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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The 1st of August, the Swiss National Day, was celebrated throughout Switzerland, with processions, patriotic addresses and fireworks.

Monsieur M. Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation, gave a patriotic address over the Radio.

An impressive service was held on the Rütli, the birth place of our country.

The newly appointed Japanese Minister, Monsieur Tôru Hagivara, has presented his credentials to Monsieur Max Petitpierre at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

The Swiss Federal Railways has carried 15.63 million passengers during the month of June, 1955, or 769,000 less than in June, 1954. Receipts: 25.96 million francs. (June, 1954: 27.24 million francs.)

Goods traffic is returned as 2,000,000 tons, or 145,000 tons more than in June, 1954. Receipts: 35.62 million francs. (June, 1954: 34.69 million frs.)

The Federal Council has promoted Mr. Oscar Schneider, Swiss Consul at Manchester, to the rank of Consul General, transferring him at the same time to Chicago (U.S.A.), in succession to Mr. Wilhelm Schilling, who is taking over an appointment at the Federal Political Department in Berne.

Mr. Schneider was born in 1898 in Gossau and is a citizen of Murg-Quarten (Ct. St. Gall). He received his education at the "Verkehrsschule", St. Gall, and in 1916 entered into the service of the Federal Postal Administration. Nine years later (1925) he was transferred to the Political Department (Swiss Foreign Office), and in succession occupied posts in Paris, London, Dublin and Danzig, returning to Berne in 1940. On August 31st, 1945, Mr. Schneider was put in charge of the Swiss Consulate in Manila, and in May 6th, 1951, took over the post of Swiss Consul in Manchester.

Mr. Max Büchi has been nominated Swiss Consul in Manchester, in succession to Mr. Oscar Schneider.

The new Consul is a citizen of Ettenhausen (Ct. Thurgau), and was born in 1901 at St. Gall. He entered into the service of the Federal Political Department in 1928. After having been attached to the Swiss Consul at Besançon for two years, he was transferred in 1948 to Cape Town with the rank of Consul, and afterwards was in charge of the Consular Agencies in Tananarive and Manila.

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The Federal Council has bestowed the title of Consul General, on Mr. Henri Voirier, Consul at Besançon.

Cantonal

Three of a party of six mountaineers were killed on an ascent to the Morgenhorn in the Blüemlisalp group. The names of the victims are: Rudolf Hänggi (30), Marcel of the victims are: Rudolf Hänggi (30), Marcel Knuchel (36) and Emil Bertschin (37) all of Basle. [A.T.S.]

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Dr. Louis Magnin, President of the District Court Glâne, has been elected Prefect of Romont, in succession to the late Paul Bondallaz. The new Prefect was born in 1898. [A.T.S.]

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A fire which broke out at the Hotel Eng in Morât (Ct. Fribourg) caused damage amounting to over 500,000.—frs. [A.T.S.]

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"Landammann" Jakob Bruderer of Teufen (Ct. Appenzell A.Rh.) will not be a candidate for the next

CITY SWISS CLUB

We have pleasure to announce that on **Tuesday, 13th September, 1955**, an after-dinner talk will be given at the **Dorchester Hotel** by Mr. P. A. Macrory on the activities of the world-wide organisation of Messrs. Unilever Ltd. This will be followed by a film entitled "A Story of Achievement".

6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

The Committee.