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### NEWS AT RANDOM

#### Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Jean-Frédéric Wagnière to the post of Swiss Minister to Yugoslavia, in succession to M. Robert Kohli.

Minister Wagnière was born in Berne in 1899, and is a citizen of Fey, Rueyres (Vaud) and Cologny (Geneva). On obtaining his degree as a lawyer, he was appointed Secretary of the International Commission for the Port of Danzig, and afterwards occupied a post in a Banking concern at Geneva.

He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1934, and eight years later (1942) was promoted to the rank of Counsellor of Legation. From 1945-1948, he was Chargé d'Affaires in Denmark, and until recently occupied the post of an Observer at the United Nations in New York.

The Belgian Government has raised their Berne Legation to the rank of Embassy. Minister Vicomte de Lantsheere has presented his credentials as Ambassador to the President of the Swiss Confederation.

The Federal Council has decided to create a new Legation in Afghanistan. The Swiss Minister to Persia, Monsieur Escher has been accredited to Kabul, retaining his post in Persia.

The two Federal Chambers have elected Dr. René Perrin, a member of the Federal Supreme Court, in succession to Dr. Logoz who has recently resigned.

The new Federal judge was born in 1910, and studied law at the University of Neuchâtel; after having practised for some time as a lawyer, he was, during the last war with BIGA (Bundesamt für Industrie, Gewerbe und Arbeit). Since 1946, Dr. Perrin occupied the post of Secretary at the Federal Supreme Court.

The Federal Council has appointed Mr. Hans Peter Keller to the post of Director of the Federal Wheat Administration, in succession to Mr. Werner Laesser, who has vacated the post on reaching retiring age.

Mr. Otto Wichser, at present one of the chief engineers of the Swiss Federal Railways, has been appointed General Manager.

He was born in 1910 in Herisau, and is a citizen of Linthal (Ct. Glarus). Mr. Wichser studied at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich. He entered into the service of the Swiss Federal Railways in 1941, and in 1946 was in charge of the bridge service. In 1948, he was appointed one of the chief engineers of the Federal Railways.

#### Cantonal

A registered envelope addressed to a Bank in Zurich, and handed in at a Post Office in Lucerne, has disappeared. It contained foreign notes to the value of 75,000.— frs. A reward of 5,000.— frs. for the recovery has been offered. [A.T.S.]

The Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Elmer Robinson, has paid an official visit to Zurich. On his arrival at Kloten he was received by the Mayor of Zurich, Dr. E. Landolt, Dr. Berchtold of "Swissair", and Mr. Florian Niederer, Sub. Manager of the "Schweiz. Zentrale für Verkehrsförderung".

After a Press Conference, the distinguished visitor was entertained to dinner by the municipal authorities at the "Muraltengut". [A.T.S.]

The late Fritz Schiesser, a teacher at the Rüti and Schwändi schools (Ct. Glarus), has left an amount of 29,500.— frs. for various charitable institutions.

[A.T.S.]

Dr. Walter Früh, a citizen of Zurich and Mogelsberg (St. Gall), and until recently States Prosecutor of the canton of Zurich, has been appointed Police Commissioner for the canton of Zurich, in succession of Dr. J. Nievergelt who has retired.

[A.T.S.]

### CITY SWISS CLUB

Will Members please note that no Meetings are to be held during July and August.

They will be advised in due course of the resumption of our activities in September next.

THE COMMITTEE.