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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Swiss Government announced that it has agreed in principle to represent the United States interests in Bulgaria after the break in diplomatic relations between Washington and Sofia.

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The recent crisis in Egyptian and Swiss relations over the alleged publication in Swiss papers of articles on King Farouk, has been amicably settled.

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Monsieur Antonio Ferro, has presented his credentials as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Republic of Portugal to Monsieur M. Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation.

The newly appointed Minister was for a number of years a member of the Salazar Government (Propaganda).

Cantonal

Mr. Charles J. Reed has been appointed American Consul General in Zurich.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Reed joined the American Foreign Service in 1928. His service includes posts in the Far East, in Yugoslavia and in Spain.

[A.T.S.]

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Mr. Cosmus Schindler-Dorer, for many years President of the Board of the "Spinnerei Murg A.G.", has celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary in Zurich. Mr. Schindler, who hails from Ennenda (Ct. Glarus), has been at the head of this concern for exactly fifty years. [A.T.S.]

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During January, 1950, 378 traffic accidents occurred in the canton of Zurich. 144 people were injured of whom seven received fatal injuries. [A.T.S.]

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Mr. Fritz Weber-Lehnert, senior partner of the "Brauerei Wädenswil", has celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary. The "Jubilar" was from 1909-1919, President of the "Schweiz. Bierbrauerverein" and from 1919-1947, President of the "Zürcher Dampfboot Gesellschaft." [A.T.S.]

Mr. Theodor Gut, a former National-Councillor, and President of the Board of the "Buckdruckerei Stäfa, A.G.", has celebrated his 60th birthday anniversary in Stäfa. He was for many years Editor-in-Chief of the "Zürichsee Zeitung". Mr. Gut was elected a Member of Parliament in 1935 (National-Council) from which he retired in 1946. [A.T.S.]

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The late Mr. Fritz Schmuziger, President of the firm of Landis & Gyr in Zug, has left an amount of 99,000.—frs. to various charitable institutions.

[A.T.S.]

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Professor, Dr. Karl Weber has celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary in Berne.

Professor Weber was born in February 23rd in Liestal. He concluded his studies with the degree of doctor of Philosophy, after which he occupied posts as a teacher in Binningen and Basle.

In 1909 he received an appointment on the Editorial Staff of the "Basellandschaftlichen Zeitung" in Liestal, and eleven years afterwards (1920) entered the "Basler Nachrichten" as "Inland Redaktor," which post he occupied for 10 years. In 1930 he was appointed "Bundesstadt Redaktor" of the "Neuen Zürcher Zeitung" in succession to Dr. Welti.

From 1917-1920 Dr. Weber was a member of the "Landrat" of the canton of Basle-County, and in 1920/1921, he presided over the Swiss Press Association which made him an honorary member in 1933 for the work he had performed.

Since 1928, and again from 1942, Dr. Weber has been a lecturer at the Universities of Zurich and Berne respectively. In 1928 he organised the Swiss Pavilion PRESSA at the Exhibition in Cologne, in 1939 the Press pavilion at the "Landesausstellung" in Zurich, and in 1948 the Swiss Press Pavilion at the Press Exhibition in Munich.

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