

- 1959-1961 General Secretary, Luxembourg Democratic Party
 - 1961-1980 President, Luxembourg Democratic Party
 - Since 1970 President, Liberal International
 - 1976-1980 President, Federation of Liberal and Democratic Parties of the European Community
 - 1975-1976 President of the thirtieth session of the UN General Assembly
 - 1968-1974 Minister for Foreign Affairs in a Social Christian/Democrat coalition and Minister for the Civil Service, Physical Education and Sport
 - 1974-1979 Prime Minister, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs in a Liberal/Socialist coalition. From 1977 also Minister of Economic Affairs and Small Firms and Traders
 - 1979-1980 Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and Cooperation, Minister of Economic Affairs and Small Firms and Traders, Minister of Justice in a Social Christian/Democrat coalition
- 6 January 1981
President of the Commission of the European Communities.

François-Xavier Ortoli



Born 16 February 1925 in Ajaccio, Corsica
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- 1952 French Government Agent attached to the Franco-Italian Conciliation Commission
- 1953 Technical adviser on the staff of the Minister of Economic Affairs
- 1955 Assistant Director on the staff of the Minister of Economic Affairs
- 1957-1958 Head of Trade Policy Department, Office of the State Secretary for Economic Affairs,
- 1958-1961 Director-General for the Internal Market, EEC Commission
- May 1961 Secretary-General, Interdepartmental Committee for European Economic Cooperation

4. The new Commission

1.4.1. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting on 16 December, agreed on the Members of the Commission of the European Communities for the period from 6 January 1981 to 5 January 1985.¹ Mr Gaston Thorn will be President from 6 January 1981 to 5 January 1983.¹ The Vice-Presidents will be appointed later.

The fourteen Members of the new Commission—one more than previously, following the accession of Greece to the Community—are:

Mr Franciscus H.J.J. Andriessen
Mr Claude Cheysson
Mr Georgios Contogeorgis
Viscount Etienne Davignon
Mr Antonio Giolitti
Mr Finn Olav Gundelach
Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp
Mr Karl-Heinz Narjes
Mr Lorenzo Natali
Mr Michael O'Kennedy
Mr François-Xavier Ortoli
Mr Ivor Richard
Mr Gaston Thorn
Mr Christopher Samuel Tugendhat.

Biographical notes

1.4.2. Brief summaries of the careers of the Members of the Commission are given below.

Gaston Egmont Thorn



Born 3 September 1928 in Luxembourg

Married, one child

1943 Arrested for political activities and sent to re-education camp at Stahleck

1957 Obtained doctorate in law after studying at Universities of Montpellier, Lausanne and Paris.

President, Luxembourg National Union of Students;

President, World Conference of Students;

Member of Luxembourg Bar

1957-1969 Luxembourg City Councillor. *Echevin* 1961-63

1959 Stood for Parliament and elected on Democratic (Liberal) Party list; since re-elected at every election

1959-1969 Member of European Parliament; Vice-Chairman, Liberal Group; Chairman, Developing Countries Committee; Chairman, Joint EEC-AASM Association Committee

¹ OJ L 9 of 9.1.1981.

- 1962 Technical adviser on the staff of the Prime Minister, then Director of the staff of the Prime Minister in December 1962
- 1963 State representative on the Board of Directors of the Havas Agency
State representative on the Managing Board of Urbaine
- 1966-1967 General Commissioner for Planning
- 1967 Chairman, Advisory Committee on the Production of Electricity from Nuclear Sources
- 1967-1968 Minister of Public Investment and Housing
- May-July 1968 Minister of Education
- June-August 1968 UDR deputy for the Nord constituency
- July 1968-
June 1969 Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance
- June 1969-
July 1972 Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development
- 1973-1976 President of the Commission of the European Communities
- 6 January 1977
5 January 1981 Vice-President of the Commission
- President of the Administrative Council of the College of Europe, Bruges
- President of the Cancer Institute, Lille
- Honorary doctorates from the Universities of Athens (1975) and Oxford (1976)
- Robert Schuman Gold Medal (1975)

Wilhelm Haferkamp



- Born 1 July 1923 in Duisburg
- 1946-1949 Read economics and social sciences at Cologne University
- 1950 Head, Social Policy Department, North Rhine-Westphalia Region, German Trade Union Federation (DGB)
- 1953-1957 Member of Executive, North Rhine-Westphalia Region, DGB
- 1957-1963 North Rhine-Westphalia Regional Chairman, DGB
- 1963-1965 Member of the ECSC Consultative Committee and of the Economic and Social Committee of the EEC
- From July 1967 Member of the Commission of the European Communities with special responsibility for energy, the Euratom Supply Agency and nuclear safeguards
- From July 1970 Vice-President of the Commission with special responsibility for the internal market and approximation of legislation as well as the portfolios held since 1967

