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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

JAN HINNEKENS, PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN FARMERS' UNION

Jan Hinnekens was born at Tielt, Belgium in 1927. He received a Doctor of Laws degree from the Catholic University of Leuven in 1950 and a B.A. degree in economics from the same university in 1951.

After completing two years of military service in 1953, Mr. Hinnekens became Legal Adviser to the Belgian Farmers' Union. He became Deputy-General Secretary of the Union in 1959, General Secretary in 1960, a member of the Managing Board in 1977, Vice-President in 1979, and President in 1981.

Mr. Hinnekens is also President of the Belgian National Agriculture Council, President of the Council for the Advanced Agricultural Education, President of the Soil Physics Service, a member of the National Committee for Territorial Planning and Regent of the National Bank of Belgium.

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