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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

RENE FOCH, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER TO THE UNION POUR LA
DEMOCRATIE FRANCAISE (FRENCH PRESIDENT'S
POLITICAL PARTY)

Rene Foch was born in Toulouse, France on January 11, 1924. He studied at the University of Toulouse and the Sorbonne where he received a master's degree in history and a doctorate degree in economics.

In 1943, he escaped from occupied France to North-Africa where he joined the Free French Forces, made the landing in Provence with the U.S. Army and ended up the war with the Croix de Guerre.

He then studied at the Ecole Nationale de la France d'Outre-Mer and later in the United States from which he brought back a book on "The Tennessee Valley Authority".

After a brief spell (1948-49) as a newspaperman with Le Monde, he devoted himself from the beginning to the European unification process. In 1950, he joined the staff of the newly created Council of Europe to become in 1952 Head of the economic section of that organization and wrote a book on Euro-African relationships entitled "The Strasbourg Plan" and defining the broad lines of the present Euro-African association. He was then to represent from 1953 to 56 the Council of Europe with the organization for European Economic Cooperation.

He then participated for two years in the negotiations of the Treaty of Rome creating the Common Market (1956-57). From 1958 to 68, he was Head of the International Affairs Department of Euratom (the atomic branch of the European Community) and, in this capacity, worked closely with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission for the setting up and implementation of the successful US-Euratom joint program. As Adviser to the Atlantic Institute in Paris, he wrote a book on "Europe and Technology".

He then devoted himself to development problems and during many years he represented the European Community in the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD in Paris.

Associated with the Republican-Independent Party since its creation in 1966 by Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the President of the French Republic, he is now a foreign policy adviser to the "Union pour la Démocratie Française", the new party which supports Valery Giscard d'Estaing. He has also written a book on "Les Indépendants et l'Europe". He is a member of the President's campaign team for the next election.

Rene Foch is a member of the faculty of the Salzburg Seminar of American Studies, the Institut Français des Relations Internationales, the Association Française pour l'Europe, and of the Trilateral Commission (U.S./Europe/Japan) which is due to meet shortly in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Foch regularly contributes editorials to Le Monde.

Rene Foch is a French citizen and is married with five children.

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