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**'PORTFOLIOS' OF NEW E.C. COMMISSION ANNOUNCED**

The new Commission of the European Communities took office on January 6 for a four-year term. The members, and their special responsibilities are:

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DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
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President	Roy Jenkins	Secretariat General, Legal Service, Information, Spokesman's Group
Vice-President	François-Xavier Ortoli	Economics and Finance, Credits and Investments, Statistical Office
Vice-President	Wilhelm Haferkamp	External Relations
Vice-President	Finn Olav Gundelach	Agriculture and Fisheries
Vice-President	Lorenzo Natali	Commissioner with special responsibilities: Enlargement Questions, Protection of the Environment, Nuclear Safety Questions, Contacts with Member Governments and Public Opinion on Preparations for Direct Elections to the European Parliament
Vice-President	Henk Vredeling,	Employment and Social Affairs, The Tripartite Conference
Member of the Commission	Claude Cheysson	Development
Member of the Commission	Guido Brunner	Energy, Research, Science and Education
Member of the Commission	Raymond Vouel	Competition
Member of the Commission	Antonio Giolitti	Coordination of Community Funds, Regional Policy
Member of the Commission	Richard Burke	Taxation, Consumer Affairs, Transport, Relations with the European Parliament
Member of the Commission	Le Vicomte Etienne Davignon	Internal Market, Industrial Affairs
Member of the Commission	Christopher Samuel Tugendhat	Budget and Financial Control, Financial Institutions, Personnel and Administration

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The Commission is one of the main Community institutions. The others are the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the Court of Justice.

The nine Member State governments appoint the Commission members (two each from France, Italy, Germany and Britain and one each from Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Ireland) for renewable four-year terms, with the President and five Vice-Presidents appointed from among the members for two-year renewable terms.

The Commission's duties are to:

- present the Council of Ministers with policy proposals, based on provisions in the treaties or on decisions by heads of governments;
- supervise the execution of the treaties and call member countries and companies to account if they fail to observe them;
- administer the operation of the Community;
- act as conciliator of national viewpoints at Council meetings to secure acceptance of measures in the Community's interest.

The Commission's administrative organization consists of departments called "directorates general". The directorates general prepare proposals for the Commission and consult experts from national governments or trade, management, agricultural and labour groups.

A collegiate body, the Commission is responsible as a group for its acts. It makes decisions by a simple majority vote of its members.

Biographical details of the Commission members are available on request.

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Guido BRUNNER

Born 27 May 1930 in Madrid

- 1949-1954 Studied law at the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg and Madrid
- 1955 Became Dr jur of the University of Munich
- 1955 Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1957 Consular attaché in Liverpool and embassy attaché in Madrid
- 1958 Final consular and diplomatic examination, Embassy Secretary
- 1958-1960 Office of State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn
- 1960 Embassy Counsellor.
- 1960-1967 Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany at the United Nations in New York - Counsellor, Grade I
- 1968 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Political Department, Scientific and Technological Relations Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs
- 1970 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Press Section, Counsellor responsible for preparing briefs, Grade I
- 1972 Head of Planning Department
- 1972 Appointment as Deputy Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1972-1973 Leader of delegation of Federal Republic of Germany at the multilateral preparations for the CSCE in Helsinki
- 1973 Leader of German delegation at 2nd stage of Geneva Conference
- 1974 Appointment as Head of Section of Ministerial Department
- 1974-1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities.

Richard BURKE

Born 29 March 1932 in New York

Married Mary Freeley 4 April 1961; 2 sons - David and Richard - 3 daughters - Mary, Audrey and Avila

Secondary Education at Upperchurch (Nova Scotia),  
Christian Brothers, Thurles and Dublin

Master of Arts and Higher Diploma in Education, University  
College, Dublin

Secondary teacher

Read law at Kings Inns, Dublin; Barrister at law, 1973

Elected to Dáil Eireann in 1969 and 1973 for South County  
Dublin

Fine Gael Chief Whip from 1969 to 1972 and Spokesman on Posts  
and Telegraphs from 1972 to 1973

Member of the following Dáil Committees from 1969 to 1973:  
Procedure and Privileges; Selection; Dáil Reform; Public  
Accounts; John F. Kennedy Memorial Hall.

Minister for Education since 14 March 1973.

Claude CHEYSSON

Born 13 April 1920

Studied at the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Normale Supérieure

- 1947-1948 Studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration
- 1948 Administrator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1949 Chief Liaison Officer to the Federal German authorities in Bonn
- 1952 Advisor to the President of the Government of Vietnam
- 1952 Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grade 1)
- June 1954-  
January  
1955 Deputy Chef de cabinet and the Chef de cabinet to Mr P. MENDES-FRANCE
- 1956 Technical Advisor to the Cabinet of Mr A. SAVARY  
1st Secretary in London
- 1956 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grade 2)
- 1957-1962 Secretary-General of the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa
- 1958 Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grade 1)
- 1962-1965 Director-General of the Technical Organization for the Exploitation of Mineral Resources in the Sahara
- 1966 Director-General of the Industrial Co-operation Organization  
Minister plenipotentiary (Grade 1)
- 1966-1970 Ambassador to Indonesia
- 1970 Chairman of the Board of "Entreprise minière et chimique"
- 1972-1976 Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Officer of the Légion d'Honneur Croix de guerre 1939-1945 et des T.O.E.

