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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur P. H. Aubaret, at present Consul-General in Wellington, to the post of head of the Swiss delegation to the Neutral Nation Commission for the repatriation of prisoners of war in Korea, in succession to Minister Dr. Fritz Real.

The annual conference of Swiss Mission heads abroad took place in Berne under the presidency of Monsieur Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister; 31 Ambassadors and Ministers, at present on holiday in Switzerland, attended the conference.

Mr. Walter Clavadetscher has been appointed Director of the section "Landwirtschaft" at the Federal Economic Department in Berne.

Mr. Clavadetscher was born in 1904 at Altstaetten (Ct. St. Gall), and is a citizen of Malans (Ct. Grisons). He studied at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, and afterwards was a teacher at the "Landwirtschaftlichen Schule Custerhof" in Rheineck. In 1951 he was elected a member of the Government of the canton of St. Gall.

According to the "Jahrbuch 1956" of the Federal Post, Telegraph & Telephone administration, the PTT administration has made in 1955 a net profit of 60,068,643.— frs. Of this amount the Confederation has received the sum of 60 million francs.

The two Federal Chambers sent an official delegation consisting of eight National Councillors and three States Councillors to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference which took place in London in the middle of this month. Six further members of the National Council, and one member of the States Council joined the delegation unofficially, which was headed by Dr. J. Condrau, President of the National Council, and Dr. K. Schoch, President of the States Council.

The autumn session of the Federal Chambers started on Monday, September 16th, and will last for two to three weeks.

Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco have paid a courtesy visit to Monsieur Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

The American Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Henry Taylor, landed at the airport Château Neuf (Ct. Valais), and on descending from the plane was greeted by M. René Spahr, President of the Valaisan section of the Swiss Aero Club. The distinguished visitor afterwards boarded a Piper-Super machine piloted by the famous glacier pilot, Mr. Geiger, and flew over the Matterhorn, landing on the Theodul glacier (3,500 m.).

The Indonesian Ambassador, Monsieur Ahmad Subardjo Dyoyoodisury, has presented his credentials to Dr. Thomas Holenstein, Vice-President of the Swiss Confederation, and Monsieur Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

Cantonal

One person was seriously injured and six were slightly injured when a rope on the rope-railway Attinghausen-Brusti (Ct. Uri) broke. All the injured passengers were taken to the cantonal hospital in Altdorf.

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The CIBA chemical works in Basle have made a donation amounting to 10,000.— frs. for the inhabitants of Bristen and the Maderaner valley (Ct. Uri) who sustained damage during the recent floods.

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