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CAREER: Professor of German language and literature in Hungary, 1930-32; co-editor of *Szep Szó* (literary review), Budapest, Hungary, 1935-38; active in the Socialist movement in Hungary before taking up residence in France, 1938; correspondent in France for the Hungarian journal, *Nepszava*, 1938-39; commentator on European and Communist affairs for Agence France-Press, Paris, 1944. **Military service:** French Army, volunteer, 1939-40. **Member:** Association Française de Politique Etrangère, P.E.N.

WRITINGS: *Henri Heine, Marechal*, 1946, translation by Mervyn Savill published in England as *Heine: A Biography*, Wingate, 1946; (editor) *Le Printemps des peuples: 1848 dans le monde*, two volumes, Editions de Minuit, 1948, translation by Hugh Shelley and others published in one volume in England as *The Opening of an Era, 1848: An Historical Symposium*, Wingate, 1948, and in America under the same title, with an added introduction by A. J. P. Taylor, Fertig, 1966; *Histoire des democraties populaires*, Editions du Seuil, revised edition, 2 volumes, 1969; *Un Habsbourg revolutionnaire: Joseph II*, Plon, 1953; *La Tragedie hongroise* (preface by Jean Paul Sartre), P. Horay, 1956; translation by Norbert Guterman published in America as *Behind the Rape of Hungary*,

McKay, 1957; author of introductory sketch on Nagy; translation of the book from the Hungarian by Imre Laszlo Imre Nagy, *Un Communisme n'oublie pas l'homme*, Plon, 1957; (author of preface) *La Revolte de la Hongrie d'apres les emissions de radios hongroises, Octobre-Novembre 1956*, P. Horay, 1957; *Dieu et tson Juif*, Grasset, 1960; *Les Juifs et l'antisemitisme dans les pays communistes, entre l'integration et la secession*, Plon, 1960; *Chine-USSR: La Fin d'une hegemonie*, Plon, 1964; *Budapest 1956*, Julliard, 1966; *Le Conflit: Le Developpement du grand schisme communiste, 1956-1966*, Plon, 1966; *The French Communist Party and the Crisis of International Communism*, M.I.T. Press, 1967; *Histoire des democraties populaires apres Staline*, Editions du Seuil, 1969, translation published in America by Praeger, 1971; *Dictionnaire des partis communistes et mouvements revolutionnaires*, Casterman, 1971.

WORK IN PROGRESS: A book on the crisis of the world Communist movement, for Praeger.

SIDELIGHTS: Fejto is "what better-known writers merely purport to be: a connoisseur of the world of Communism," George Lichtheim wrote in the *New York Review of Books*. Fejto speaks English but usually writes in French. His study on the French Communist Party was edited by William E. Griffith for the "Studies in International Communism" series of the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There have been several German and Italian translations of his books.

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