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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

SIR RICHARD BUTLER, PRESIDENT OF COPA (EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FARMERS' ORGANIZATION)

Sir Richard was Vice-President of COPA from 1981 to 1983 and was elected President of COPA in June 1985. Sir Richard is a director of the National Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Society in England and, since March 1st 1986, a main Board director of the National Westminster Bank in England.

Sir Richard Butler was President of the British National Farmers' Union between January 1979 and January 1986. He had been Deputy President since 1971. He joined the NFU in 1953 and was elected to the Council in 1962.

He attended the Cambridge School of Agriculture until 1952, graduated with an MA (Cantab); worked in Norfolk as a farm pupil for one year and began farming in Essex in 1953.

Sir Richard farms 1,530 acres of arable and grassland at Halstead, Essex, in partnership with his wife, daughter and two sons. Cropping at Halstead includes 123 acres of sugar beet: 1,069 acres of wheat: 104 acres of winter barley: 197 acres of oilseed rape: and 37 acres of permanent grass, grazing sheep and cattle.

Sir Richard is 57 and is married with three children. He served as a member of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation from 1970 to 1979. He is a member of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England; he was a member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Community from 1978 to 1982; and was on the Board of "British Farmer and Stockbreeder Ltd." from 1970 to 1979. He served on the Agricultural Advisory Committee Panel which presented a report on soil structure in 1971.

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SIR RICHARD CLIVE BUTLER

Sir Richard Butler is President of The National Farmers' Union of England and Wales. He was first elected President of the Union in January 1979. He had been Deputy President since 1971.

Sir Richard farms 620 hectares (1530 acres) of arable and grassland at Halstead, Essex, in partnership with his wife, daughter and two sons.

Cropping at Halstead includes 51 hectares (126 acres) of sugar beet; 379 hectares (936 acres) of wheat; 54 hectares (133 acres) of winter barley; 46 hectares (113 acres) of spring barley; 75 hectares (185 acres) of oilseed rape; and 15 hectares (37 acres) of permanent grass.

Sir Richard joined the NFU in 1953 and was elected to the Council in 1962. He became Vice President in 1970, having served as Chairman of Headquarters Peas Committee from 1965 to 1970, and Vice Chairman of the Potatoes Committee from 1968 to 1970.

He attended the Cambridge School of Agriculture until 1952, graduated with an MA (Cantab); worked in Norfolk as a farm pupil for one year and began farming in Essex in 1953.

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In September 1981 Sir Richard was elected a Vice President of COPA (the European Farmers' Organisation).