

Heinz POTTHOFF

Member of the High Authority
of the European Coal and Steel Community

- 1904 March 30 Born, Bielefeld, West Germany, a large industrial town with engineering works etc., 40 miles south of the Ruhr.
- 1918 On leaving school in Bielefeld is apprenticed as a metalworker in the same town at plant producing machine tools. Qualifies as a metalworker in 1922.
- 1926 Economic and trades union journalist. Studies economics and history in evening classes preparatory to going to College.
- 1932 Studies economics at Cologne, Frankfurt and Zürich universities. Passes out in 1936 with Honours Degree in Economics.
- 1936 Economic adviser to German Association of Engineering Constructors (Wirtschaftsgruppe Maschinenbau).
- 1941 Commercial director of various heavy engineering works.
- 1946 Appointed one of two Directors-General (Ministerialdirektor) of Economics Ministry of provincial government of North-Rhine Westphalia (the Ruhr area is in this province). Responsible for coal and steel and heavy engineering.
- 1950 Jan 13 On recommendation of Trades Unions Federation, appointed by the Federal German government deputy German representative to the International Ruhr Authority set up in 1949 to supervise the Ruhr coal and steel industries. (members : USA, Britain, France, Germany and the Benelux countries). At beginning of 1952 succeeds Federal Vice-Chancellor Franz Blücher as German representative to the International Ruhr Authority.

1951

Chosen by agreement between employers and Trades Unions, President of the Board of Directors of the "Stahlwerke Südwestfalen-A.G.". This plant, situated in the Siegerland district south of the Ruhr, produces special steels ; it employs 9,000 workers.

1952 Aug 10

Leaves previous posts on appointment as member of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community in Luxembourg.

Herr Potthoff:
Member of the High Authority since August, 1952. Born in West Germany, 1899. Occupied as metal worker 1918 to 1922. Trade union functionary 1922 to 1926. Student in economics at Cologne, Frankfurt, and Zurich Universities. Doctorate in economics in 1928. Herr Potthoff began as a economic advisor to several engineering, construction and heavy engineering works in Germany from 1928 to 1941. In 1946, he was appointed a Director General of the Economics Ministry of the provincial Government of the North Rhine-Westphalia province which includes the Ruhr. In 1950 he became Deputy German Representative to the International Ruhr Authority set up by the Allied High Commission in 1949 and Chief German Representative to the Authority early in 1952.

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Membre de la Haute Autorité

Né le 30 mars 1904 in Bielefeld.

1918 à 1926 ouvrier métallurgiste dans l'industrie sidérurgique de Bielefeld.

Journaliste pendant six ans.

De 1932 à 1936 études de sciences économiques et de droit aux Universités de Cologne, Francfort-sur-Main et Zürich.

Doctorat de sciences économiques.

Chargé des questions techniques et économiques au Groupement économique de la construction mécanique à Berlin de 1936 à 1941.

A occupé de hautes fonctions dans l'industrie de 1941 à 1946.

Directeur ministériel au Ministère de l'Economie de Nordrhein-Westfalen depuis 1946.

Membre suppléant allemand, puis membre du Conseil de l'Autorité internationale de la Ruhr de 1950 à 1952.

Jusqu'en 1952, membre de plusieurs conseils d'administration, notamment dans des entreprises sidérurgiques de l'Allemagne occidentale.

Président du Conseil d'administration de l'entreprise sidérurgique S.A. Südwestfalen Geisweid.

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