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### NEWS AT RANDOM

#### Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Félix Ansermoz to the post of Social Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London, in succession to Monsieur P. Clottu, Social Counsellor, who is taking up a post at the Federal Political Department in Berne.

Monsieur Ansermoz was born in 1905 in Bursins (Ct. Vaud) and is a citizen of Yverne and Aigle. He studied at the Universities of Lausanne, London and New York and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1946.

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The Swiss Federal Railways carried during the month of June, 1952, 18.23 million passengers or 2,311,000 more than in June, 1951. The receipts are returned as 27.34 million francs. (June 1951: 23.28 million francs.)

Goods traffic reached 1.68 million tons or 129,000 tons less than in June 1951. Receipts: 29.38 million francs which is 1.58 million francs less than during the same period in the previous year.

#### Cantonal

A motor car carrying six people left the road on the Furka near the Hotel Galenstock and overturned. Five of the passengers, all students from Germany were killed, whilst the driver, also a German national received only minor injuries. An investigation undertaken by the authorities showed that the brakes did not function properly. [A.T.S.]

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The paper "Luzerner Landbote" published in Sursee has celebrated its 75th anniversary of its foundation. [A.T.S.]

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Three young men, aged 20, 18 and 17 respectively, who broke into the munition dépôts at Kloten and Bulach stealing a number of revolvers and hand grenades, were arrested near Lucerne. They had planned a raid on the branch offices of the "Volksbank" at the Helvetia Platz and the "Kantonalbank" in Wollishofen. [A.T.S.]

M. Auguste Viatte (Porrentruy) born in 1901, has been appointed Professor of French literature at the Federal Institution of Technology (ETH) Zurich in succession to Professor Ch. Clerc who has retired from his post. [A.T.S.]

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Two persons were killed in Zurich when a woman cyclist collided with a motorist. The names of the victims are: Mrs. Ida Waldburger (Teufen) and Jean Bucher, a bank clerk, living at Küsnacht. [A.T.S.]

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Dr. Arthur Alder, Professor of Insurance law at the University of Berne has been appointed rector of the University for the years 1952/53.

Dr. Max Welten (Saanen) is succeeding Dr. W. Rytz, as Professor of Systematic Botany at the University of Berne. [A.T.S.]

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Three persons lost their lives on the Guggigletscher, (Bernese Oberland), the names of the dead are: J. Pargätzi (aged 38) alpine guide of St. Peter (Ct. Grisons); Mme. H. Gregor (aged 41) of Vienna and Joh. Gruber of Steiermark (Austria). The guide, Jakob Pargätzi was a member of the 1950 Himalaya expedition. [A.T.S.]

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Dr. Louis Comtes, Professor of law at the University of Fribourg for the last 30 years has retired from his post. [A.T.S.]

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The late Robert Dossenbach, member of the Grand Council of the canton of Fribourg has left various legacies to charitable institutions amounting to 80,000—frs. [A.T.S.]

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Mme. E. Feusi-Drittenbass, who recently died at St. Gall has left an amount of 44,000.—frs. to a number

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