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Biography

HANS VON DER GROEBEN

Member, The Commission, European Economic Community

Commissioner von der Groeben is in charge of all matters of competition and antitrust in the Common Market, and also is a member of the EEC Commission's working groups on economic and financial affairs, agriculture, and overseas development.

Mr. von der Groeben has been active for some time in European integration. In 1955 he was chairman of the German delegation at the Common Market planning conference in Brussels and, in 1955-56, was one of the authors of the "Spaak Report," which set forth the aims and means of establishing the EEC. In 1956 he served as chairman of the Common Market Intergovernmental Committee at the Brussels Conference called to draft the treaty establishing the EEC.

In January, 1958, Mr. von der Groeben was appointed one of the EEC's nine original commissioners by the foreign ministers of the six EEC countries.

Mr. von der Groeben was born in 1907 in Langheim, East Prussia. He was educated at the Charlottenburg University of Technology and later studied law and economics in Berlin, Bonn and Gottingen. In 1933 he became an official of the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. During World War II, he served as a German army officer. In 1945 he became a member of the Finance Ministry of Lower Saxony. With the inauguration of the European Coal and Steel Community in 1952, he became chief of one of its subdivisions.

Mr. von der Groeben is not fluent in English. He has made addresses in the United States, however, through an interpreter.

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Curriculum vitaeHans von der GROEBENMember of the EEC Commission

Born: Langheim (East Prussia) on 14 May 1907

EDUCATION

1925 - Abitur

Practical work as apprentice and assistant at Siemens, Berlin

Studied at the Technische Hochschule, Charlottenburg

Studied law and political economy in Berlin, Bonn and Göttingen

1930 - Degree in law of Celle

Further training in Königsberg and Berlin

1933 - Second State law examination (assessor's examination) in Berlin

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1933 - Attaché at the German Ministry of Food; grade of Senior Government Councillor (Oberregierungsrat) and head of the Credit and Co-operatives Section

1945 - Attaché at the Lower Saxony Ministry of Finance
Head of the "Financing and participations" Group

Member of the supervisory and managing boards of numerous Federal and Land associations

Senior official responsible for the study of specific questions and later head of the Coal and Steel Section in the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs.

1952 - Spokesman of the Federal Government Delegation to the Co-ordination Committee of the ECSC Council of Ministers

1953 - Ministerial director

1955 - Spokesman of the German delegation to the Common Market Commission for the Preliminary Conference in Brussels

1955/56 - Collaborated on the Spaak Report

1956 - Chairman of the Common Market Group at the Intergovernmental Conference in Brussels

1958 - Since the creation of the EEC, has been a member of its Commission.
President of the Competition Group.

1965 - Vice-Chairman of Europa-Union

Appointed member of the Commission of the European Communities effective 6 July 1967