

Adenauer Intends To Pattern Office After De Gaulle

Bonn, Germany—UPI—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer intends to be a strong federal president on the pattern of his new friend, French President Charles de Gaulle, political sources said today.

Until now the West German presidency has been mainly a symbolic and ceremonial office. But apparently De Gaulle has given the German leader ideas, although Adenauer was once suspicious of his motives.

Fascinated by De Gaulle
Informed sources said Adenauer is fascinated by the manner in which De Gaulle managed to rise above party politics by becoming president yet retained the essential powers in his own hand. The French presidency had virtually no political powers until De Gaulle took over.

Adenauer was understood to have ordered the Interior Ministry to prepare a detailed study of the possible powers of the presidency if it were occupied by a strong man. This move coincided with the opposition Socialist Party's decision to name Carlo Schmid as its presidential candidate.

Can Be Effective
In the first instance, Adenauer intimates reported, he wanted to determine precisely to what extent Schmid could block the government if he were elected president. Schmid opposes the present government's policies.

The Interior Ministry study showed that a strong man could in fact use the presidency quite effectively. At this stage, and under pressure from close friends to slow down because of his age, Adenauer decided he had better take the presidency himself.

World Surprised
Adenauer surprised the world two days ago by announcing he will be the Christian Democratic Party's candidate for the presidency when the Federal Assembly meets in West Berlin July 11. Adenauer's party strength is great enough to assure him of victory.

His first public act upon becoming president will be to nominate his own successor in the Chancellery, a choice expected to receive parliamentary approval.

At the top of the form sheets were Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard, 62, and Finance Minister Franz Etzel, 56.

Young 'Geniuses' Steal Equipment For Experiments

Mount Clemens, Mich.—UPI—Two "teen-aged geniuses" were held at the Macomb County Youth House today pending a hearing on charges of committing 28 burglaries to get equipment for their scientific experiments.

The boys were arrested at their homes Tuesday and readily admitted stealing supplies from their school and a dentist's office so they could build telescopes, take pictures of the moon and stars with a home-made camera and shoot off home-made rockets.

Too Young For Classes
The boys, 14 and 15, were too young for the regular science classes in St. Clair Shores High School where they attended the ninth grade. Juvenile Officer Arthur Ladas tracked down the boys with the aid of his partner, Detective Sgt. Leo Warfield.

The boys' fathers, a postal worker and a factory worker, encouraged their scientific interests with as many gifts as they could afford. "They were just going too fast for their parents to keep up with said Ladas. "The parents never suspected what the boys were up to."

Entered 27 Times
The boys broke into the St. Clair Shores school 27 times since last October, taking at least \$3,000 worth of projectors, test tubes, acid from fire extinguishers and chemicals.

A week ago, they broke into a dentist's office and took pressure gauges, bottles and X-ray equipment. In the process they took \$785 in cash, the first cash they had ever taken, in order to buy more scientific equipment.

ARRIVES AT NEW POST
Phnom Penh, Cambodia—UPI—William Thrimble, the new U.S. ambassador to Cambodia, took over his desk at the embassy today. He arrived by plane Wednesday from Saigon, Viet Nam.

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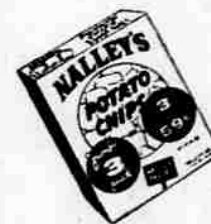
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