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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

The Federal Council will be represented at the Coronation of Queen Elisabeth by the Swiss Minister in London, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, in "special mission."

The Swiss Government announces that, the Persian Government having notified its agreement, Switzerland will at their request represent the interests of Australia and South Africa in Persia.

The President of the Swiss Confederation has sent a telegram of condolence to the Prime Minister of Israeli, on the occasion of the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Israeli Republic.

Customs receipts during the month of October, 1952, amounted to 58.6 million francs, which is 1.8 million francs more than in October, 1951.

During the first ten months of the current year customs receipts totalled 354.6 million francs, or 19.8 million francs less than during the same period in 1951.

### Cantonal

One person was killed and four seriously injured, when two motor-cars collided between Mauensee and Kottwil, (Ct. Lucerne). Felix, Alois Walter, a confectioner in Wolhusen was killed. [A.T.S.]

Professor Felix Bloch, of Stanford University, California (U.S.A.) has been awarded the Nobel prize together with Professor Edward Purcell of Havard University, for their nuclear physics discoveries.

Professor Bloch was born in Zurich in 1905, and studied from 1924-1927 at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich. [A.T.S.]

The third Air-liner DC-6B ordered in February 1951 by Swissair from the Douglas Works in California has arrived at the Zurich-Kloten Air Port. The non-stop flight New-York Zurich was made by Flight-

commander Anton von Tscherner, head of the North Atlantic Service of Swissair. The new machine can carry 72 passengers. [A.T.S.]

A serious accident occurred at the level-crossing between Dachslern and Wasen, when a local train collided with a motor-car. The motor-car was totally destroyed and all the passengers were killed. The names of the victims are: Mme. Klara Blättler, aged 45 of Fällanden; Mathias Moser, aged 41, a farmer of Hermikon-Dübendorf and Rudolf Kofel, aged 36, an innkeeper of Dachslern. [A.T.S.]

The late Mlle. L. Gremaud of Fribourg has left legacies amounting to 27,000.—francs to five churches of the town of Fribourg. [A.T.S.]

The town of Singen (Germany) has presented the town of Schaffhausen with a beautiful stained glass window in recognition of the post war aid rendered to the population of Singen. [A.T.S.]

The commune of Vals (Ct. Grisons) has nominated Mr. C. Hew, "Baununternehmer" in Chur, and Mr. F. O. Kälin, engineer of Meilen (Ct. Zurich) as honorary citizens in recognition of the services they had rendered in connection with the erection of the electric power works Zervreila-Rabiusa. [A.T.S.]

Professor Marcel Bridel has been appointed rector of the University of Lausanne. [A.T.S.]

Mme. Mina Vicari, has celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary at Vernayaz (Ct. Valais). She was presented by the cantonal government with the traditional "easy-chair." [A.T.S.]

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