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remain in our country for 3 months and will be distributed amongst families in the cantons of St. Gall and Berne. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

A special train, carrying 542 German children, has arrived in Basle, 250 of whom will be placed in families in the cantons of Appenzell, the remainder will be sent to families in other parts of the country. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

The last of the crippled children sent to Switzerland from France, six months ago, have now returned to their country.

They were treated in special clinics in Zurich and Lausanne. [A.T.S.]

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The Tribunal of the 4th Division, sitting in Basle, passed the following sentences for espionage during the last war: Corporal Heinzmann: 20 years penal servitude, degradation and expulsion from the army; Schleiniger, Manfred: 13 years penal servitude; Baumgartner, Louis: 12 years penal servitude and expulsion from the army; sentences varying from five months to three years were passed on seven others of the accused. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

Following an invitation by the Swiss Press Association, a number of Czechoslovakian Journalists have arrived in Switzerland for a fortnight's stay. They are visiting the towns of Berne, Basle, Geneva, Lucerne and Zurich. On their arrival at Dübendorf they were greeted by Dr. Meier, President of the Zurich Press Association. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

The French Premier, Monsieur Paul Ramadier, landed at the Airport Basle-Mulhouse, and was greeted by the Director of the aerodrome, Ch. Koepke, to whom he expressed his satisfaction that the international airport has come into being. He also thanked the Swiss authorities and the Swiss people for the spontaneous reception which they had accorded to General de Lattre de Tassigny, Chief of the French General Staff, during his recent visit to Switzerland. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

The next Federal Singing Competition (Eidg. Sängerfest) will take place in Berne from the 18th—29th of June, 1948. The concert Hall to be specially built, will have seating accommodation for 8,400 spectators, the stage can hold 3,000 performers; the building will be erected on the Allmend.

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Amongst the latest candidates for the post of Governor of Trieste the name of Dr. Walter Stucki, formerly Swiss Minister in Paris and Vichy, has been mentioned. We understand that Minister Stucki, has, in fact, been sounded as to whether he would be willing to accept nomination, but he has declined to stand as a candidate.

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A number of British railway experts, at present in Switzerland, attended one of the sittings of the National Council in Berne. The President of the Chamber welcomed the visitors in English. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

Albert Lebrun, a former President of the French Republic, was seen in the Diplomatic enclosure of the National Council, watching their deliberations. He later conversed with several members of the Swiss Parliament. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

Dr. Karl Henschen, formerly head of the surgical clinic of the University of Basle, has been nominated Honorary Member of the Greek surgical society "Hellenike Cherurgice Hetaireia." [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

Peter Staehelin, for 28 years one of the Editor's of the "National Zeitung" in Basle, has retired from his post. He is 65 years old. [A.T.S.] \* \* \*

The 34th General Meeting of the Swiss Bankers took place, on Saturday, September 27th, at Lucerne under the Presidency of Bernhard Sarasin (Basle). Amongst the invited guests were: Federal Councillor Dr. Stampfli, Professor Laur, Dr. Homberger, Professor Kohli, Minister Sulzer, Professor Dr. P. Keller, and Professor W. Rappard. [A.T.S.]

## NEWS FROM THE COLONY.

We hear that the *Consistoire* of the Swiss Church has appointed Pasteur Claude Reverdin from Geneva, as successor to Pasteur M. Pradervand.

Pasteur Reverdin, who is taking up his ministry at the end of this year, is the son of a medical practitioner and married to the daughter of colonel de Haller, of Geneva, they have two children, a boy and a girl.

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Dr. Arnold Kunzli, has taken up the position, as London Correspondent of the "National Zeitung," of Basle, in succession to the late Dr. E. Spuhler.

Dr. Kunzli has previously occupied the post of foreign correspondent of the "National Zeitung" in Rome, and at one time was connected with the "Flüchtlingslager" organisation.

## SWISS HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES.

The Holiday Season having now come to an unexpected end, the Editor would be glad, if some of the readers, who were privileged in spending their vacation in our country, would write short accounts of their experiences, pleasant or unpleasant, for the benefit of those, who, for some reason or other, were unable to undertake the journey to the "old country."