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PRESS AND INFORMATION

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

RICHARD BURKE, MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION, JOINT INTERPRETING AND CONFERENCE SERVICES, STATISTICAL OFFICE AND OFFICE FOR OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Burke was born in March 1932 in New York. He is Irish. Educated in Nova Scotia and Dublin, he graduated with a Master of Arts and Higher Diploma in Education from the University College, Dublin, and later was called to the bar at Kings Inns, Dublin.

His professional career includes time as a secondary teacher and barrister.

His political career began in 1969, when he was elected to the Irish Parliament (Dail Eireann) representing Tipperary. He immediately became opposition Chief Whip of the Fine Gael. In 1973, following the coalition of the Fine Gael and Labor parties, he became Minister for Education.

From 1977-79, he was Member of the Commission of the European Communities, responsible for taxation, consumer affairs, transport and relations with the European Parliament. He then spent a few months at Harvard University as a Center for International Affairs Fellow. In 1981, he returned to Irish politics as an elected Member of the Irish Parliament, and, on April 1, 1982 he was appointed Member of the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr. Burke was instrumental in bringing to the United States the Irish Art exhibition in 1978, growing out of his great love for religious art and literature, and because he was convinced that this first full revelation to Americans of Ireland's early Christian heritage would serve to balance the impression created in many minds by Northern Ireland's troubles.

Mr. Burke is married with five children and resides in Brussels, Belgium.

April 1983



CURRICULUM VITAE

OF

Mr Richard BURKE

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Richard BURKE

Born 29 March 1932, in New York;
Married Mary Freeley, 4 April 1961;
Two sons and three daughters.

EDUCATION

Christian Brothers, Thurles & Dublin.
University College, Dublin: M.A., Higher Diploma in Education, Barrister at Law.
Associate Fellow, Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University.

CAREER

Secondary School Teacher

Member of Dáil Eireann for Dublin South County, 1969 - 1977.

Fine Gael Chief Whip, 1969 - 1972.

Minister for Education, 1973 - 1976.

Member of Commission of European Communities, 1977 - 1981.

Responsibilities for Taxation, Consumer Affairs, Transport and Relations with
the European Parliament (to 1979).

Member of Dáil Eireann for Dublin West, 1981 - 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

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The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States
have appointed

Mr Richard BURKE (*)

as a Member of the Commission of the European Communities for the
period from 1 April 1982 to 5 January 1985 inclusive, to replace
Mr Michael O'KENNEDY, who submitted his resignation on 9 March 1982.

(*) see curriculum vitae overleaf

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