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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has promoted Monsieur Paul Clottu, to the rank of Minister. He was from 1947-1952 Social Counsellor at the Swiss Legation in London, and in August, 1952, was transferred to the Political Department in Berne where he occupies the post of Head of the Administrative Department.

We are tendering Monsieur Clottu our heartiest congratulations on attaining the rank of Minister. During his *séjour* in London he made many friends, who at the time greatly regretted his departure.

Minister Clottu, who was born in 1897 hails from the canton of Neuchâtel. He studied political science at the Universities of Neuchâtel, Berne and Geneva. He is a *licencié ès sciences politiques* of the first named University.

In 1920, he became a member of the International Labour Office in Geneva, and after twenty years of collaboration with this office, and a short time at the Central Agency for Prisoners of War at the International Red Cross Committee, entered the Swiss Civil Service as one of the heads in charge of the allowances scheme for soldiers and their families.

This was followed with the appointment in 1945, as deputy chief of the division of the "Office fédéral de l'industrie, des arts et métiers et du travail", dealing with the protection of workers. Whilst at the Foreign Office in Berne, Monsieur Clottu attended several International conferences, as a delegate of the Federal Council.

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Dr. A. R. Lindt, who was Press Counsellor at the Swiss Legation in London from 1946-1953, has also been promoted to the rank of Minister. Whilst in the Metropolis, he was very popular, especially with Journalists of both countries, and his promotion, on which we are tendering him heartiest congratulations, has been received with great satisfaction. Dr. Lindt occupies at present the office of President of the UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) with Headquarters in New

York. He was born in 1905 in Berne, and studied at the Universities of Berne and Geneva.

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The Belgian Ambassador, Vicomte de Lantsheere, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Berne, is vacating his post.

Vicomte de Lantsheere was appointed in June, 1945, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Swiss Confederation, and in June, 1953, he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador.

SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

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Catholic Service at 11 a.m. Solemn Mass and Sermon in German and English, at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1.

Minister Egbert von Graffenried has been nominated Chief of the Swiss Delegation in Korea, in succession to Minister, Dr. Carl Stucki. (Minister von Graffenried was Commercial Counsellor at the Swiss Legation, London, from 1943-1950.)

M. René Dubois has been elected to the post of Solicitor General of the Swiss Confederation.

The Netherlands Government has appointed, Mr. J. R. Belmont, Director of the Bâloise-Transport, as Consul-General in Basle, in succession to the late Mr. H. Burkhardt.

The Swiss Federal Railways have carried 16.72 million passengers in May, 1955, or 510,000 more than in May, 1954. Receipts: 26.75 million francs (May, 1954: 25.94 million francs).

Goods traffic has increased by 215,000 tons, and is returned as 1.97 million tons. Receipts: 38.15 million francs (May, 1954: 35.32 million francs).

The Upper House (States Council) of the Swiss Parliament accepted a motion to abolish an article of the Swiss Constitution that forbids Jesuits to work in churches or schools Switzerland. There was no dissent in the 44 member house.

Cantonal

An amount of 100,000.—frs. in notes has been stolen from a Bank in Zurich. A messenger who collected the money at the counter was hustled by a man standing next to him, who then decamped with the money. So far the thief has not been found. [A.T.S.]

The newly appointed Egyptian Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Ahmed Saroit, has paid a courtesy visit to the town of Zurich. [A.T.S.]

Professor, Dr. med. F. Lüthy, specialist for nervous disorders in Zurich, has been nominated a Corresponding Member of the American Neurological Association. [A.T.S.]

On the occasion of the approaching 80th birthday anniversary of Professor, Dr. med. C. G. Jung, the eminent psychologist, the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, has conferred on him the degree of *doctor honoris causa*. [A.T.S.]

On the 1st of July, 1955, Mme. Marie Ehlers, in charge of the Dispatch Office of the News Bulletins at

the "Schweiz. Depeschagentur", Zurich (Head office, Berne), has celebrated her 50th service jubilee. [A.T.S.]

