

# Socialism Makes Gains Among W. Europeans

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LONDON (AP) — Socialism has evolved a long way means different things to different people in Western Europe, but by any definition it seems to be making gains at the expense of more conservative parties in several areas.

Today the tone of much of European socialism is moderate, anti-Communist and in general looking for co-operation between the state and private enterprise.

One factor that seems to be adding to the lure of the left is the gradual fading, at least in some countries, of the boom of the last decade. Britain is a case in point.

**UNSPOKEN FACTOR**  
In addition, there is lots of showing and manoeuvring among the European allies for counterbalance to the French-day. Old jealousies are surfac-

ing and new loyalties are forming. Aside from these things there is another, often unspoken, factor in the situation. West Germans are ambitious to get their fingers on the nuclear trigger, arguing their key role in Western defence demands access to the most modern weapons. Few of their partners, excepting possibly the French, favor giving West Germany a nuclear say.

The result may be that some Europeans look to the socialists for new men and measures to head off dangers they suspect may lurk ahead. Some say they see in socialism the natural counterbalance to the French-day. This is the socialist standing around Europe:

**President de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer.**  
The thinking of men like Harold Wilson and Willy Brandt—who, respectively, lead the British and West German socialist parties—has popular appeal.

Wilson, unlike Prime Minister Macmillan, wants Britain out of the nuclear arms business. Brandt, unlike Adenauer, seems flexible on a Berlin settlement. Both oppose what they consider to be the negative aspect of the French-West German alliance. Each is Atlantic-minded, ready to accept Americans as the custodians of the West's deterrent power.

**The Low Countries—Socialists** share power in Belgium and are bidding for power in Holland as the main opposition party.

**Italy—Premier Fanfani's** government is avowedly left of centre. The left-wing movement is split between the Social Democrats who share in the Fanfani regime and Pietro Nenni's more powerful Socialists. A national election will be held April 28.

**France—De Gaulle's** power is

challenged most strongly by the Communist party and the much smaller Socialist party. The surface shows little chance of de Gaulle's ouster by electoral means, but the presidents policies have been under fire in a wave of strikes.

**West Germany — The Social Democrats,** led by Brandt, mayor of West Berlin, are the country's second-biggest party. Supporters believe the socialists may sweep to victory in the 1965 election—Adenauer has disappeared, as he has pledged to do, from the political scene.

**Britain — Most pundits** consider only a miracle will save Prime Minister Macmillan's Conservatives from defeat by

**JFK Delays Rail Strike**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy has invoked emergency procedures to put off for at least 60 days the threat of a possible U.S.-wide railroad strike. A walkout had been threatened for next Monday.

Kennedy, acting under terms of the Railroad Labor Act, named a three-man board to try to settle a four-year work rules controversy.

Wilson's Labor party. Elections are likely in early 1964.

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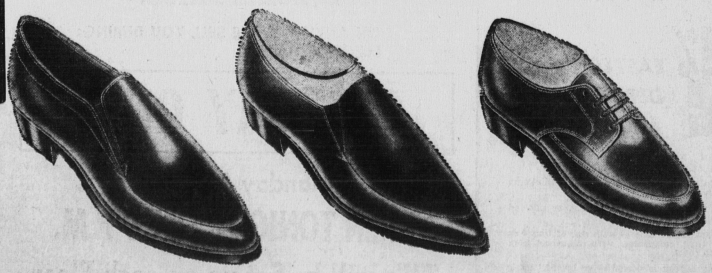
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