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Biography

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Jean Rey is Common Market Commissioner in charge of external relations. He also is a member of the Commission's working groups on internal market and competition.

Commissioner Rey is a lawyer and a graduate of the Royal Academy of Liege and of the University of Liege (Belgium). During World War II, he was a Belgian army captain, then was a prisoner of war in Germany from 1940-1945. He holds numerous military decorations.

In 1946, he was elected to the Belgian Chamber of Representatives (and was reelected in 1949, 1950 and 1954). He was a delegate in 1948 to the Third United Nations General Assembly in Paris, and also the the First and Fifth Assemblies of the Council of Europe in 1946 and 1953.

In 1949-1950, Commissioner Rey was Minister of Reconstruction in Belgium. Also in 1949, he was a member of the Study Commission for Constitutional Law. He was a member of the Commission for European Study in 1952. From 1954 to 1958, he was Belgian Minister of Economic Affairs.

Mr. Rey joined the nine-member Common Market Commission on its establishment in 1958.

His English is excellent and he has traveled on several occasions in the United States. His daughter resides in Los Angeles.

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