

Adenauer's Election Prospect Brighter After Soviet Blast

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Berlin — Election prospects looked brighter today for West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as a result of the savage attack made on him by Soviet Communist leader Nikita Khrushchev.

Western observers, who heard Khrushchev lambaste Adenauer during his recent East German tour, believe the attacks—which ranged from comparing Adenauer with Adolf Hitler to warning that he was leading Germany along the road to war—have virtually clinched the Sept. 15 elections in Adenauer's favor.

They believe the attacks, couched in some of the strongest language one head of state has ever used in criticizing another, will boomerang in Adenauer's favor among the West German electorate.

There is a school of thought which believes this was exactly what the Soviets intended, as they are unwilling at the moment to negotiate with a Socialist government over the reunification of Germany.

Red Stand Clear
The Soviet leaders made it clear during their seven-day East German tour Aug. 7-14 that they are determined to maintain the division of Germany and to back the east zone satellite state with all their power.

Their eventual aim is the takeover of all Germany and its incorporation into the east bloc. In the meantime, attacks on Adenauer as a "warmonger and imperialist tool" enable the Soviets to claim that it is impossible to negotiate with him, and thereby to perpetuate the status quo until they are ready to make their next move.

Even before Khrushchev had lashed out at Adenauer, the election balance had swung in his favor.

Most political experts believe that Adenauer will be returned for his third successive term since 1949, although perhaps with a reduced majority.

Holds Absolute Majority

At present Adenauer's Christian Democrat party holds an absolute majority in the Bundestag (lower house) with 253 seats, compared to 153 Socialists, 37 Free Democrats, 19 Refugee party and three independents.

In the September election, at least 494 seats will be contested, exactly half of them by direct election in the 247 constituencies. The remainder will be settled by proportional representation.

Victory for the 82-year-old chancellor will give him 12 straight years in office—if he completes the four-year term.

This has been one of the main election arguments by the opposition Socialists, who claim that 12 years is too long for any one man to govern the country. Their theme is "It's time for a change."

They also say his election will end all hope of German reunification, and expose Western Germany to a further period of cold war.

In reply, Adenauer has turned his big guns on the Socialists, virtually ignoring the smaller parties, and has warned in several major campaign speeches that their victory in the elections would mean the "downfall of Germany."

Attacks Socialist Promises
He has attacked Socialist promises that they would "re-examine" West Germany's membership in the NATO pact, and warned bluntly that a Socialist government would take the country down the road to Communism.

Most of the campaign so far has been fought on foreign pol-

icy issues, all of them revolving around the reunification problem.

The Socialists, led by Erich Ollenhauer, say that only a new, flexible approach—envisaging the possible withdrawal of West Germany from NATO and the negotiation of a European security pact—can hope to bring concessions from the Russians.

Adenauer, in reply, says that

only West Germany's alliances with the Western powers save it from falling into Soviet hands, and that eventually the Soviets will be forced by their own internal problems to relax their grip on the east zone.

At present, as far as foreign observers can predict, most West Germans appear to agree with "Der Alte" (the old one) as the chancellor is known.

Quotes From the News

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Hollywood—James Craig, former assistant manager of Grauman's Chinese theater, on Maureen O'Hara's statement she was out of the country at the time of an alleged torrid tryst in the theater:

"It occurred approximately in November of 1953. Therefore, there could be a month or two in either direction."

Oswego, N.Y.—Horace Nunn of Newark, N.Y., on a tunnel explosion under Lake Ontario which took three lives:

"I was knocked end over end by the blast. Then I thought of the three guys at the front of the tunnel but I couldn't find them. I realized the air was very bad so I turned back."

New York—Harry Bridges, West Coast Longshoremen's Union president on James R. Hoffa as a possible successor to Teamsters President Dave Beck:

"If he (Hoffa) makes the presidency of the Teamsters union it will be helpful to labor, not harmful."

