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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

On the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, Monsieur Philipp Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation has sent the following telegram to H.M.

"A Sa Majesté la Reine Elizabeth II, Londres. Au moment où le Royaume-Uni et le Commonwealth s'apprentent à célébrer le Couronnement de Votre Majesté je suis heureux de lui adresser les vives félicitations du Conseil fédéral et du peuple suisse. Je prie également Votre Majesté de recevoir les vœux chaleureux que nous formons pour son bonheur et l'heureux accomplissement de son Règne.

*Philipp Etter,
Président de la Confédération suisse.*

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The Swiss Government has demanded the recall of M. Josef Svarc, Czechoslovak Chargé d'Affaires in Berne.

On the occasion of the Czechoslovak national day, he gave a party at which the Federal Council was represented by the Chancellor. Amongst the invited guests was Mr. E. Arnold, a communist member of Parliament (National Council), who recently was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and loss of civic rights for two years by the Federal Supreme Court for having attacked the Government in foreign newspapers and acted in such a manner as to endanger the national security.

The Federal Council considering it particularly objectionable that a diplomatist should invite a Swiss citizen sentenced for an offence against the country, and cause him to meet the Government's representative, has asked for the recall of the diplomatic representative, who is no longer regarded as *persona grata*.

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The new Papal Nuntius, Mgr. Gustavo Testa has presented his letters of credence to the President of the Swiss Confederation.

He was born in 1886, and was Archbishop of Amasya, and afterwards Apostolic Legate in Jerusalem.

Monsieur Karl Wildmann, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Republic of Austria, who is shortly vacating his post, has given a fare-well reception at the Austrian Legation in Berne. Amongst the guests were Federal-Councillors Petitpierre and Feldmann, the Chancellor of the Confederation, the President of the Bernese Government, representatives of the army, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

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The newly appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of India, Monsieur Yezdezard Dinshaw Gundevia, has presented his credentials to the President of the Swiss Confederation, Dr. Ph. Etter, and Monsieur M. Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister.

After having occupied various posts in the Indian Civil Service, he had been since 1950 attached to the Indian Embassy at Moscow.

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Federal-Judge, Dr. Paul Logoz, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Federal Supreme Court to take effect in September of this year.

Dr. Logoz was born in Vevey in 1888, and is a citizen of Goumoens and Geneva. He was from 1921-1924 a member of the Appeal Court, Geneva, and from 1935-1947 a member of the Federal Military Appeal Court. He was a Member of Parliament (National Council) from 1925-1942. He entered the Federal Supreme Court in 1942 in succession to Federal Judge Robert Fazy.

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Mr. D. Hammarkjöld, General Secretary of UNO, has paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Council. The President of the Swiss Confederation offered a luncheon to the distinguished visitor.

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