentano as the next chancellor. They are looking forward to the national election to be held next September.

But Adenauer apparently did not like the idea of having anybody breathing down his neck, so to speak, in expectation of his retirement.

As regards closer German co-operation with other countries in Western Europe, Adenauer in a speech in Belgium on Sept. 25 called for the creation of a strong European federation which would be open to all West European countries including Britain.

It is indicated that Adenauer, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Guy Mollet agree that they ought to cooperate more closely on world affairs. This would entail considerably more independence of U.S. policy.

PIGGY BANKS ROBBED

Tallahassee, Fla. — (U.P.) — Dr. George Lensen, professor of history at Florida State university, reported a theft of \$160 from his home. He said the cash had been taken from six piggy banks.



STUFFING body of Mrs. Mary McCully, 31, into trunk of car after shooting her, W. G. Borchers, wealthy Los Angeles insurance man, told police he drove aimlessly 36 hours before deciding to give self up. (International)

Governor Testifies In Hodge Scandal

Chicago — (U.P.) — Gov. William G. Stratton became the highest ranking public official to testify in the one million dollar Hodge Scandal today.

Stratton was expected to tell the U. S. Senate Banking and Currency committee how he forced former Auditor Orville E. Hodge to resign from public office after it became known he had embezzled one million dollars from the state treasury. Hodge now is confined in the state penitentiary, where he was sentenced to remain for 12-15 years on charges arising from the fraudulent check scheme.

Stratton, who has been criticized for his handling of the Hodge affair, was originally asked, but not subpoenaed, to appear before the committee which is investigating the connections between bankers and political campaigns. The committee planned to question the Republican governor about contributions by bankers to his campaign for the governorship in 1952.

Wright Criticizes Modern Architects

Chicago — (U.P.) — "Architects have degenerated to a mere industry," famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright said Wednesday night at a dinner in his honor.

Wright briefly addressed about 1,000 persons attending the testimonial dinner which also served to launch a campaign to raise four million dollars for Taliesin, Wright's architectural school at Spring Green, Wis.

The 87-year-old Wright commented on various topics while his guests viewed pictures, models and plans of his proposed mile-high building for Chicago. He called the super-skyscraper he designed a "finger in the right direction of humanity."

Commenting further about his profession, Wright said American architects were "trying to draw us back into the 19th century... they are building great boxes."

Wright criticized education saying it has "left us in the lurch because it has never known the difference between education and culture."

15-Year-Old Arrested In Burglary Case

A 15-year-old Medford boy was arrested Tuesday on charges of burglary not in a dwelling in connection with the theft of several articles valued at \$79 from the Bob Kennedy Furniture store, 1603 North Riverside ave., according to Medford police.

The boy was released to the custody of his mother. He is to appear before juvenile authorities.

The theft was reported by Robert C. Kennedy, owner of the store, Monday. Police said the burglary occurred sometime between 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Articles reported stolen included one Winchester 30-30 carbine valued at \$75 and a box of 30-30 Remington ammunition valued at \$4, officers reported.

Entrance was made to the building by using a small wrecking bar to pry a lock off on a rear door, police said.

Jack Dumas Tells Kiwanis Club of Pilot Experience

Pointing to the protection afforded the United States by its Air Force, Jack Dumas concluded a talk to the Medford Kiwanis club yesterday, by saying, "It takes taxes and I have no qualms about paying them."

Dumas, recently released from active duty by the Air Force and now associated with Medford Domestic Laundry, told Kiwanians of his training, service and assignments as a jet fighter pilot.

He was on duty on Okinawa and Formosa and in the Philippines and in Korea. His unit provided "high cover" for the evacuation of islands off the coast of China in January 1955.

The jet fighter pilot said that he felt he was doing something for his country even in time of peace.

The meeting was the regular noon luncheon of Kiwanians. Dr. Bill Blackstone, chairman of the project, reported a preliminary count of \$303.50 from sale of programs at the Klamath Falls-Medford High school football game. The money will go to the United Medford Crusade.

Club President Irv Mirick named Paul Selby chairman of a committee to nominate Kiwanis officers for 1957. Others on the committee are Jack Walker, Jennings Pierce, Frank Perl and Boyd Budge.

LONG WAIT PAYS OFF

Clifton, N.J. — (U.P.) — For years Roy Samuelson, 21, of nearby Saddle Brook, has been hunting deer unsuccessfully. On Wednesday night he killed one—with his automobile. Driving on a busy highway, he accidentally struck an eight-point, 150-pound deer.

TAGS HUSBAND'S CAR

Burlington, N.C. — (U.P.) — A policewoman, Mrs. J. W. Wiggins, calmly listened to her husband's argument before the city council that parking tickets are unconstitutional. She then went outside and placed a ticket on his car.

Some TV Viewers Said Tiring of Quiz Shows With Smart People on Parade

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New York — (U.P.) — Some of us viewers are getting downright tired of seeing so many smart people parading around on TV winning so much money and answering so many questions on abstruse things.

It's time somebody told the TV people they're going overboard. They're hipped on the subject of knowledge. They're putting a premium on crammed heads. Thousands of dollars for overstuffed brains.

Erudition Dripping

Erudition is oozing out of the studios and dripping all over the sidewalks. It's getting so that if you don't know who told Zachary Taylor's upstairs maid's pooch's uncle that he wasn't nothing but a hound dog, you can't even get into the audience of a quiz show.

Why don't they give us dumb people a chance sometimes? I mean us folks with clean, uncramped, unfettered brains—unburdened by the dull weight of billions of facts. Some of us have been working hard at keeping our brains uncluttered for years.

There are some brains around that have whole sections which haven't been exposed to anything. Should such purity go un-sung, unrecognized, unrewarded? Obviously the answer is no.

What we need is a television program that pays off on ignorance.

The format should not be hard to contrive. If you don't know a thing, you don't know it. How much you don't know can be demonstrated by starting with a hard question and gradually working up to missing the easiest possible kind of a question.

ANY EXTREME

Saginaw, Mich. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson said here Wednesday "there is no limit to which the Republicans won't go." He said he received a letter from an 11-year-old Saginaw school-girl which said: "I want to know if it is true you would give us two more months of school and Ike would take away a month."

It takes a lot of practice to don't-know something of the simple, ordinary things; the contestant could be interviewed on how he achieved his ignorance.

For instance, I have no idea what 9 times 12 is. My success in this may be traced to a strict personal code of window-staring while we were being taught the multiplication tables in school. During the entire arithmetic class I would stare through a window at an alley.

It was a dirt alley, with weeds between the vehicle tracks. There was almost never any traffic along it, a fact which helped to keep the mind at peace, restful and unused.

No Cheating

Now, you're probably saying, what would prevent a person on "Ignorance Is Bliss," or whatever they called the program, from pretending not to know the answer when he actually knew it? This is simple. Science would fix it.

Each contestant would be shot with truth serum and then go on the program wearing a lie detector. That way, you'd be sure he was trying his best when giving the wrong answer and telling the truth when he said he didn't know.

Just so there would be some easy winnings in the first round, the program would start off with some questions like: "Who was

George Washington's most frequent caddy during his first term as President?" Then you could work into such contestant-eliminators as: "What was the name of Adam's first wife?"

There is a crying need for such a program for those of us who have, as Lord Byron said, "Just enough of knowledge to misquote."

Well... that is... I think that's what he said.

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