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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".

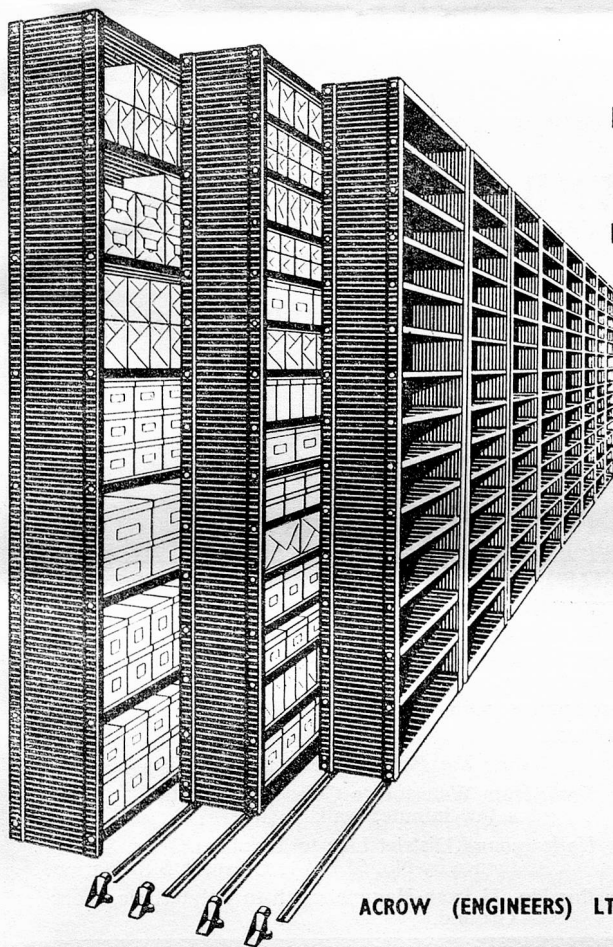
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