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Back in Berne in March 1966 he took charge of the Division for International Organisations at the Political Department. In 1967 his services were placed at the disposal of Mr Kurt Waldheim, General Secretary of the United Nations, for special missions in the Middle East. In August 1970 he was named General Secretary of the Political Department and Head of Political Affairs.
PMB

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

I am sure that every member of the Swiss Colony in the United Kingdom will be saddened by the news that our Ambassador, Dr. Weitnauer, is to leave us at the end of this year.

Let us take this opportunity of thanking him most sincerely for the help and guidance he has so generously given to all the Swiss Societies in this country.

I am sure I speak for all of us when I, through the columns of *The Swiss Observer*, offer Dr. Weitnauer our sincerest congratulations on his important new appointment – even though his gain is our loss!

Dr. Weitnauer delivered a short speech at the Eglise Suisse in London on the occasion of the 1st August celebrations held there. The text, along with reports of the celebrations held in various parts of the country, will be published in next month's issue.

The July edition carried a report of Dr. Alfred Aebi's address to the NSH on Swiss Security Policy. Unfortunately, space does not permit publication of his text in full as promised, but a copy will be supplied on request to any reader who would like one.

Finally, please accept our apologies for the late appearance of this month's issue. I am sure you will appreciate the production problems caused by holidays and other factors which are almost inevitable during the summer months.

W.G.S.

NEWS FROM THE COLONY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

On 7 September Mr Charles Fairweather, of Oban, 23 Penbury Grove, Bexhill-on-Sea, will be celebrating his 85th birthday.

Mr I. G. Michel will be 67 on 8 and Mr P. H. Haberstick 76 on 9 of the month. Mrs N. Towers will have her 77th birthday on 10 September, and Mr W. B. Sigerist (Terriet, Vaud) will be 84 on 23. Mr M. Rothlisberger will be 76 on 25 September.

Mr and Mrs H. Humbel will have been married for 37 years on 24 September.

To all these readers and any others who will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries shortly, we send congratulations and best wishes.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr J. Oertli, of 13 Osidge Lane, Southgate N14 5JD. An obituary will follow in the next issue.

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