

DeGaulle, Adenauer Hastening To Cement Reconciliation of Nations

Paris — (AP) — President Charles De Gaulle and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer are two old men in a hurry.

They are hastening to cement the historic reconciliation of their two countries, enemies for more than a thousand years, into a solid, durable friendship before they themselves have to bow out from the political scene. They have little time to do so, Adenauer, 77, has promised to step down by next fall. De Gaulle's seven-year term has only three more years to run, and he is 72 years old.

On Jan. 21 Adenauer will meet again with De Gaulle in Paris for their third get-together in six months. Previously they met when Adenauer paid an official visit to France last July and when De Gaulle made a triumphal return visit to Germany at the beginning of September.

The main concrete achievement of those two visits was a broad agreement on cooperation between the two nations. It could not be challenged or shaken if Great Britain ultimately joins them in the six-nation European Common Market.

The French hurried to spell out these plans in a memorandum to the Bonn government on Sept. 18, 1962.

Although it never has been published, it is common knowledge that the French memorandum proposed close permanent consultation between the two countries in the fields of foreign affairs, defense, finance, economic affairs, education and youth.

The French ruled out any formal treaty or creation of new joint bodies to carry out this program, such as would need parliamentary approval. But they proposed that the heads of state of government should meet at least twice annually, their Foreign, Defense, Finance and Education Ministers at least four times annually and their Defense Chiefs of Staff every two months.

They proposed also that officials and experts of the two countries should meet at least once a month to coordinate policies and to ensure that no major decision is taken in any of these fields without the other being consulted.

The French and West German each established special committees to bird-dog this program.

In a return memorandum on Nov. 8, West Germany agreed to most of the French proposals. In addition, it proposed increased cooperation in the fields of information and economic aid to developing countries.

The German memorandum also called for the two countries to line up their strategic ideas within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The whole program was discussed thoroughly by French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and West German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder at a meeting in Paris Dec. 16-17 after the NATO council session here. They found themselves in full agreement and scheduled a tentative date for the De Gaulle-Adenauer meeting.

De Gaulle and Adenauer are expected to discuss mainly this constantly closer "marriage" between their two nations — an idea which is dear to the hearts of both.

It can be taken for granted, however, that they also will talk about the bogged-down negotiations on Britain's request for entry into the Common Market.

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Accordingly, in recent days administration spokesmen have tended to emphasize their hope that Goulart will be more decisive in putting into effect long-promised fiscal reforms and to put off a definitive policy toward Brazil until then.

Statements Studied

Goulart's statements concerning the alliance published in a Rio de Janeiro newspaper were being closely studied by the administration's top Latin American policy makers.

One official said he believed they were "a straw in the wind" indicating that it had raised hopes here that the Brazilian government would

Meanwhile, it was learned that top administration officials have notified the Brazilian government they are prepared to support Brazil's new three-year stabilization program.

The plan, calling for bringing inflation under control and for far-reaching industrial, agricultural and social development schemes, was prepared by Development Minister Celso Furtado.

Although Furtado has been denounced by some Brazilians for his nationalistic and statist views, officials here regard him as a capable and dynamic man who would be prepared to cooperate with Washington.

A similar opinion is held of San Thiago Dantas, a former foreign minister stated to become finance minister in the new cabinet.

High officials expect Dantas will come here later this month at the head of a broad mission to negotiate a financial agreement and see relations between the two countries on a better footing.

Brazilian Ambassador Roberto Campos, a respected economist, returned to his country earlier this week to explain the administration's more tolerant position to Goulart.

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Stainless Steel Used as Canvas By Greek Artist

New York — (AP) — In a one-time synagogue where he works and sleeps, a Greek artist hand-rubs a variety of stone abrasives on a stainless steel sheet — a technique described as unique in modern art.

The artist is Nikos Bel-Jon and the sheet — seven feet high and 28 feet long — may be the largest stainless steel mural ever painted. It will be installed in Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry where later this year American Iron and Steel Institute will unveil an exhibit.

The theme of the abstract mural is "Steel in the Future." It depicts what Bel-Jon describes as a central steel-like figure stretching upward and outward to infinity — symbolizing the unlimited potential of steel through the unlimited vision of man.

Abrasives

Utilizing the shiny stainless steel sheet as his canvas, the stone abrasives as a paint brush and a bank of 28 colored lights for pigments, the nationally-known muralist executes millions of tiny scratches and broad swipes on the giant stretch of metal.

These scratches, which Bel-Jon makes with assorted grades of round, oblong and square pieces of carborundum, seemingly go in every conceivable direction. By working within carefully plotted areas, coupled with the battery of colored lights, the surface of the metal sheet bounces light at different angles and intensities.

This specially arranged lighting system gives the mural a sparkling iridescence in ever-changing color tones. These lights, reflecting from the faces of the countless scratches, vividly project the mural figures. When the lights are turned off, the mural takes on a silvery-white appearance with black shadows.

From Europe

Bel-Jon, who was educated in Europe, came to the United States 10 years ago and began experimenting with the new technique. During this period he supported himself by painting conventional murals for theaters.

He describes his work as "painting with light." He developed his technique by using softer metals and steel wool as his paint brush. When he originally was asked to "paint" stainless steel, he declined. He felt this metal was too hard for him to achieve his artistic goal.

"But the more I thought about it, the more of a challenge it became," he said. The technique was perfected when he substituted hard abrasives for steel wool.

Vote Favors Giving Goulart More Power

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — (AP) — Brazil is 5-1 in favor of giving President Joao Goulart the former powers he was denied 16 months ago by generals who charged he was linked with communism, it was reported today.

Nearly complete returns from Sunday's referendum showed 5,768,289 votes in favor of "American plan" government, making Goulart the nation's official chief executive, to 1,026,678 for continuation of the European plan.

A European plan, nominally vesting power in a premier and making the president a figurehead, was installed in this country when President Janio Quadros resigned in 1961 and the generals refused to comply with a full grant of power to Goulart, Quadros's vice president.

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Oldest Resident in Salem Dies at Age 104
Salem — (AP) — Salem's oldest resident, 104-year-old Mrs. Della A. Beckley, died Monday night at a nursing home here. She suffered a stroke.

Mrs. Beckley would have been 105 Feb. 26. She was born in Wisconsin and moved to Salem in 1907.