Washington—A government health spokesman, cautioning victims of "Lou Gherig's disease" or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) against false hope:

"To the best of our knowledge, there is no known cure for ALS, nor is there a treatment which is fully effective."

New York—Dorothy May, 16-year-old backwoods beauty, protesting against being called "nature girl":

"I hate it. It sounds like I live in a cave and bite the heads off snakes."

Funds Made Available For Survey Work in Rogue River Basin

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) announced this week end that funds have now been made available for every Army engineer examination and survey which has been authorized by Congress for the 4th Congressional district.

Porter was notified by Brigadier General J. L. Person, chief of civil works in the Washington, D.C., office of the chief of Army engineers, that allocations have been made for all six surveys on the list for southwestern Oregon, including three which had not been included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 1953.

General Person described the allocations as "tentative" because of the fact that the President has not yet signed the Public Works Appropriations act, also passed by both Houses of Congress more than a week ago and sent to the White House.

Delay Not Unusual
"However, the delay is not

unusual," said Porter. "The President has 10 days in which to act after passage of a bill by Congress."

Largest allocation among the six items is for the widely-discussed "Rogue River and Tributaries Survey Report," a flood control examination by the corps of engineers. The allocation for fiscal year 1958 for this report is \$40,000, enough, according to General Person to complete the report. The total expenditure for the report by the end of the current fiscal year was \$70,000.

"The report is being awaited by local interests in the Rogue River area, most of whom," said Porter, "have agreed to abide by its recommendations on the type of flood control projects to be constructed on the river."

Congressman Porter has also agreed to modify his Rogue River basin project bill, H.R. 9030, to conform to the engineers' report, when completed, if it should conflict with present provisions of the bill.

The funds for the Rogue River survey completion were not included in the President's budget, partly through an oversight on the part of the corps of engineers, but a strong plea for the additional funds was made to the appropriate committees by Porter and by other members of the Oregon Democratic delegation.

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Washington Woman Found Early Today

Goldendale, Wash.—Mrs. Betsy Leathers, 70, White Salmon, Wash., was found early today after being lost in the Burnt Peak area on Mt. Adams for 13 hours.

Klickitat county sheriff's deputies said Mrs. Leathers disappeared while berry picking with her neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duus of White Salmon.

The trio went huckleberry picking early Sunday morning and Mrs. Leathers became separated from the couple about 10 a.m.

A rescue party of about 40 began immediate rescue operations and she was found about 13 hours later, semi-conscious and had to be carried out by stretcher.

The incident occurred about three miles west from where Richard Craig, 5, Harrah, Wash., was lost Thursday. The boy was found by searchers Saturday.

Sailors Held for Killing Seattle Man

Seattle—Police said Sunday two sailors stationed aboard the aircraft carrier Shangri-La at Bremerton had admitted being involved in the fatal beating of John J. Tansey, 61, Seattle, Friday night.

David Joiner Jr., 21, and George Mass, 21, were being held without charge along with six other men who officers said denied any knowledge of the beating and robbery.

Tansey was beaten by four men who tried to rob him in front of a hotel here.

'Shasta' Detonated By AEC Sunday

Atomic Test Site, Nev.—Adverse weather conditions early today prevented the Atomic Energy commission from getting back on schedule with the triggering of a small-sized nuclear device.

Scientists were forced to postpone for 24 hours detonation of a device, dubbed "Doppler," because of strong winds and a rain storm at the Nevada Proving grounds. The test was rescheduled for 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

It was to be the second nuclear explosion in two days. The AEC Sunday finally fired its oft-postponed "Shasta" device. The test had been postponed a record number of 19 times because of unfavorable weather and technical problems.

The AEC had hoped to get back on its summer test schedule by detonating "Doppler" from a balloon 1,500 feet over the desert. It was to be the 13th blast in the series.

Sunday's shot sent a vivid orange then purplish cloud mushrooming 30,000 feet in the pre-dawn sky. The AEC said only "light fallout" resulted from the blast triggered atop a 500-foot steel tower. The shot released a power equal to 10,000 tons of TNT.

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