From
January
1973

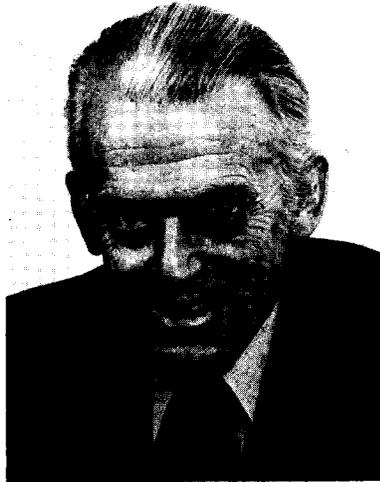
Vice-President of the Commission with special responsibility for economic and financial affairs and credit and investments

6 January
1977-

5 January
1981

Vice-President of the Commission with special responsibility for external relations

Finn Olav Gundelach¹



Born 23 April 1925 in Vejle
Married, two children

January
1951

Graduated in economics from Aarhus University

1946-1947 President, Aarhus Students' Union

1947-1949 Vice-President, Danish National Union of Students

1951-1955 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NATO and OECD matters)

1955-1959 Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations in Geneva

1959-1961 Director, Department of Trade Policy, GATT, Geneva

1961 Assistant Director-General of GATT

1962-1967 Deputy Director-General of GATT (Kennedy Round)

1967-1972 Ambassador, Head of 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 with special responsibility for the internal market and the Customs union

6 January
1977-

5 January
1981

Vice-President of the Commission with special responsibility for agriculture and fisheries

¹ Died on 13 January 1981. Succeeded by Mr Poul Dalsager (see Bull. EC 1-1981).

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BIOGRAPHY OF FRANCOIS-XAVIER ORTOLI
VICE PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Francois-Xavier Ortoli was born on February 16, 1925 in Ajaccio, Corsica but spent his youth in southeast Asia, where his father was stationed as a diplomat. He received his secondary education in Hanoi and later earned a law degree from the Law Faculty in Indo-China. After a distinguished term of service during World War II in the resistance against the Japanese occupation forces, the young Ortoli left for France to enter the Ecole nationale d'administration in 1947.

In 1948, Ortoli became an Inspector of Finance and over the next 10 years held various post in France's Ministry of Economic Affairs. In 1958 he became the Director-General of the Internal Market Directorate of the European Economic Commission (before the merger of the Community's executives into a single Commission of the European Communities). There he played a crucial role in the formation of the European Community's customs union.

In 1962 Ortoli became a member of Prime Minister Georges Pompidou's cabinet, serving first as technical counselor and later as director. Four years later, at the age of 40, Ortoli became General Commissioner for Planning, responsible for managing France's Fifth Economic Plan. Beginning in April 1967, he was appointed to head various Ministries, serving as Minister of Supply and Housing (1967); Minister of Education (1968); Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance (1968); and Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development (1969).

Ortoli was President of the Commission of the European Communities between 1972 and 1976. In January 1977 he took up the post of EC Commission Vice President Responsible for Economics and Finance.



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BACKGROUND NOTE

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February 20, 1976

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD

Francois-Xavier Ortoli, President of the European Communities Commission, arrives in Washington Monday for meetings with President Gerald R. Ford and other Administration officials on February 23 and 24.

Discussions will range over a variety of topics coloring the Community's relations with the United States including the economic situation, trade relations, and the state of European political integration. President Ortoli is scheduled to meet President Ford at 9:30 a.m. on February 24. He will also meet with Deputy Secretary of State Robert S. Ingersoll, Secretary of the Treasury William F. Simon, Chairman of the Federal Reserve System's Board Arthur F. Burns, and members of the Congress.

This will be President Ortoli's second visit to a US President as Commission President. In October 1973, he made an official visit to the United States at the invitation of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Ortoli's Career

"The career of Francois-Xavier Ortoli reads as though he had been trained from the cradle by France for the job he now holds in Brussels," commented *The Economist* of London shortly after Ortoli became Commission President on January 1, 1973. President Ortoli was born February 16, 1925, in Ajaccio, Corsica. He received his education in Hanoi, where his father, a diplomat, was stationed. After earning a degree in law (*license*) at the Hanoi Faculty of Law, he entered the *Ecole nationale d'administration* in Paris and became an Inspector of Finances in 1948. He held various posts in the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

President Ortoli became Director General of the EC Commission's Internal Market Directorate in 1958, and played a crucial role in the formation of customs union.

