

On May 7, 1974 the SPD Executive Committee, upon the suggestion of Mr. Brandt who had resigned, nominated him as candidate for the office of Federal Chancellor. He was elected to this office by the Bundestag on May 16.

Mr. Schmidt visited Canada once, in 1972, while he was Minister of Finance. He has been invited to visit Canada by Prime Minister Trudeau and is expected to do so in July.

Mr. Schmidt is the author of a number of books on transportation and defence and a frequent contributor to several journals of political science and foreign affairs. "The struggle for the World Product" appeared in the April 1974 issue of Foreign Affairs quarterly. His book, The Balance of Power, was translated into English and published by William Kimber, London 1971.

He is married and has one daughter.