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SWITZERLAND APPOINTS AMBASSADORS



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H.E. THE SWISS MINISTER ON THE WAY TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR.

COURT CIRCULAR.

Buckingham Palace, May 7th.

His Excellency Monsieur Armin Daeniker was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Swiss Confederation to the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Swiss Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Jean-Jacques de Tribolet (Counsellor), Monsieur René Faessler (Counsellor in charge of Economic Affairs), Monsieur Ernst Bircher (Counsellor), Lieutenant-Colonel Werner Koch (Military and Air Attaché), Monsieur Marcel Luy (First Secretary), Monsieur Felix Ansermoz (First Secretary in charge of Labour Affairs), Monsieur Etienne Vallotton (First Secretary) and Monsieur Jakob Huber (Assistant Attaché, Consular Section).

Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

As will be seen in the "News Column" the Swiss Confederation has appointed a number of Ambassadors to various countries.

Early in 1956 the Federal Council had put a proposal to Parliament for the transformation from Legations into Embassies and *ipso facto* from Ministers into Ambassadors.

It was left to the discretion of the Government to decide in which countries these changes were to be made.

The proposal of the Federal Council was adopted by the Federal Chambers by a large majority subject to a possible referendum against it. The Swiss electorate not having made use of this privilege, the way was clear for the above-mentioned changes, and in consequence the Federal Council has acted upon the proposal.

We welcome this step taken by our Government. There are very few countries left which maintain Legations and Ministers. International developments in the intercourse between the various nations are growing steadily in that instead of Ministers — that is to say of representatives belonging to the second diplomatic rank — there is an increasing tendency to accredit Ambassadors to foreign countries.

It is, of course, not the first time that the Confederation has appointed Ambassadors; as an example it might be mentioned that as far back as 1663 the thirteen cantons sent a mission consisting of no less than 36 Ambassadors to the Court of Louis XIV. Since the French revolution also the Confederation had appointed Ambassadors, although only two, one to Vienna and the other in Paris. Such appointments had, however, only a temporary character.

We take this opportunity of tendering to H.E. Monsieur Armin Daeniker our best congratulations on his new Ambassadorial rank.

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Former diplomatic representatives of the Confederation accredited to the Court of St. James were: Minister C. D. Boucart (1892 to 1902), Minister G. Carlin (1902 to 1920), Minister C. R. Paravicini (1920 to 1939), Minister W. Thurnherr (1940 to 1944), Minister Paul Ruegger (1944 to 1948), Minister Henry de Torrenté (1948 to 1954), Minister (now Ambassador) Armin Daeniker (1954).

A DEPARTURE AT THE EMBASSY.

We regret to announce that Monsieur A. Albertini has left the Embassy as well as the Diplomatic Service of the Confederation in order to look after a family business.

COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE SWISS EMBASSY.

The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker gave a cocktail party at the Embassy on Tuesday, April 30th, to meet Swiss delegates and members of the Institute of Metals.

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Mr. Jan Harvey, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, gave a reception on Wednesday, May 8th, 1957, at No. 10 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1, to the following Swiss editors:

M. René Baume, "La Suisse"; M. Jean Heer, "Gazette de Lausanne"; M. Peter Dürrenmatt, "Basler Nachrichten"; M. Walter Stutzer "Tagesanzeiger für Stadt und Kanton Zurich".

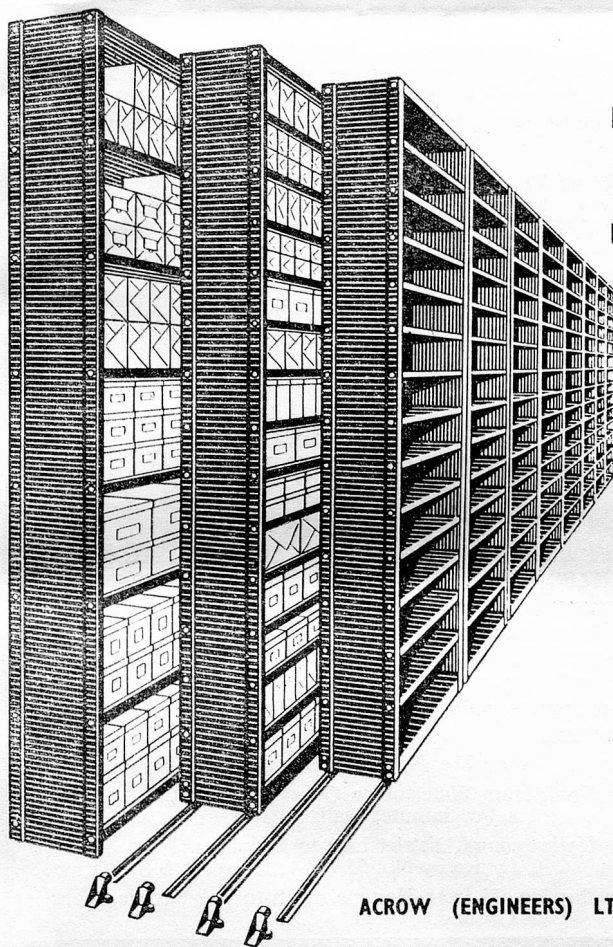
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The additional service will leave London at 03.30 arriving at Basle at 05.45 and in Zurich at 06.30.

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