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Professor T. Reichstein, Professor in ordinary for organic chemistry at the University of Basle, has received the title of *doctor honoris causa* of the Sorbonne in Paris.

Dr. F. Jaeger, Professor of Geography at the University of Basle, has been dismissed from his post, for activities against the security of the State. [A.T.S.]

A woman employee of the "Gemeindekasse" in Wilchingen (Schaffhausen), has been arrested for embezzlement. The amount in question is reported to be 20,000.—frs. [A.T.S.]

A fire which broke out at the "Bronzenwarenfabrik" in Vogelsang near Turgi (Aargau), caused damage amounting to half a million francs. [A.T.S.]

A motor-car on the road between Vaulien and Romainmôtier was overturned. Mme Witz-Schneider, from Pully, was killed, and two other passengers had to be taken to hospital in Lausanne with serious injuries. [A.T.S.]

The military tribunal of the 4th Division, sitting at Lausanne, has passed a sentence of three months imprisonment, on 1st lieutenant Bovard for having refused to attend an officer's course. Lt. Bovard is the manager of the "Suisse Contemporaine" and head of the Information Service of the "Schweizerpresse." [A.T.S.]

The canton of Vaud is celebrating on January 24th, 1948, the 150th anniversary of its independence.



This event will be celebrated by a special service at the cathedral in Lausanne. [A.T.S.]

Professor Edouard Bauer has been appointed rector of the University of Neuchâtel. [A.T.S.]

The death is reported from Geneva of Léon Martin, a well-known solicitor and former President of the Swiss Lawyers Association, at the age of 73. [A.T.S.]

### Economics

Nestlé & Anglo-Swiss Holding Company Ltd., Cham and Vevey — Unilac, Inc., Panama-City — Alimentana Company Ltd., Kemptthal. Discussions have taken place recently between the boards of directors of these three companies with a view to assuring a more rational use of the various commercial and technical assets at their disposal. It is now proposed to offer the Alimentana shareholders an exchange on the basis of 15 Nestlé shares (including the corresponding Unilac shares, the dividend coupons for 1947 and the coupon of the Nestlé sinking fund certificate due for payment in December 1947) against each Alimentana share. This proposal has yet to be ratified by the general meetings of shareholders of the companies concerned. Nestlé and Unilac will, of course, have to increase their share-capital if the merger goes through.

(Swiss Bank Corp. Bulletin.)

### Traffic

A delegation of the Swiss Federal Railways, consisting of General-Manager Paschoud, R. Grimm, Manager of the Lötschberg railway, Branger, Manager of the Räthischen railways, have returned from Istanbuhl where they attended a time-table conference. [A.T.S.]

The American Civil Aeronautic Board has granted a licence to Swissair for air traffic from Switzerland to New York City via Shannon (Ireland) Santa Maria (Azores) and Gander (Newfoundland). [A.T.S.]

The following have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary (60 years): Mr. and Mrs. J. & A. Müller-Signer, Herisau (Appenzell a/Rh.); Mr. and Mrs. N. Hefti-Hefti, Haslen (Glarus); Mr. and Mrs. Eugster-Oertli in Egg — Steinlenten.

General Guisan and Mme. Guisan have celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. [A.T.S.]

Forty five Hotel employees have been engaged by the "African Caterers Ltd." in South Africa. A first batch of 26 men have left Switzerland for Capetown, they will be employed at the Hotel Carlton in Johannesburg, one of the Luxury Hotels in South Africa. The General-Manager of this company is a Mr. Thomas from Sils. [A.T.S.]

The next Federal Musical Festival will be held in St. Gall from the 10-12th July, 1948. [A.T.S.]

### SWITZERLAND'S GIFT TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

The Federal Council has decided to give the Princess a watch with a diamond bracelet, and an embroidery made by the best workers of St. Gall as a wedding present.