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Boston, has nominated Dr. J. Ackereth, Professor at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, an Honorary Member. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Siegfried Frey, Director of the "Schweizerischen Depeschagentur", Berne, hitherto "Privatdozent für wissenschaftliche Zeitungskunde und praktische Journalistik" at the University of Berne, has been nominated Professor extraordinary of the University of that town. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Hans Bachmann has been elected President of the Swiss Newspaper Publishers Association. He was born in 1902 at Dagmersellen, and studied law at the Universities of Geneva, Heidelberg and Berne. From 1928-1940, he practised as a lawyer in Lucerne. In 1940, Dr. Bachmann was elected a member of the Superior Court of the canton of Lucerne, which post he held until 1943, when he was appointed political editor of the "Luzerner Tagblatt". Since 1943, he has acted as commercial manager of the printing works "Keller & Co. A.G.", Lucerne. [A.T.S.]

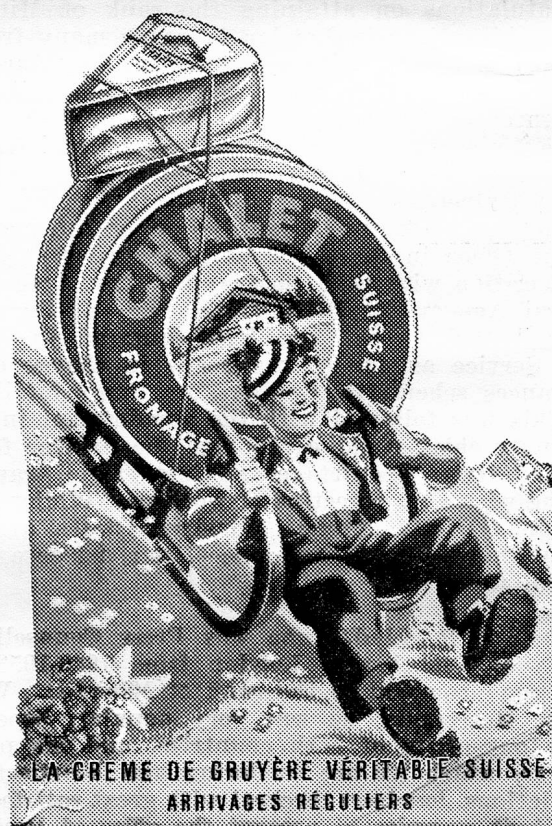
National-Councillor Hans Roth (Interlaken), since 1925 representative of the Socialist Party in the National Council, will not be a candidate at the Parliamentary elections which are taking place next autumn. [A.T.S.]

CITY SWISS CLUB

Will Members please note that no meeting is to be held during
AUGUST.

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

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Mr. Ernst Reber, Director of the "Publicitas", Berne, has celebrated his 50th service jubilee. From 1923-1932, he was in charge of the Lucerne office, after having been at the branch office at Bienne. In 1932, he was called to the Head Office of this concern, which post he occupied until the 1st of this month. [A.T.S.]

In the month of June, 1955, 590 traffic accidents occurred in the canton of Berne. 482 persons were injured, and 19 persons killed. [A.T.S.]

Brigade-Colonel G. Rütishauser (Berne) will shortly vacate his post of "Oberkriegskommissar". [A.T.S.]

Dr. Emanuel Leidig, has been elected rector of the *Gymnasium* Burgdorf, in succession to Dr. Otto Luterbacher who is vacating his post. [A.T.S.]

The Government of the canton of Solothurn has elected Dr. Gustav Lisibach (Buttisholz) to the office of "Domprobst" of the "Bistum" Basle, in succession to the late Dr. Joh. Mösch. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Jacques Schmid (Solothurn) has intimated that he will vacate his seat in the National Council shortly. He has been a member of the Council for 38 years. (Socialist) From 1931-1949, he belonged to the cantonal Government. He is 73 years of age. [A.T.S.]

