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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Swiss Government has announced that it will bring Police Inspector Max Ulrich to trial before the Federal Courts on charges of alleged espionage.

Inspector Ulrich's arrest was announced last May. In March the then Attorney-General, M. René Dubois, committed suicide after it had been alleged that Inspector Ulrich and he had been tapping the telephone lines of the Egyptian Embassy in Berne and passing information to the French.

The Federal Council announced that it is taking action against Inspector Ulrich on the grounds that he passed political and economic information and violated his pledge of secrecy as a Civil Servant. No date as yet has been fixed for the trial.

The Swiss Federal Railways during the month of September 1957 have carried 20 million passengers, or 600,000 more than in September 1956. Receipts: 32 million francs (September 1956: 31 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 2.26 million tons, or 30,000 tons more than during the same period in 1956. Receipts: 42.6 million francs (September 1956: 42.5 million francs).

Customs receipts for the month of October 1957 total 88.6 million francs of which the Confederation receives 65.4 million francs, which is 2.6 million francs more than in October 1956.

During the first ten months of the current year the receipts amounted to 589.4 million francs, or 41.3 million francs more than during the same period in 1956.

The American Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur H. J. Taylor, was the principal guest at a meeting of the Swiss-American Society for cultural relations in Basle.

The Austrian Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Johannes Coreth, has paid an official visit to the Government of the canton of Valais in Sion.

Monsieur Frank Kos, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Yugoslavia, has presented his credentials to Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, and to M. Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

Cantonal

Mr. Franz Muheim (Christian Socialist) has been elected President of the commune of Altdorf, and Dr. Alfred Weber (Liberal), Vice-President. [A.T.S.]

Thieves broke into the premises of a jewellery establishment in the Bahnhofstrasse Zurich, and decamped with watches valued at 27,000.— francs.

The offices of the "Volksküche" at the Sihlquai, Zurich, were burgled, and banknotes to the value of 18,000.— frs. were stolen. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Rudolf Weber, States-Councillor (Berne), has tendered his resignation from the second Chamber. He was from 1919 to 1935 a member of the National Council, and has sat since 1935 in the States Council. [A.T.S.]

The Literature Prizes of the canton of Berne have been awarded to the following authors: Jonas Fraenkel, 2,000.— francs; Erwin Heimann, 500.— francs; Joerg Steiner, 500.— francs; and Albert Streich, 500.— francs. [A.T.S.]

Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, and M. Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, were the guests of the Foreign Press Association at a banquet which was held in Berne. [A.T.S.]

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