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Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1904, Mr. Labouisse graduated from Princeton University (B.A., 1926), and Harvard University (LL.B., 1929). For twelve years he practiced law in New York City.

In November 1941, Mr. Labouisse took a leave of absence from his law firm to enter the United States Department of State as Assistant Chief of the Division of Defense Materials. Later, he served successively as Chief of that Division, and in other high-level positions. 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 establish the Organization of European Economic Cooperation (OEEC). In May of that year, he also headed the U.S. delegation to the third annual meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

On his return to Washington, he served as coordinator of foreign aid and assistance in the State Department from June 1948 to 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 (Marshall Plan) mission to France and remained in Paris until 1954 in the same capacity under the successor agencies, the Mutual Security Administration and the Foreign Operations Administration.

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Mr. Labouisse has been associated with the United Nations at three different times prior to his present association. The first was from 1954-58 when, at the request of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, he was appointed Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Mr. Labouisse's second assignment with an international agency came in May 1959 when, as a consultant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, he headed a mission organized by the Bank at the request of the Venezuelan Government to prepare a report on the economic development of that country. In the summer and fall of 1960, he was granted a leave of absence by the Bank to serve as Special Adviser to Dag Hammarskjold in matters concerning the UN force and representation in the Congo.

In January 1961, President Kennedy appointed Mr. Labouisse Director of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) as well as director of the task force which prepared the re-organization of the U.S. foreign aid programs, resulting in their consolidation within the Agency for International Development (AID). In 1962, Mr. Labouisse became United States Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. Labouisse is married to the former Eve Curie, daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie. She has, in the past, been a lecturer, the co-publisher of a newspaper in France, and she is the author of two books which have been translated in many languages: "Madame Curie", a biography of her mother, and "Journey among Warriors", an account of her travels as a war correspondent to the battlefronts of World War II in several continents.

Mr. Labouisse has one daughter, Anne (Mrs. Martin Peretz) and four grandchildren.

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

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). 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 program 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 programs. In 1962, Mr. Labouisse became United States Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. Labouisse is married to the former 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. Mr. Labouisse's first wife died in 1945.