

Study To Begin for EEC

PARIS (AP)—France and West Germany agreed yesterday to patch temporarily their split on British membership in the European Economic Community by submitting the issue to the Common Market Commission in Brussels for study.

This is the gist of a procedural accord reached by President Charles de Gaulle and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in talks which led to their signing Tuesday of a treaty for diplomatic, defense and cultural cooperation between their two nations.

ADENAUER EXPRESSED hope on his return to Bonn that the cooling off period will lead to a solution. He sidestepped questions as to whether he had asked De Gaulle to take a more conciliatory attitude.

"We must be calm and patient," he told a news conference. "The more wind we make, the higher the flames will jump."

The chancellor praised the new French-German pact, designed to bury centuries-old enmities, as a prerequisite for further progress toward a united Europe.

"I am convinced that we have done a good and great work for our two countries," Adenauer said.

FRENCH SOURCES said the Common Market Commission, headed by Prof. Walter Hallstein of West Germany, will be asked to examine the British issue and report back to the six Common Market foreign ministers on the changes of success in subsequent negotiations between the six and Britain.

The commission, the permanent executive agency of the Common Market, will be asked to strike a balance sheet on points of agreement and disagreement in the lengthy, complicated talks and to suggest possible solutions for the impasse.

The agreement on procedure did not affect the substance of the respective positions of Paris and Bonn. West Germany still favors full membership for Britain. France opposes it.

THE SPOTLIGHT will switch to Brussels next Monday when the six ministers resume debate on a French motion to suspend the negotiations with Britain. As before, British negotiator Edward Heath will be outside the min-

isterial chamber.

Instead of another five-to-one vote on French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville's motion, the ministers will call in Hallstein.

From a West German viewpoint, this avoids any immediate dramatic rupture and theoretically will prolong the negotiations with Britain until the new French-West German treaty clears the West German Parliament.

U.S. Officials Fear Western Split

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. authorities studied the new French-German pact yesterday with some apprehension as it might further split Western ranks.

President Kennedy was expected to give at his new conference today the first major U.S. reaction to the historic accord concluded by France's President Charles de Gaulle and West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

SOME ADVISERS were suggesting that Kennedy should stress what Washington likes about the Paris-Bonn treaty. This is the official burial of the old enmity between the two big European powers.

What disturbed some U.S. policymakers was the context in which the pact was signed, even though the treaty itself speaks only of foreign policy, defense and cultural cooperation in words unobjectionable to Washington.

THE CONTEXT is that of De Gaulle's recent turndown of Ken-

nedy's plan for a multi-lateral North Atlantic Treaty Organization atomic force, the Frenchman's cold shouldering of Britain's plea for entry into the European Common Market, and his vision of a French eminence in Europe with perhaps Germany as a partner.

Senate Approves Bell

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved President Kennedy's nomination of David E. Bell to be head of the foreign aid program.

Bell resigned as budget director to take the new post. His official title will be administrator of the Agency for International Development.

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A vast log jam of millions of dollars worth of stranded cargo was due to start breaking up once the vessels began weighing anchor. However, it was expected to take three to five days for such major ports as New York to return to normal.

WATERFRONT peace moved a big step nearer during the day as New Orleans shipowners fell in line with a government-outlined 37-cent-an-hour contract pattern.

There had been some concern lest Southern ports balk at the settlement formula, which was expected to add \$28 million a

year to industry cost sheets in New York alone.

Shipowners from Virginia to Maine already were committed to the master contract, worked out by a three-man presidential board headed by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore. However, local issues could delay the strike's end in some ports.

LOSSES TO THE shipping industry in the longest, costliest strike in Atlantic maritime history neared the \$750 million mark.

Also needed before the strike's end was ratification of the settlement terms by 60,000 striking members of the AFL-CIO International Longshoremen's Association, whose leaders accepted the peace terms last Sunday. Most of the votes were expected to be in tonight, with endorsement an all but foregone conclusion.

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