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PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wyler, of 49, Marlborough Court, Pembroke Road, W.8, on the arrival, on December 28th 1957, of a daughter, Catherina Anne.

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We have much pleasure in announcing the marriage of Monsieur Anton Hegner, of the Swiss Embassy, to Mademoiselle Barbara de Stockar. The marriage will take place at the Nydegg Church in Berne on January 21st.

E. HOMBERGER †

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on December 19th, of Mr. E. Homberger, of Round Bush House, Elm Park Road, Pinner, at the age of 72. He was managing director of the Instrument Screw Company, Northolt Road, South Harrow, which he founded in 1922, until 1955, when he retired.

The departed, who was born in Solothurn, came to this country in 1906, settling down in London in 1915. He was a staunch supporter of Britain and all she stands for, and during both world wars he performed valuable work for the war efforts. He was a keen sportsman. In his younger days he played football for Leicester City, and he continued to ski until he was 70. Golf was his main sporting interest, however, and early in 1920 he became a member of the Northwick Park Golf Club, and later joined Sandy Lodge and Moor Park Golf Club.

DR. RUDOLF V. HEBERLEIN †

We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Dr. Rudolf V. Heberlein, Chairman of the Board of "Swissair", on Tuesday, January 7th, at Wattwil (Ct. St. Gall), at the age of 57. He was born in Bombay, and when he was six years old was sent back to Switzerland to go to school. After taking degrees at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich and the Geneva University, he was sent to America for a year where he joined the Ford plant in Detroit. Back in Switzerland he joined the family firm, Heberlein & Co. of Wattwil, as an apprentice and started to work his way up. As soon as he was in a position to do so, he started to apply the methods and techniques he had studied in America, and turned the old plant into a model one.

Dr. Heberlein, who had been on the Board of "Swissair" since 1947, and had been Chairman since 1951, was the man who turned this concern into an international airline with a great reputation. He was considered one of Switzerland's most go-ahead industrialists and businessmen.

The Editor.

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