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HENRI FAYAT
BELGIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER.

The conduct of Belgian foreign policy has been in the hands of firm internationalists and ardent advocates of European cooperation.

Joining Théodore Lefèvre, Prime Minister, and Paul-Henri Spaak, deputy Prime Minister, both active supporters of Western cooperation, is Henri Fayat, recently named deputy Foreign Minister.

Fayat has long been concerned with foreign affairs. In his most recent Cabinet post, in 1957, he held the position of Minister of Foreign Trade. Previous to that, he represented Belgium at the United Nations, the European Consultative Assembly at Strasbourg, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Defense Community.

Fayat was born in 1908^{6/28/} at St. Jans Molenbeek. He received a doctorate of law degree from the University of Brussels in 1933 and was admitted to the Bar in 1935. In 1937, he became legal adviser to the Ministry of Public Works and, from 1940 to 1942, helped Belgian refugees in unoccupied France.

He also served as a volunteer with the Free Belgian forces based in Britain in 1942 and later became legal adviser to the Belgian government-in-exile.

Fayat was first elected to Parliament in 1946. Like Spaak, he is a member of the Socialist Party.

Henri Fayat's participation in the new government is a welcome sign that the top echelon of the Belgian administration intends to retain close ties to the United States and to back European economic and political cooperation.

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- Professor at the Free University of Brussels
- Principal Private Secretary (honorary)
- Member of the Common Assembly
- Member of the Common Market Committee
- Member of the Committee on Legal Questions, Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities
- Chairman of the Socialist Group

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