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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Camille Gorgé, at present Swiss Minister in Turkey, to the post of Swiss Minister in Moscow, in succession to Minister Hans Zurlinden, who recently vacated his post for health reasons.

Minister Gorgé was born in 1893 in Moutier (Ct. Berne), he studied *juris prudencia* at the Universities of Leipzig and Geneva. In 1918, he entered the Diplomatic Service of the Swiss Confederation, which he left in 1923, on his appointment as legal adviser to the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokio. On relinquishing this post in 1927, he re-entered the Diplomatic Service in Berne, where he was appointed Head of the International Organisations.

For a number of years, he represented our Government at various International Conferences.

In 1940, he was appointed Swiss Minister in Japan, and six years later (1946) Swiss Minister in Turkey.

Dr. Max Troendle, Delegate for International Commercial treaties, has received the title of Minister.

Minister Troendle was born in 1905 in Basle, where he received his schooling, and later on studied law at the Universities of Paris and Basle.

In 1931, he entered the Swiss Diplomatic Service, and was successively attached to the Swiss Consulates in Munich, Zagreb, Warsaw and Riga. In 1940, Minister Troendle was transferred to the Swiss Legation in Rome, and four years later (1944) he was promoted to the rank of Counsellor of Legation.

In 1915, he returned to the Foreign Office in Berne, having been appointed Delegate of the Federal Council for commercial treaties.

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Werner Fuchs, at present Counsellor of Legation in Washington, to the post of Chargé d'Affaires in Venezuela and Panama, in succession to M. René Naville.

Dr. Fuchs was born in 1903 in Zurich. He studied law at the Universities of Heidelberg, Munich and Zurich. In 1928, he entered the Diplomatic Service,

and held various posts in Manchester, New York and The Hague. In 1940, he returned to the Foreign Office in Berne, and four years later (1944) was promoted to the rank of Counsellor of Legation, after having held an appointment at the Swiss Legation in Lisbon.

Until recently, Dr. Fuchs, was 1st Counsellor of Legation at the Swiss Legation in Washington.

Monsieur François Châtelain, at present Vice-Consul in Besançon, has been appointed Swiss Consul at Singapore, in succession to M. G. Falquier, who has been transferred to Tangier.

M. F. Châtelain, was born in Geneva in 1917, and studied national economy at the University of Geneva. Having entered the Diplomatic Service in 1942, he was transferred a year later to the Swiss Legation in Teheran. Since 1947, M. Châtelain has held the post of Vice-Consul at the Swiss Consulate in Besançon.

Monsieur Max Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation, gave a dinner in honour of M. Trygve Lie, General Secretary of the United Nations. Speeches were made by the President of the Confederation and M. Trygve Lie.

Customs receipts during the month of April, 1950, amounted to 44.8 million francs, or 4.9 million francs more than in April, 1949.

During the first four months of the current year, 156.8 million francs customs duties were collected, against 147.3 million francs during the same period in 1949.

The Swiss Government has presented a draft bill to Parliament introducing several changes into the present Swiss patent law. The most important changes proposed are the official examination of inventors' patents, expansion of the patent right in the textile

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