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PRESIDENT DELORS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN  
AND TO ADDRESS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

Jacques Delors, President of the Commission of the European Communities, will meet with President Ronald Reagan and other Administration officials during his first visit to the United States as Commission President later this month.

Mr. Delors will see President Reagan April 23. He will also meet that day and the next with George Shultz, Secretary of State; James Baker, Secretary of the Treasury; Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce, and Paul Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

He will speak to the National Press Club on the E.C.-U.S. political and economic relationship at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting on April 23. Mr. Delors will also visit New York and San Francisco.

Mr. Delors became Commission President in January. The Commission is the executive body of the European Community, responsible for enforcing the Community's founding treaties. It proposes policies and legislation and oversees Community administration. The Commission's 14 members are appointed to four-year terms by unanimous agreement among the 10 E.C. member states. They act in the Community's interest independently of their national governments.

The Community's member states are Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Negotiations to bring Spain and Portugal into the Community have just been completed.

Before he joined the Commission, Mr. Delors was France's Finance Minister from 1981 to 1984. In that capacity, he was the main architect of the French austerity program that brought inflation down and put the economy on a healthier track. From 1979 to 1981, Mr. Delors was a member of the European Parliament, where he was Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

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An economist by training, Mr. Delors spent much of his career at the French Central Bank (Banque de France), most recently as a member of the General Council. He headed the Social Affairs Department of France's Planning Commission (Commissariat Général au Plan) from 1962 to 1969, and was on the staff of Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Dalmas from 1969 to 1972. He was Mayor of Clichy, a suburb of Paris, from 1983 to 1984.

Mr. Delors, who was born on July 20, 1925, is married to the former Marie Lephaille, and has a daughter, Martine Aubry.