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**THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE
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As reported briefly in our last issue, Dr. Philipp Etter has been elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1947.

Federal President Etter was born on December 21st, 1891, at Menzigen (Ct. Zug), he received his schooling at the "Kantonschule" in Zug, and at the "Stiftsschule" in Einsiedeln.

He studied law at the University of Zurich, and in 1917 established himself as an advocate at Zug. He took a great interest in politics of his native canton, and sat from 1917-1922 in the "Kantonsrat," and became later on a member of the cantonal government.

In the year 1930 he entered Parliament (States

Council) where he soon made a name for himself as a shrewd parliamentarian.

Four years later (1934) he became a member of the Federal Government in succession to Federal Councilor Musy, who had vacated his office.

Dr. Etter has occupied the highest position in our country for the third time, having been elected President of the Swiss Confederation in 1939, 1942 and 1947.

In the army he had reached the rank of major (Infantry); he belongs to the Catholic-Conservative Party, and is the first representative of the canton of Zug, who ever was a member of the Federal Government.

We have much pleasure in reproducing herewith a photograph of Dr. Etter surrounded by his family.

Our best wishes accompany him for a successful term of his high office.



Dr. Philipp Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation, in the midst of his family.