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twenty stables (with sixty goats and twenty pigs) were burnt down. Fortunately, there were no human casualties, but over one hundred people are without a home, and assistance is urgently required. The cause of the fire has not been determined yet. Selva lies 6,000 feet above sea level, near the Oberalp Pass.

For the first time since 1924 the majority in the Communal Council of Le Locle has changed camp. The National Progressive Party has now three of the five seats in the Council, and the Socialist Party has now only two, having thus lost one seat.

On the 10th of June, sixteen Hungarian children left Trogen after a stay of over two years. They are returning to Hungary in compliance with the wish expressed by the Hungarian Government. The Hungarian Ministry for Welfare expressed its thanks for the care that was given to the Hungarian war orphans in the Children's village "Pestalozzi" and it promised to grant a beautiful life to the returning children. On the 15th of June, another nine war orphans from Greece arrived by the Swissair.

SWISS BROADCASTS.

The following special Programmes from Switzerland will be broadcast for New Zealand listeners:

Wave Lengths	... 25,61 m;	25,28 m;	19,60 m.
Tuesday	... 26.7.49	8.05 - 9.00 GMT	Prélude au Ier Août
Thursday	... 28.7.49	: :	Si avvicine il 1° Agosto.
Saturday	... 30.7.49	: :	Am Vorabena zum 1. August
Monday	... 1.8.49	7.30 - 8.30 GMT	1. August - four languages
Repetition		8.45 - 9.45 GMT	idem.

COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION.

We regret very much to inform the members of our Society, that MR. A. PEYER of Auckland, has decided to retire as President of the S.B.S., at the end of the present term.

In accordance with our By-Laws we request members to submit in writing to the Secretary, NOMINATIONS for a successor to the retiring President.