

ETZEL, Franz: Vice-President of the High Authority.

Born Wesel (Lower Rhine, near Holland) in Western Germany, 12.8.1902.

- 1922: Graduates from Wesel High School, though the effect of the inflation on his parents' financial situation forced him in 1920 and 1921 to work as a miner during the day and study in the evening to graduate in the normal time.
- 1921-24: Active in non-party German Youth Movement (Deutsche Jugendbewegung) one of the main aims of which was to awaken the consciousness of youth to political problems.
- 1922-30: Studies first economics, then takes up law, at Frankfurt, Munich and Munster Universities. Enters the Bar in 1930.
- 1933-52: Lawyer in important Duisburg (Ruhr) partnership of "Dr. Stiel, Dr. Hegener, Etzel, Dr. Weber and Grosshans". Legal adviser to the majority of the big coal and steel firms in the Duisburg area.
- 1939-45: Infantry Officer on various fronts.
- 1945: Founds the Duisburg branch of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) led by Dr. Adenauer.
- 1946: Elected Chairman of the CDU Economic Affairs Commission in the British zone. Takes a leading part with Dr. Erhard in preparing the economic portion of the election program of the CDU in 1949 which has since become government policy.
- 1949(Aug): Deputy for Wesel in the Bundestag (Lower House of the West German Parliament). Elected Chairman of Economic Affairs Commission of the Bundestag. As such was largely responsible for the ratification of the Schuman Plan in the German Federal Republic. Has also actively sponsored the first German anti-trust law.
- 1952: Named Vice-President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community.