

Entry into NATO (October 23, 1954)

Abstract

After France vetoed the creation of the European Defense Community (EDC) in 1954, it was inevitable that the Federal Republic would be immediately incorporated into NATO as a solution to the Western European security problem. At the Paris Conference of October 19–23, 1954, the Federal Republic was invited to join NATO. At the same time, the three Western powers undertook partial revisions to the Germany Treaty of 1952: in the new version, the FRG was granted full sovereignty over its domestic and foreign affairs. In the photo (from left to right), French Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France, West-German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, and U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles pose for the press, in good spirits after signing the Bonn-Paris Conventions on October 23, 1954.

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