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Biography

GAETANO MARTINO

President, European Parliament

Gaetano Martino has been associated with the European Parliament for five years. He first became a member in 1957 when the Community's legislative body was known as the Common Assembly. He retained his membership in 1958 when it became the European Parliament and has been twice elected its president -- in March 1962 and 1963.

Mr. Martino, born on November 25, 1900, at Messine, Italy, holds a doctorate in human physiology. He is a professor at Rome University and served as rector of the University of Messine from 1943 to 1957. He is the president of both the Italian Society for Scientific Progress and the Academia Peloritana. Mr. Martino is also a member of the National Academy of XL (a society of Italians renowned in science and letters).

From 1948 to 1954, Mr. Martino was vice president of the Italian chamber of deputies and president of its commission of public instruction. In 1954, he became minister of public instruction and foreign affairs (remaining in the latter post until 1957).

Mr. Martino was president of the Italian delegation at the fifteenth session of the United Nations and serves on the International Disarmament Commission. He is president of the Italian Liberal party and a deputy in the Italian Parliament.

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