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BookNEW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OECD TAKES OFFICE

Mr. Emile van Lennep, Secretary-General of the OECD, took up his duties in Paris today, following his participation in the IMF and the World Bank meetings held in Washington last week.

Mr. van Lennep* was elected last February for a five-year term by the OECD Ministerial Council. Prior to this appointment he was Treasurer-General of the Netherlands. He succeeds Mr. Thorkil Kristensen of Denmark, Secretary-General since the OECD was established in September 1961.

Among his earlier international assignments, Mr. van Lennep was Chairman of the Monetary Committee of the EEC and Chairman of the OECD Economic Policy Committee's Working Party No. 3, which deals with balance of payments questions.

As Secretary-General, he presides over the meetings of the OECD Council, composed of Heads of Delegation from the Organisation's twenty-two Member countries. He is also the official representative of the Organisation in its relations with both Member and non-Member countries and with other international organisations.

*(Curriculum Vitae attached).

CURRICULUM VITAE

Emile van Lennep, OECD Secretary-General

Born: 20th January, 1915, Amsterdam

Education:

1937 - Master's degree in law, University of Amsterdam

Career:

1940 - 1945 Foreign Exchange Institute, The Hague - Amsterdam

1945 - 1948 Netherlands Bank, Amsterdam

1948 - 1950 Financial Counsellor of the High Representative of the Crown in Indonesia

1950 - 1951 Netherlands Bank

1951 - 1969 National Functions

Treasurer-General in the Netherlands Ministry of Finance. As such he was responsible for the formation of economic policy, in particular of financial, budgetary and monetary policy; also, in this capacity, he attended the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA).

Member of the Board of Directors, KLM.

Member of the Board of Directors, National Investment Bank.

International Functions

Chairman of the Monetary Committee of the E.E.C.

Delegate to High-Level meetings of the Development Assistance Committee to OECD.

Vice-Chairman, Economic Policy Committee (EPC) of OECD.

Chairman, Working Party No. 3 of the EPC (charged with the promotion of better international payments equilibrium).

1st October 1969 Secretary-General of the OECD.