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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Following the example of Italy, the government of the United States of America has raised the status of their Legation in Berne to that of an Embassy.

The Foreign Office announced that the Swiss Federal Council has given its *agrément* to the raising of the status of the British Legation at Berne to that of an Embassy, and to the appointment of Sir Patrick Scrivener, the British Minister, as Ambassador.

The Canadian government has raised their Berne Legation to the rank of Embassy. Minister Victor Doré will shortly present his credentials to the President of the Swiss Confederation, as Ambassador.

Minister, Dr. H. Frölicher, from 1938-1945 Swiss Minister in Berlin, and afterwards at the Foreign Office in Berne, has tendered his resignation on reaching retiring age.

The Federal Council has expressed to Minister Frölicher, who hails from the canton of Solothurn, its appreciation for the services he has rendered.

Monsieur Asaf Ali, Indian Minister, accredited to the Confederation, has died in Berne at the age of 64. He assumed his post in July 1952 after having been Ambassador in Washington. Minister Asaf Ali, is the 2nd Indian Minister who has died *en poste* in Berne, since 1950.

Dr. med. Jean-Maurice Rubli has been appointed 4th Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee; he has left for Korea.

The Swiss Federal Railways have carried in February, 1953, 15.46 million passengers, 1.46 million less than in February 1952. Receipts, 19.79 million frs. (Febr. 1952: 20.22 million frs.)

Goods traffic is returned as 1.29 million tons carried, 153,000 tons less than at the same period in

1952. Receipts: 27.11 million frs. (Febr. 1952: 27.25 million frs.)

The Swiss government has made a payment of 700,000.— frs., to the United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) as Switzerland's contribution for the year 1953.

The Federal Council has appointed Dr. J. G. Baer, Professor of Zoology and Anatomy at the University of Neuchâtel, as a delegate to the XIV International Congress of Zoology, which will be held at Copenhagen in August of this year.

Dr. Robert Sandoz (born 1905), a citizen of Dombresson and Le Locle, has been nominated Vice-Director of the "Verrechnungsstelle" Zurich.

Mr. Charles Albert Dubois, a senior official at the Swiss Foreign Office, has been put in charge of the Press and Information Division, for which he has

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