Etienne DAVIGNON (Viscount)

Born 4 October 1932 in Budapest (Hungary)

Doctor of Law

1961 - Cabinet Attaché

1963 - Deputy Chef de Cabinet

1964 - Chef de Cabinet to Mr Spaak and then to Mr Harmel

Director-General for Policy since 15 November 1969

Appointed Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency on 18 November 1974.

Antonio GIOLITTI

Born 12 February 1915 in Rome

Graduate in law

Married with three children

Active in the Resistance after 8 September 1943,  
wounded in action on 9 September 1944

Elected as a PCI (Communist Party) member of the Assemblée  
Costituente (Constituent Assembly)

Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the  
first Republican Government. Left the PCI in 1957, since  
when he has been an active member of the PSI (Socialist Party);  
has been a member of the party's Central Committee since  
1958 and of the party leadership since 1964

Between 1972 and 1973 was in charge of the Economic  
Committee

Has several times chaired the Parliamentary Committee on  
Industry and the Parliamentary Socialist Group.

Was Minister for the Budget and Economic Planning in the  
1964, 1970-72 and 1973-74 Centre-Left Governments.

In 1974 represented the Italian Government at the IVth  
Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly

In 1974 was President of the OECD Council of Ministers

Publications:

Il comunismo in Europa 1960

Riforme e Rivoluzione 1975

Un socialismo possibile 1975

Founded and directed the monthly review  
"Passato e Presente" between 1957 and 1960

Gave a series of lectures in the United Kingdom in 1973  
and 1975 and in the United States in 1976.



Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Born 23 April 1925 in Vejle (Denmark)

Married with two children

1946-1947	President of the Students' Union at Aarhus University
1947-1949	Vice-President of the Danish National Union of Students
January 1951	University degree (Economics) at Aarhus
1951-1955	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (responsible for matters relating to NATO and OECD)
1955-1959	Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations in Geneva
1959-1961	Director of GATT, responsible for commercial policy in Geneva
1961	Sub-Director-General of GATT
1962-1967	Deputy Director-General of GATT (Kennedy Round)
1967-1972	Ambassador, Head of the Mission of Denmark to the European Communities (negotiations for the accession of Denmark, information programme prior to the Danish referendum)
1972-1976	Member of the Commission of the European Communities

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Born 1 July 1923 in Duisburg

- 1929-1924 Primary and secondary education
- 1942 School-leaving certificate (Abitur)
- 1942-1946 Military service and hospital
- 1946-1949 Studied Economic and Social Sciences at Cologne University. Degree in Economics
- 1950 Head of the Social Policy Department at the Regional Centre of the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein - Westfalen
- 1953-1957 Member of the Administration Executive at the Regional Centre of the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein, - Westfalen
- 1957-1963 President of the Regional Centre of the Confederation of German Trade Unions in Nordrhein - Westfalen
- 1963-1965 Member of the Consultative Committee of the ECSC High Authority
- 1962-1967 Member of the Federal Executive of the Confederation of German Trade Unions. Head of the Economic Party Department
- 1.7.1967 Member of the Commission of the European Communities
- Since 1970 Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities

Rt. Hon. Roy Harris JENKINS

Privy Councillor (1964)

Born 11 November 1920; elder son of the late Arthur Jenkins MP and of Hattie Jenkins;

- 1945 Married, Jennifer Morris; two sons, one daughter.  
Abersychan Grammar School;  
Balliol College, Oxford, (Hon Fellow 1969)  
Secretary and Librarian, Oxford Union Society;  
Chairman, Oxford University Democratic Socialist Club;
- 1941 First Class in Honours School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- 1942-1946 Royal Artillery, Captain
- 1946-1948 Member of Staff of Industrial and Commercial Finance Corp. Ltd,
- 1948-1950 MP (Labour) for Central Southwark
- 1949-1950 Parliamentary Private Secretary to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations
- 1950-1976 MP for Stechford Division of Birmingham
- 1949-1961 Member of Executive Committee of Fabian Society (Chairman 1957/58)
- 1955-1958 Governor, British Film Institute
- 1956-1960 Member of Committee of Management, Society of Authors
- 1962-1964 Director of Financial Operations, John Lewis Partnership
- 1964-1965 Minister of Aviation

1965-1967	Home Secretary
1967-1970	Chancellor of the Exchequer
1970-1972	Deputy Leader, Labour Party
1974-1976	Home Secretary
	United Kingdom Delegate to Council of Europe, 1955-1957
	President of United Kingdom Council of the European Movement, and of Labour Committee for Europe.
	Hon. Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1973
	Hon. Fellow, Berkeley College, Yale, 1972
	Hon. Doctrates from: Leeds (1971, Harvard (1972), Glasgow (1972), Pennsylvania (1973), Dundee (1973), Oxford (1973), Loughborough (1975)
	Charlemagne Prize and Robert Schuman Prize, 1972

