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HENRY RICHARDSON LABOUISSÉ - UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., October 25th, 1965—Mr. Henry Richardson Labouisse took up his official duties as Executive Director of UNICEF at New York Headquarters on June 1, 1965.

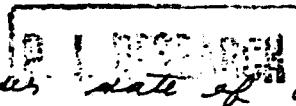
Mr. Labouisse, who was United States Ambassador to Greece 1962-1965, has had a long and distinguished record of service in international affairs. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1904, and graduated from Princeton University (B.A., 1926) and Harvard University (LL.B., 1929). For twelve years he practised law in New York City as an associate and member of the law firm, Taylor, Blanc, Capron and Marsh, and its successor firm, Mitchell, Taylor, Capron and Marsh.

After Pearl Harbor, Mr. Labouisse entered the United States Department of State as Assistant Chief of the Division of Defense Materials. Later he served successively as Chief of that Division, Deputy Chief of the Office of Foreign Economic Coordination and Chief of the Eastern Hemisphere Division. In March, 1944, he was transferred to the Office of European Affairs as special assistant to the director. He was appointed Chief of the Foreign Economic Administration mission to France in November 1944, and served concurrently as Minister for Economic Affairs at the American Embassy. A year later he became special assistant to Under-Secretary of State, William L. Clayton, and in July 1946, special assistant to the director of the Office of European Affairs.

In March 1948, Mr. Labouisse headed the mission sent to Paris by the State Department to help set up the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) as the agency to handle United States economic aid to Europe under the European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan).

He served as co-ordinator of foreign aid and assistance from June 1948 until October 1949, when he became director of the Office of British Commonwealth and Northern European Affairs. In September 1951, he was named head of the Economic Cooperation Administration's mission to France. Later, when the

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ECA was succeeded by the Mutual Security Administration and the Foreign Operations Administration, he headed the Paris missions of these two agencies.

Headed UNRWA for five years

The first of his three assignments with the United Nations came in 1954 when Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold appointed him Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). At that time, UNRWA had under its care over 887,000 Arab refugees. A third of these refugees were living in refugee camps. By 1958, UNRWA had been able to improve the standard of living generally throughout the camps. In addition, though shortage of funds was a chronic problem, Mr. Labouisse initiated a programme by means of which refugees willing to strike out on their own received grants sufficient to enable them to make a down payment on a farm or shop.

Mr. Labouisse's second assignment with an international agency came in May 1959 when, as a consultant to the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, he headed a survey mission to Venezuela which assisted in the formulation of a programme of economic development.

He was recalled from Venezuela by Dag Hammarskjold to assist in setting up the UN force that was sent to the Congo in July 1960. In December 1960, Mr. Labouisse was appointed special representative for Africa of the International Bank.

Mr. Labouisse was made Director of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) by President Kennedy in 1961. This agency was a forerunner of the Agency for International Development (AID), which was created to consolidate all previous foreign aid programmes under one roof. In 1962, Mr. Labouisse became United States Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. Labouisse's first wife, the former Elizabeth Scriven Clark, died in 1945. In 1954, he married Eve Denise Curie, daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie. She is a lecturer, publisher and author, and has written two books: Madame Curie, a biography of her mother, and Journey Among Warriors, an account of her travels to battlefronts in 1941 and 1942.

Picture of Mr. Labouisse available -- please call Ext. 2020, or Ext. 3372.