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The appeals of Robert Klee, Dr. Alfred Zahnder and John Spengler against the decision of the Federal Department of Justice and Police to withdraw their right to Swiss citizenship were rejected by the Federal Council.

The City Council of Schaffhausen granted the municipality's government full power until December 31, 1945, for carrying through projects for the city's reconstruction, made necessary by the April 1st bombing. A credit of 2,5 million francs was voted to cover the cost of the plan. A special commission of 9 members has been formed.

According to German sources, the Swiss steamship "Chasseral" has been attacked by British aircraft in the Mediterranean, west of the Rhone estuary. Though hit, she could be towed into a French port (Cette) by small units of the German marine which went to her rescue.

The attack made on the S/S "Chasseral" off Port Vendres on April 22 by aircraft, resulted in the death of the ship's chief engineer, Maurice Jaccard, 35, Swiss. The "Chasseral" received many hits, seven of them below the water line. As already announced, the "Chasseral" was towed into Cette harbour in South France, and repair work is already under way.

O B I T U A R Y.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Emile Arnold Cattin, of 42 Awa Road, Miramar, Wellington, which took place suddenly in Wellington Hospital after a very short illness.

Mr. Cattin was born at Lagendorf, Ct. Solothurn, where he passed through the State and High Schools, and after completing his education, attended the Watchmakers' School at Bienne where he qualified with honours. Later, he went to London and worked with Sir John Bennett, the well-known horologist, for two years. Eventually he came to New Zealand where he lived in Whangarei, Gisborne, and finally in Wellington, where he conducted a flourishing business at 19 Willis Street.

He was one of the founders of the New Zealand Horological Society, in which he always took a great interest and of which he was an active member for many years.

Emile Cattin was always a keen supporter of the Swiss Benevolent Society, of which he was also Vice-President for two terms.

His passing will be felt deeply by all his compatriots, who were always made welcome in his home. He was the life of any social function among the Swiss here, and was passionately fond of a game of "Jass" for which he would travel miles.

The funeral was attended by many friends and fellow countrymen, and we extend deep sympathy to Mrs. Cattin and her daughter, Beverly; also to Miss Olga Cattin of Eltham, Mr. Paul Cattin and family of Te Kauwhata, and Mr. Ernest Cattin in Washington, D.C.

BROADCAST FROM SWITZERLAND: No information has yet been received as to any special broadcast on the occasion of our National Day. We refer members therefore again to the usual twice-weekly broadcasts to Australia and New Zealand transmitted from the Swiss National Broadcasting Station at Schwarzenburg which are received here on:

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As the 1st of August is on a Tuesday, it is possible that no other arrangements will be made, and that a special National Day program will be heard at the above mentioned time. We shall be pleased to hear from members regarding the reception of this broadcast.