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ANOTHER NEW FACE ON THE EC COMMISSION

Raymond Vouel became a member of the Commission of the European Communities yesterday, replacing Albert Borschette who has been incapacitated by a stroke.

Mr. Vouel was born April 8, 1923, in Rumelange, Luxembourg. He is married and has three children.

During the war, he joined the French Resistance and after the liberation of Luxembourg, he worked as a translator for the Americans.

A journalist from 1946 to 1953, he was Administrative Director of the Esch City Hospital from 1954 to 1964, and Insurance Director from 1969 to 1974.

Mr. Vouel served as Luxembourg's Secretary of State for Public Health, Work, Social Security, and Mining from 1964 to 1974. He was elected as a Socialist member of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies in 1969, re-elected in 1974, and was chairman of the Socialist parliamentary group from 1970 to 1971 and from 1973 to 1974. Since June 1974, Mr. Vouel has been Vice President of the Luxembourg Government and Minister of Finance.

Mr. Vouel's hobbies are fishing, building wooden fishing boats, gardening, and modern art.