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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

Monsieur Alfred Brunner, Swiss Minister to Portugal since 1948, died at Lisbon at the age of 63.

Born in 1890, he was educated at Berne University and entered the litigation office of the division of foreign interests in the Federal Political Department in 1917. After service as an *attaché* in London, Vienna, and Budapest he was appointed second secretary in Rome in 1921, and after some four year's service there he was promoted to first secretary in Tokyo, where he remained until 1929, acting for part of the time as *Chargé d'Affaires*. He was Counsellor in Ankara from 1929-1933, and after executing a diplomatic mission to Teheran was appointed Counsellor in Bucharest. He remained there until 1935, when he was *Chargé d'Affaires* in Cairo. Before his appointment as Minister in Portugal he had been Swiss Minister to Egypt, and since 1946 had also been accredited to Iraq, Syria, and the Lebanon.

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The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur J. J. de Tribolet, to be *Chargé d'Affaires* in Sofia. He was born at Neuchâtel, where he studied law.

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The Swiss Federal Railways have carried in the month of June, 1953, 16 million passengers, or 1.04 million less than in June 1952. Receipts: 26.88 million francs. (June, 1952: 28.58 million frs.)

Goods traffic in June 1953 has increased by 130,000 tons, 1.76 million tons having been carried. (June 1952, 1.63 million tons). Receipts: 32.87 million frs. (June 1952: 31.56 million frs.).

### Cantonal

The Federal "Schwing & Aelplerfest" took place in Winterthur, over 25,000 spectators watched the various competitions. Amongst the official guests were the former Federal Councillor R. Minger and Army-Corps Commander Franz Nager. [A.T.S.]

A collision between a motor-cycle and a motor-car which happened on the road between Solothurn-Selzach caused the death of three persons. The following were killed: Fritz Moosmann (aged 44), his wife Charlotte Moosmann (aged 41) and Otto Schär, (aged 26) a butcher in Grenchen. [A.T.S.]

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Dr. Otto Furrer, lawyer and notary in Solothurn has been elected President of the Tribunal of Solothurn in succession to Mr. Robert Kurt, who has been recently appointed Mayor of the town of Solothurn. [A.T.S.]

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A passenger train and a goods train of the Bernina railway collided between the Bernina Hospitz and Alp Grün. The driver of the passenger train was killed, whilst 22 passengers were injured some of them seriously. [A.T.S.]

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Two persons were killed, when a motor-cyclist ran into two pedestrians in Birrwil (Ct. Aargau). The motor-cyclist, Armin Hunziker (aged 20) was killed outright, and one of the pedestrians, Miss Gertrud Räber, (aged 19) of Birrwil, succumbed to her injuries, her companion was also badly injured. [A.T.S.]

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A fire which broke out in the "Kartonnagefabrik, Rohr & Co." in Melligen (Ct. Aargau) caused damage which is estimated will exceed 100,000.— frs. [A.T.S.]

## CITY SWISS CLUB

Will members kindly note that the next

### MONTHLY MEETING

will take place on **Tuesday, Sept. 8th 1953**, at **6.30 p.m.** for **7 p.m.** at the **Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.**

The Dinner will be followed by a game of Jass, Bridge or Canasta.

Members wishing to be present should send their card to the Manager of the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. to reach him not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, 1953.

Ch. GYSIN

Hon. Secretary.