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too, but its budget for 1967 is balanced at 122.59m. francs.

The new station inspector is Harry Mayer in succession to Henri Chappaz. Rodo Mahert, theatre critic of the "Journal de Genève" has also retired.

The Town of Geneva recently awarded its prizes for 1966 for watchmaking, jewellery, goldsmith's work and enamel work. In the first stage of this contest this spring, the jury had already judged 980 designs submitted by 188 competitors. Fifteen designs were selected for actual execution in the watchmaking category, 12 in jewellery, 21 in goldsmith's work and 9 in enamel work. The Watchmaking Prize was won by Mr. Roger Ballmer, of Vacheron & Constantin in Geneva. For jewellery, the first prize went to Mr. Gunter Krauss of Pforzheim. In the Goldsmiths' Work category, no prize was awarded. The Enamel Work Prize was won by Mr. Luigino Gignando, of Bräuchi & Sons, at La Chaux-de-Fonds.

Jean-Georges Lossier and Albert Py are the winners of Geneva's Literary Prize. The Geneva Lions Clubs have given a valuable artificial kidney to the Cantonal Hospital. The "Pro Ticino" also contributed money towards the Lions Clubs' special efforts.

Events in Geneva have been numerous recently. Concerts were given in the newly restored courtyard of the Town Hall. The new library of the World Health Organisation was opened and a monument to Léon Nicole unveiled. The "Fêtes de Genève" were held in August, with over 200,000 people attending the grand firework display. In October, there was a "Bonjour Danemark" week and a "Grand Gala" in aid of the renovation of the Russian Church in Geneva. The 14th "Salon des Arts Ménagers" was opened at the end of the month and early in November, the exhibition "Romain Rolland and Switzerland". The traditional meeting of the Geneva Protestants, the Festival of the Reformation, was held on 7th November, and at the end of the month, a centre for contemporary engravings was opened. The new indoor swimming pool Les Vernets was inaugurated; it cost 12m. francs and took four years to build.

The Geneva pyromaniac has been caught — for months, fires have broken out every few days, and it is possible that the same young man is responsible also for the many fires in Lausanne.

Carouge celebrated the 150th anniversary of its annexation to Geneva. 1,200 people took part in a procession, and Federal Councillor Chaudet gave an official address. The foundation stone was laid for the Orthodox Church at **Chambésy**. At **Collonge-Bellerive**, the statue "La Nympe du Léman" was unveiled. The first buildings of the satellite town of **Lugnon** were opened in September.

On 11th November, the new houses of the home for old people at **Petit-Saconnex** were opened. A few days later, a large building (housing some of the departments of the International Labour Office) was gutted by fire. Over 200 people helped to fight the flames.

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BARONESS VON THYSSEN TO BE IN "THE ASSIGNMENT"

It has been announced that Baroness Fiona Von Thyssen will play a brief but important role in Sheldon Reynolds's movie "The Assignment", now being filmed on location in this famous winter resort (*St. Moritz*).

Beautiful Baroness Von Thyssen, the former Fiona Campbell-Walter, was one of England's top fashion models and is an internationally-known socialite.

Being an excellent skier and a prominent resident of *St. Moritz*, Baroness Von Thyssen was asked by Reynolds to appear in the movie. Both the Baroness and Reynolds have chalets in *St. Moritz*.

Asked if her appearance in "The Assignment" meant her *début* as an actress, Baroness Von Thyssen shook her head and laughed.

"Absolutely not" she said. "I don't really act in this film. I ski down the mountain, tumble into the snow and discover a dead body".

The proceeds from her appearance in the film will be given to charity, the Baroness said.

"The Assignment", written and directed by Sheldon Reynolds, co-stars Patrick O'Neal and Joan Hackett in the leading roles, strongly supported by such internationally-famous actors as Sir John Gielgud, Oscar Homolka, Leon Greene, Herbert Lom, Peter Van Eyck and Eric Portman.

"The Assignment" is being filmed in Panavision and colour for Warner Bros.

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