

Struggle Within Party Reported Far From Over

BERLIN (AP) — Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party voted solidly Wednesday for the old chancellor's choice for the West German presidency. But the wounds inflicted by the bitter struggle within the party before the election are far from healed.

Despite the election of Christian Democrat Heinrich Lübke to the nation's figurehead presidency, the opposition Socialists are talking optimistically about their chances of winning control of Parliament in the general election in September 1961.

When Lübke's election was announced, perhaps the least disappointed person in Berlin's East Prussia Hall was his Socialist opponent, Carlo Schmid.

Schmid, a 62-year-old writer

and scholar, was openly uninterested in winning the powerless presidency. He hopes to be his party's choice for chancellor if the Socialists win in 1961.

"The Christian Democrats are in trouble," a Socialist leader remarked after the presidential vote. "They're not going to get over their intraparty struggle for a long time."

Gerhard Schröder, Adenauer's interior minister, sidestepped when asked if he thought Lübke's election was a success for Adenauer.

"It was a success for the Christian Democrats," he said. "It proved the unity of our party."

Independent observers felt the solid party vote for Lübke showed a general Christian Democratic desire to keep the Socialist, Schmid, from getting the presidency. But it was considered significant that Adenauer's opponent in the recent bitter party squabble, Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard, got a heartier round of applause when he cast his ballot than did the old chancellor.

Erhard was all set to succeed Adenauer as chancellor after the elder statesman announced in April that he would step up to the presidency. Then Adenauer realized he couldn't dictate the choice of his successor and thus keep control of the government. He decided instead to continue as chancellor. At the same time he cast a slur on Erhard's ability. A furious storm inside the party followed.

A surface peace was restored after Erhard accepted a mild apology from Adenauer. The party united behind Lübke.

The Socialists are banking that the Christian Democratic rift has only been patched over, not healed. They expect the party to divide again in 1961 when the question of Adenauer's successor comes up again.

The chancellor will be 85 by then. He told an interviewer recently he would retire after the 1961 voting.

He could change his mind again and try to stay on, Erhard, and probably other Christian Democrats, undoubtedly would challenge that. If Adenauer does retire, his choice of a successor is not likely to be Erhard. Next time the economics minister is expected to fight for the chancellorcy.

Senators See Good Chance Of Balancing U.S. Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) and Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) agreed today there is a good chance that the federal budget will be balanced this year.

Dirksen, Senate Republican leader, said that if this is done, President Eisenhower will deserve most of the credit.

Byrd, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, disagreed on that point in a separate interview. He said that rising revenues—rather than actions by either the President or the Democratic

Congress—will account for any balance reached.

Eisenhower told his news conference he is working not only to balance his 77-billion-dollar budget for the current fiscal year but to build a surplus from which the country can start paying something on its debt.

Byrd tabbed this as a laudable objective, but he said any balance is going to be a tight one, with little surplus.

"If the budget is balanced, and I think it may be, it will be balanced by increases in revenue brought about by improved business conditions," Byrd said. "I would like to see it brought about by reductions in expenses because that is the solid way to do it. You can't always depend on the upward trend in tax receipts being sustained."

Dirksen said congressional approval of some long range spending programs could threaten future budgets.

"If we get a balance, the lion's share of the credit should go to the President," he said. "The President led the efforts to take this issue to the country and the country has responded."

49er Gridder Buys Home

BELMONT, Calif. (AP)—R. C. Owens, the San Francisco 49ers' pass-catching ace, is the first Negro home owner in a hitherto all-white section of this community.

A few of his neighbors wanted to know if there were any restrictions on a Negro moving in but city officials said there are none. No neighbors complained.

Owens plans to move his wife and daughter into the \$32,000 house in a few days.

"I am the kind of person who can prove I'm a good neighbor," said Owens, who thrilled 49er fans with his leaping catches of looping passes from quarterback Y. A. Tittle.

Traffic Mishaps Snuff Out Five

BRENNHAM, Tex. (AP)—In just a few months accidental death on the highways has claimed five members of the Raymond Parr family.

Wednesday, Jackie Parr, 17, died of injuries received June 21 in a motorcycle crash.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parr, and two young brothers died in a fiery collision of an automobile and pickup truck near Lamarque, Tex., last October.

Three Parris are left — Jackie's two sisters and a brother.

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MERIDIAN, Idaho (AP) — Eleven-year-old Jan Reynolds was electrocuted while demonstrating a device used to bring fishing worms to the surface of the ground.

Police said he stepped barefooted on a water-flooded lawn at his home while demonstrating the electrical gadget to his companions.



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High Court Denies Plea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The State Supreme Court refused Attorney Vincent Hallinan's plea to end his three-year suspension so he might defend a son on a felony assault charge.

The majority vote Wednesday presumably was five, although the judges didn't sign the opinion. Two members of the seven-man court, Chief Justice Phil S. Gibson and Justice Raymond E. Peters, dissented.

Terence Hallinan, 22, is charged with criminal assault and has been sued for \$220,000 as a result of an allegedly unprovoked attack on James W. Thalhimer Jr. of San Anselmo last month.

Hallinan was suspended from practice in 1957 after he was convicted of filing false federal income tax returns.

Scores Hurt In Explosion

COATZACOALCOS, Mexico (AP)—An explosion in a petroleum pipeline Wednesday in southeast Mexico killed or injured scores of persons. Fire raged over an area a mile square for more than seven hours.

One report said 11 persons were killed and about 40 injured, many of them critically.

The explosion occurred near Vernet, some 400 miles southeast of Mexico City, in the tropical state of Tabasco.

An injured workman said the pipeline, operated by the government oil monopoly Pemex, broke and poured out crude oil. Thick fumes collected as repairs were begun.

Suddenly, an explosion was touched off, apparently from a spark. Fire flashed across the oil-covered ground. Flames shot up 300 feet.

Troops were rushed to the area to help fight the fire and to keep back the curious. Planes shuttled the dead and injured to nearby cities.

All Americans Now Heavier

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every American is a little heavier and a little taller today than Tuesday. Every Englishman is a little lighter and a little shorter.

This all comes about because, effective at midnight Tuesday six English-speaking nations adopted new, standard definitions for the pound and inch.

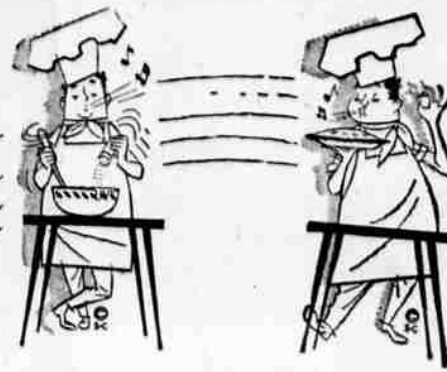
The changes from the old definitions are so slight they can't be measured on any bathroom scale or yardstick. They are important, though, in certain technical fields of manufacturing and research which use more accurate measuring devices.

For the American who Tuesday weighed exactly 150 pounds, the change in the pound adds 1-300 of an ounce to his weight.

An American who was exactly six feet tall is now approximately 1-8,000 of an inch taller.

Canadians also are taller and heavier because, until today, they used a longer inch and a heavier pound than the new standard measures. However, residents of the four other countries involved are shorter and lighter. The four — Great Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand—had been using a shorter inch and a lighter pound.

TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT
NEW YORK (UPI) — As the temperature hovered at 95 Monday, Eastern Air Lines announced triumphantly that it will soon be equipped with under-pavement hot water pipes to melt any snow that falls on its new premises at Idlewild Airport.



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