In 1962, he became a member of Prime Minister Georges Pompidou's cabinet,

serving first as technical counselor and later as director.

In 1966, at the age of 40, Ortoli became *Commissaire General au Plan*, responsible for managing France's Fifth Economic Plan.

April 1967 saw the beginning of a series of Ortoli appointments to head Ministries: 1967 Minister of Supply and Housing; 1968 Minister of Education; 1968 Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance, and 1969 Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development.

President Ortoli will be accompanied by his chief executive assistant (*chef de cabinet*) Philippe de Margerie and Leslie Fielding, director at the Commission's Directorate General for External Relations.

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Law Faculty in Indo-China: law degree

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1948 Inspector of Finance

1951 Member of the Private Office of the Minister of Economic
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1952 French Government Agent attached to the Franco-Italian
Conciliation Commission

January 1953 Technical Advisor 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
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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

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December 1962

1963 Representative of the State on the Board of Directors of
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June/Aug 1968 U. D. R. deputy for the Nord constituency

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June 1969 - July 1972 Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development

1972 - 1976 President of the Commission of the European Communities

Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, Medaille militaire, Commandeur de l'ordre national du Merite, Croix de guerre 1939 - 1945, Medaille de la Resistance

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- 1958 - 1961 Director-General of the Internal Market Directorate of the European Economic Commission
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Representative of the State on the Board of Directors of l'Urbaine (Insurance)
- 1966 - 1967 General Commissioner for Planning
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- 1967 - 1968 Minister of Supply and Housing
- May-July 1968 Minister of Education
- June-Aug 1968 U.D.R. deputy for the Nord constituency
- July 68-June 69 Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance
- June 69-July 72 Minister of Industrial and Scientific Development
- 1972 - 1976 President of the Commission of the European Communities
6. 1. 77 - 5. 1. 81 Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities in charge of the financial and economical Affairs

Chairman of College d'Europe (Bruges)

Chairman of Institut du Cancer de Lille

Doctor Honoris Causa (Athens 1975) -(Oxford 1976)

Gold medal Robert Schuman (1975)

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



François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-Président de la Commission des Communautés européennes, chargé des Affaires économiques et financières, du crédit, des investissements et des statistiques.

Né le 16 février 1925 à Ajaccio (Corse) - Marié, 4 enfants

Lycée Albert-Sarraut à Hanoi

Faculté de droit en Indochine : licencié en droit (économie et droit civil)

- 1947 Elève à l'Ecole nationale d'Administration
- 1948 Inspecteur des Finances
- 1951 Membre du Cabinet du Ministre des Affaires économiques, puis du Ministre de l'Information
- 1952 Agent du Gouvernement français près de la Commission de conciliation franco-italienne
- 1953 Conseiller technique au Cabinet du Ministre des Affaires économiques
- 1955 Sous-directeur au Cabinet du Ministre des Affaires économiques
- 1957 - 1958 Chef de service de la politique commerciale au Secrétariat d'Etat aux affaires économiques
- 1958 - 1961 Directeur général de la Direction du marché intérieur de la Commission économique européenne
- Mai 1961 Secrétaire général du Comité interministériel pour les questions de coopération économique européenne
- 1962 Conseiller technique au Cabinet du Premier Ministre, puis Directeur du Cabinet du Premier Ministre en décembre 1962
- 1963 Représentant de l'Etat au Conseil d'Administration de l'Agence Havas
Représentant de l'Etat au Conseil de Direction de l'Urbaine
- 1966 - 1967 Commissaire général au Plan
- 1967 Président de la Commission consultative pour la production d'électricité d'origine nucléaire
- 1967 - 1968 Ministre de l'équipement et du logement
- Mai-juillet 1968 Ministre de l'Education nationale
- Juin-août 1968 Député UDR du Nord
- Juillet 68-juin 69 Ministre de l'Economie et des Finances
- Juin 69-juillet 72 Ministre du Développement industriel et scientifique
- 1973 - 1976 Président de la Commission des Communautés européennes
6. 1. 77 - 5. 1. 81 Vice-président de la Commission des Communautés européennes chargé des Affaires économiques et financières
- Président du Collège d'Europe (Bruges)
Président de l'Institut du Cancer de Lille
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