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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

During the month of February, 1950, the Swiss Federal Railways have carried 15.47 million passengers, or 433,000 less than during February 1949. The receipts from passengers service amount to 17.64 million francs, which is less than half a million francs during the same period in 1949.

Goods traffic registered a reduction of 47,000 tons and amounted to 1.08 million tons. The receipts reached the amount of 21.18 million francs which is 1.20 million francs less than in February, 1949.

Customs receipts during the month of March 1950, amounted to 43 million francs, or 4.5 million francs more than in March of the previous year.

During the first quarter of the current year, altogether 112 million francs have been collected against 107.4 million francs during the same period in the previous year.

The accounts of the Federal Post, Telegraph and Telephone administration for the year 1949, close with a credit balance of 40.9 million francs.

The Federal Council has conferred the title of Consul General on Mr. Walter Schmid, Consul in Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

### Cantonal

The Council of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain has awarded the Society's 38th Progress medal to Professor, Dr. John Eggert of the Federal Technical University in Zurich, in recognition of his classical work in latent image theory, particularly on the quantum efficiency carried out with Noddack; for his work on the effect of X-rays in photographic emulsion and in evolving methods of standardization of photographic speed and graininess. [A.T.S.]

Lina and Walter Feusi-Schad, a young married couple of Küsnacht (Zurich), were drowned when their canoe turned over during a heavy gale which swept over the lake of Zurich. [A.T.S.]

Professor Edouard Stiefel, painter and for many years a teacher at the cantonal "Gymnasium" in Zurich, has celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary. [A.T.S.]

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