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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Governments of the "Bundesrepublik Deutschland" and the Swiss Confederation have agreed to raise their Legations in Berne and Bonn to the status of Embassy, and their respective heads, Messieurs Friedrich Holzapfel and Albert Huber, to the rank of Ambassador.

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Customs receipts for the month of June 1957 amounted to 72.2 million francs; of this amount the Confederation receives 53.1 million francs, or 2.1 million francs less than in June 1956.

The receipts for the first six months of the current year amount to 349.7 million francs, which exceeds last year's total for the same period by 36.6 million francs.

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The Federal Council has raised the Consular Agency at Maracaibo (Venezuela) to the status of Consulate.

The Consulate will be in the charge of Mr. Max Oberli, who was born in 1923 at Lucerne. On the conclusion of his studies, he entered in 1941 the service of the P.T.T. administration. From 1946 to 1948 he was in the employ of the "Schweiz. Zentrale für Handelsförderung" Zurich, and afterwards held an appointment with a commercial concern at Maracaibo. He was appointed Consular Agent in 1953.

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The Consular Agency at Rangoon (Burma) has now become a Consulate. Mr. C. R. Singer has been appointed Honorary Consul. He was born in 1899, and is a citizen of Mellingen (Ct. Aargau). After receiving his education in Berne, Zurich and Lausanne, Mr. Singer entered the service of an important commercial concern.

After occupying various posts in Greece, China and Thailand he was transferred in 1950 to Burma. In 1951 he was nominated Swiss Consular Agent with the rank of Vice-Consul.

Monsieur Raul Aquirre Molina, Argentinian Minister in Berne, has presented his credentials as Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Dr. Markus Feldmann, President of the Swiss Confederation, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The Federal Council has decided to be represented in the Republic of Nicaragua by a Minister. It has appointed Monsieur Werner Fuchs to this post. Minister Fuchs was nominated recently to the American Republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador.

Cantonal

Dr. jur. Karl Fleischlin (Conservative) of Küssnacht has been elected President of the "Kantonsrat" Schwyz. [A.T.S.]

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Three persons lost their lives and two were seriously injured in a traffic accident which occurred at the road crossing Neerach-Niederglatz, Zurich, when two motor-cars collided. The names of the victims are Mr. Diethelm, printer, of Zurich, H. Kaiser, Kreuzlingen, and Mr. Rohlleder, Ermatingen. [A.T.S.]

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The Zurich police have arrested the murderer of the Swiss composer Oboussier, in the person of Walter Siegfried (18). [A.T.S.]

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Nineteen projects for a new "Kirchenfeld" bridge in Berne were submitted to a specially appointed jury.

CITY SWISS CLUB

A Card Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 3rd 1957. As no circulars will be sent out for this meeting will members kindly note the date and advise the Dorchester Hotel of their intention to be present by the day previous to the Meeting. (This can be done by telephoning Miss Martin at the Dorchester Hotel, Telephone: MAYfair 8888).

Th. von SPEYR,
Hon. Secretary.

Six projects received prizes amounting to altogether 160,000.— frs. First prize (50,000.— frs.) was awarded to the "A.G. Conrad Zschokke" of Doettingen, and second prize (50,000.— frs.) was given to "H. & G. Reinhard", architects, Berne. No decision as to which project will ultimately be chosen for the new bridge has as yet been taken. [A.T.S.]

Burglars entered the premises of a jewellery establishment in the Bahnhofstrasse Interlaken, and decamped with goods valued at several thousand francs. [A.T.S.]

A fire which broke out on the premises of the "Stefag, A.G. für Metall-Holz und Kunststoffverarbeitung" Schüpbach i. E. has caused damage exceeding 100,000.— frs. [A.T.S.]

Mgr. François Charrière, R.C. Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg, has celebrated his 40th jubilee as a priest. [A.T.S.]

During the month of June 1957 159 persons were injured in traffic accidents in the canton of Basle-Town, of whom 5 succumbed to their injuries. [A.T.S.]

The town of Stein a Rh. (Ct. Schaffhausen) has recently celebrated the 500th anniversary of its independence from foreign domination. [A.T.S.]

The town of Laufenburg (Ct. Aargau) has celebrated its 750th anniversary of its foundation. [A.T.S.]

The American Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Henry J. Taylor, and the Rumanian Minister, Monsieur Dimitru Olteanu, have paid official visits to the Government of the canton of Geneva. [A.T.S.]

DEATHS.

The following deaths are reported from Switzerland:

Eduard W. Büchler-Christen, co-proprietor of the printing works of "Büchler & Co." Berne, in Berne, at the age of 64.

Mlle. E. Zellweger, in Basle, aged 74. The deceased was one of the champions of the feminist movement in Switzerland.

Louise Weitnauer, a noted painter, in Basle, aged 77. [A.T.S.]

ANNIVERSARIES.

Professor Dr. Tadeus Reichstein (60) of Basle, *Ordinarius* for organic and pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Basle.

In 1947 he was awarded the Marcel Benoist, and in 1950 the Nobel Prize for medicine. Professor Reichstein is a *doctor honoris causa* of a number of Universities both in Switzerland and abroad.

Karl Huegin (70) of Bassersdorf (Ct. Zurich), a well-known mosaic painter.

Joseph Beuret-Frautz (80) of Berne, author and chronicler of "Radio Beromünster".

Dr. med. Louis C. Vauthier (70) of Leysin, Founder, and from 1922 to 1953 Director, of the University Clinic, Leysin.

Dr. med. Henry Perrier (75) of Chatel St. Denis, for many years a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Fribourg, and President of the Fribourg

section of the Swiss Red Cross and the Swiss Automobile Club.

Dr. h.c. Richard Doetsch-Benziger (80) of Basle, the founder and partner of a large concern dealing in pharmaceutical specialities. Dr. Doetsch is the owner of a large picture and book collection, and has donated his valuable book collection to the town of Basle. In 1953 the University of Basle honoured him with the decree of *doctor honoris causa*. [A.T.S.]

LEGACIES.

The late Dr. med. Zimmermann of Brunnen, formerly at Klingnau (Ct. Aargau), has left an amount of 70,000.— frs. to the commune of Klingnau for charitable purposes. [A.T.S.]

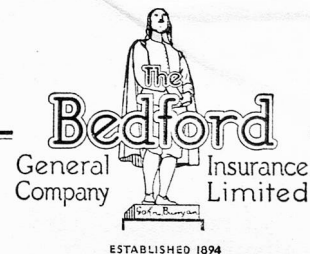
VARIOUS.

The Federal Council has made a donation of 20,000.— frs. for the victims of the Persian earth quake. The Swiss Red Cross has sent a large number of tents and has dispatched a delegate to study the question of further help. [A.T.S.]

According to the organ of the Swiss Alpine Club, 44 accidents occurred in our mountains during the summer of 1956, with a death roll of 58. During the winter season 1956 to 1957 16 persons lost their lives whilst ski-ing. [A.T.S.]

The Nepalese Government has authorized a Swiss expedition next spring to Mount Dhaulagiri (26,795 ft.), now the world's highest unclimbed peak.

The choice was made out of seven applications to climb this peak, which has so far defeated three attempts.



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