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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The following Swiss Legations have been raised to the status of Embassy, and their heads to the rank of Ambassador: Austria (M. R. Hohl) and Cuba (M. Franco Brenni).

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The Ambassadors of Austria (Monsieur J. Coreth), Cuba (Monsieur J. G. Aguirre), Japan (Monsieur Katsuzo Okumura), and the Minister of the Philippines (Monsieur P. Lopez) have presented their credentials to Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, and to Dr. M. Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The Swiss National Bank has recently celebrated in Berne the 50th anniversary of its foundation.

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The Federal Council offered a dinner to the heads of the foreign missions and their collaborators accredited to the Confederation at the Greyerz castle (Ct. Fribourg). Amongst the guests were also the Presidents of the Federal Chambers and members of the Governments of the cantons of Fribourg and Berne.

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The Swiss Federal Railways carried 16.3 million passengers during the month of May 1957, or 500,000 less than in May 1956. Receipts: 26.3 million francs (May 1956: 27.1 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 2.29 million tons or 207,000 tons more than during the same period in 1956. Receipts: 43.7 million francs (May 1956: 41.7 million francs).

Cantonal

The "Mariahilf" College in Schwyz received a visit of Cardinal Lercaro of Bologna. The reception was attended by the Italian Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur M. Coppini, and members of the Government of the canton of Schwyz. [A.T.S.]

Dr. theol. Theodor Bucher (36), a citizen of Kerns (Ct. Obwalden), until recently Professor at the "Kollegium Maria Hilf", has been elected Director of the cantonal teachers seminary in succession to Dr. phil. Max Flueler. [A.T.S.]

The proposal of the Government of the canton of Zurich to grant a credit of 7.5 million francs towards the costs of enlarging the Kloten airport was accepted by 50,388 votes against 33,732. [A.T.S.]

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