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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

M. Roy Hunziker, at present at the Foreign Office in Berne (Press Service), has been transferred to the Swiss Legation in Washington, to take over the post of Dr. Eric Kessler, who has recently been appointed Chargé D'Affaires in Bucarest. (M. Hunziker was well-known in the London Swiss Colony having occupied the post of Secretary of Legation for several years.)

The Federal Council has bestowed upon M. Walter Diener the title of Vice-Consul.

Vice-Consul Diener was born in 1901, and hails from Frauenfeld, he emigrated to Tanga in 1934, where he occupies the post of Assistant Manager of a Swiss firm.

Mr. Albert Wyler has been appointed Swiss Consul in Dacca, in succession to Mr. R. Sahli who has tendered his resignation.

The following three Federal Judges will relinquish their posts at the end of this year: Dr. Jakob Halblützel (Zurich); Dr. August Ernst (Aargau); and Dr. E. Hasler (Zurich).

Mr. Walter Gubler, of Wila (Ct. Zurich), has been appointed Vice-Director of the Federal Customs Administration, and Mr. Burkhard Matti, of Glarus, Director of the customs district III.

Cantonal

Dr. h.c. Emil Bitterli, one of the pioneers of the Swiss Electricity Industry, has celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary in Zurich.

Mr. Karl Gnehm-Bertschinger, of Mühlebach (Ct. Zurich), has celebrated his 102nd birthday [A.T.S.]

The strength of the various parties of the "Kantonsrat" Zug, after the recent elections is as follows: Conservative-Christian Peoples party: 44 seats (formerly 39); Liberal Democratic party: 11 seats (formerly 14); "Landesring der Unabhängigen":

1 seat (previously: 0); Socialist Party: 11 seats (previously: 14). The Council numbers 78 members, the Conservative-Christian party is again leading.

All the members of the cantonal government have been re-elected.

Dr. Lusser and Alois Zehnder have been elected members of the States Council (Ständerat). [A.T.S.]

Mr. Hans Michel, author and a teacher at the secondary school in Lauterbrunnen, has been made an honorary citizen of the Commune of Lauterbrunnen.

[A.T.S.]

Mgr. Eugène Folletête, Deacon of the Cathedral of St. Urs and "General Vicar" of the Jura, has celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary. [A.T.S.]

The paper "Popolo e Libertà" which is published in Bellinzona, has celebrated his 50th jubilee. Dr. E. Celio, a former Federal Councillor and at present Swiss Minister in Rome, was at one time Editor-in-Chief of this paper. [A.T.S.]

Army

At the end of this year various changes will take place in the command of Swiss army units.

Army-Corps Commander Herbert Constam, at present in command of the 3rd Army-Corps, will relinquish his post on reaching retiring age.

Colonel Constam entered the Instructor's Corps in 1909. In 1918, he was transferred to the General Staff with the rank of major, he subsequently held the following commands: Infantry Regiment 29, Infantry Mountain Brigade 15, commander of the "Schliess-Schule," Wallenstadt, and "Zentral Schulen." In 1938, he took over the command of the 6th Division and seven years later (1945), was entrusted with the command of the 3rd Army-Corps.

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