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consolidated draft convention regarding the status of all categories of refugees under IRO's mandate as the overwhelming majority of these unfortunates were not enjoying the benefits of any of the previous diplomatic instruments promoted by the League of Nations.

G. G. Kullmann attended the General Assembly meetings in 1949-50 as representative of the IRO concerned with the establishment of a new U.N. High Commission with seat in Geneva.

In January 1951, he was invited to join the staff of the newly elected U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart, as Director for Europe also in charge of international protection policy. In this capacity he played a prominent role in shaping the structure and the policy of the new Organisation and in establishing the various branch offices in those European countries having an important refugee problem, (Western Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, France, Benelux, United Kingdom). In May 1952, on his own request, he relinquished his post and was transferred to London to act as Chief of the United Kingdom Office of the High Commissioner accredited to the Government and also responsible for relations with the Governments of the British Commonwealth.

Owing to his long period of activity during the war years in Great Britain he was given a cordial reception upon his arrival and has been able to establish close ties of co-operation with all the Ministries and authorities concerned with refugee questions.

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## SWISS BANK CORPORATION.

At the 81st Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Swiss Bank Corporation held in Basle on the 27th February 1953, the accounts were approved and it was agreed to pay a dividend of 8% against 7% last year.

The retiring members of the Board were confirmed in office and, in addition, Mr. Eric Choisy of Geneva, Chairman of Grande Dixence S.A. and Dr. Hans Schuler, National Councillor at Glaris, were elected to the Board. Mr. Ernest Renggli of Zurich, Director and Manager of the Spinnerei Murg A.G. was appointed a member of the Board of Control.

The Board has appointed Mr. Rennell Gordon Moretti, hitherto a deputy Manager of the Geneva Office, to be a Manager of the London Office as from the 1st July, 1953.



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