Numerous publications on political and biographical respects, including:

Mr Atlee: An Interim Biography, 1948; Pursuit of Progress, 1953; The Labour Case, 1959; Asquith, 1964; Essays and Speeches, 1967; Afternoon on the Potomac, 1972; Nine Men of Power, 1975;

Lorenzo NATALI

Born 2 October 1922 in Florence

Lawyer; married with two daughters; lives at L'Aquila

Volunteer in the Italian liberation corps in 1944;

Decorated for bravery in the field; wounded in action;

For seven consecutive terms of office was returned to the Italian Parliament as representative for the Abruzzi Constituency;

Initially Under-Secretary to the Prime Minister and Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and the Treasury;

Later, as Minister for the Merchant Navy, introduced laws to promote shipyard production and shipping credit;

Minister for Tourism and Entertainment and subsequently Minister for Public Works, he put forward various legislative schemes for town planning and the construction of moderate-rent housing;

As Minister for Agriculture he introduced laws aimed at combating atmospheric disasters, and laws on regional agricultural financing. Has undertaken official missions to various European and Latin American countries in connection with food supplies;

As Minister for Agriculture has been very active in the Council of Ministers of the European Communities in connection with the enlargement of the Communities, the drafting of the policy for the reform of agricultural structures, introduction of the regional policy and the preparation of the instruments now in operation in this sector;

Currently a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the central leadership of the Christian Democrat Party.

François-Xavier ORTOLI

Born 16 February 1925 in Ajaccio (Corsica)

Lycée Albert-Sarrout in Hanoi

Law Faculty in Indo-China: Law degree

1947 Student at the Ecole nationale d'administration

1948 Inspector of Finances

1951 Member of the Private Office of the Minister of Economic Affairs, then of the Minister of Information

1952 French Government Agent attached to the Franco-Italian Conciliation Commission

Jan. 1953 Technical Adviser to the Private Office of the Minister of Economic Affairs

1955 Assistant Director in the Private Office of the Minister of Economic Affairs

1957-1958 Head of the Trade Policy department at the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs  
Director General of the Internal Market  
Directorate of the European Economic Commission

May 1961 Secretary-General of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for European Economic Co-operation

1962 Technical Adviser to the Private Office of the Prime Minister, then Director of the Private Office of the Prime Minister in December 1962

1963 Representative of the State on the Board of Directors of the Havas Agency

1966-1967 General Commissioner for Planning

1967 Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Production of Electricity from Nuclear Sources

1967-1968 Minister of Supply and Housing

May-July 1968 Minister of Education

June-August 1968 U.D.R. deputy for the Nord constituency

From July 1958  
to June 1969

Minister of Economic Affairs and  
Finance

From June 1969  
to July 1972

Minister of Industrial and Scientific  
Development

1972-1976

President of the Commission of the  
European Communities

Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, Médaille militaire,  
Commandeur de l'ordre national du Mérite, Croix de  
guerre 1939-1945, Médaille de la Résistance.

Christopher Samuel TUGENDHAT

Born 23 February 1937; elder son of the late Dr Georg Tugendhat;

Married 1967, Julia Lissant Dobson; two sons.

Ampleforth College; Sonville and Caius College, Cambridge  
(President of Union).

Financial Times leader and feature writer, 1960-1970;

Member of Parliament (Conservative) City of London and  
Westminster South since 1974 (Cities of London and Westminster,  
1970-1974);

Director, Sunningdale Oils, 1971;

Director, Phillips Petroleum International (UK) Ltd, 1972;

Consultant to Wood Mackenzie & Co, Stockbrokers.

Publications:

Oil: The Biggest Business, 1968

The Multinationals, 1971

(McKinsey Foundation Book Award, 1971).



Raymond VOUEL

Born 1923; married with three children

Studied economics before beginning his political and professional career as a journalist on the socialist daily newspaper "Tageblatt", where he worked in particular on the international politics columns.

Served as Administrative Director of Esch Hospital (1954-64), was elected as a Town Councillor in Esch in 1963 and became Chairman of the Commission des Bâtiments (Buildings Committee).

Joined the Government in 1964, holding the posts of State Secretary for Public Health, for Employment, for Social Security and for the Mining Industry.

Re-elected as a Member of Parliament in 1969, he became Chairman of the Parliamentary Socialist Group (1970-74).

Held the post of General Secretary of the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (1970).

Re-elected as a Member of Parliament in 1974, he served in the Government as Vice-President and Minister for Finance and Land Development.

Member of the Commission of the European Communities since July 1976.

Henk VREDELING

Born 20 November 1924 in Amersfoort

Married; place of residence: Huis ter Heide at Zeist.

Education: secondary education, "modern" section;  
Agricultural College at Wageningen

Member of Second Chamber (Partij van de Arbeid: Labour Party) since 1956; also Member of European Parliament; appointed Minister of Defence in May 1973.

Adviser to the Algemeen Nederlandse Agrarische Bedrijfsbond (Netherlands General Agricultural Association).