The firm of "Haab, Söhne" Millers, Neumühle, Baar, has celebrated its 50th Jubilee. On this occasion the management have given an amount of 20,000.—frs. to the "Krankenasyll" of the "Bürgergemeinde" Baar. [A.T.S.]

In the first six months of the current year, 297 traffic accidents have been reported in the canton Basle-Country. 12 persons lost their lives, and 254 were injured. [A.T.S.]

The members of the Government of the canton Schaffhausen have paid a courtesy visit to the Government of Baden-Württemberg in Stuttgart. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Fritz Buri has been elected to the Presidency of the "Fiera Svizzera di Lugano". [A.T.S.]

The accounts of the canton of Vaud for 1954 close with a *credit* balance of 1,845,721.—frs. [A.T.S.]

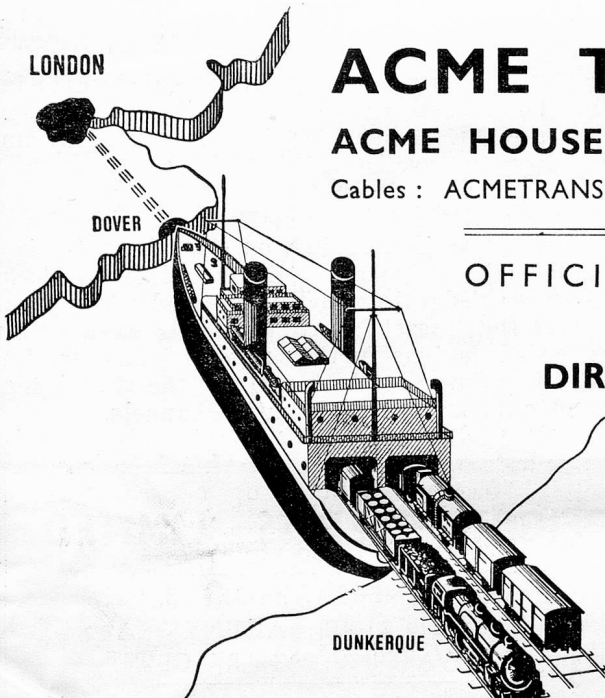
On the 1st of July, 1955, the population of the town of Lausanne numbered 115,469. [A.T.S.]

States-Councillor Hans Fricker (Aarau) has informed the committee of the "Aargauischen Konservativen Volkspartei" that he will not be a candidate at the next autumn Parliamentary elections.

Mr. Fricker was for 25 years President of the Laufenburg Court, and from 1939-1949, a member of the Superior Court of the canton of Aargau. He sat in the National Council from 1925-1933. In the year 1933, he was elected a member of the States Council. He is 76 years of age. [A.T.S.]

Mr. E. L. Niederhauser, Manager of the Palace Hotel, Lausanne, has been elected *Gérant* of the station restaurant Geneva-Cornavin. [A.T.S.]

The "Thurgauer Tagblatt", published at Weinfelden, has celebrated its 125th Jubilee. [A.T.S.]



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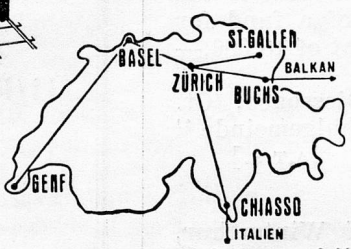
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The Italian Ambassador, Monsieur Coppini, has paid an official visit to the Government of the canton of Valais at Sion. [A.T.S.]

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DEATHS.

The following deaths are reported from Switzerland:

Colonel of Division Hans Bandi, in Berne, at the age of 73. The deceased became in 1908 a member of the Federal Instructors Corps (Artillery). In 1930, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel in which capacity he commanded the 4th Artillery Brigade. In 1936, he was appointed Chief of the Swiss Flying Corps, in which year he obtained the rank of Colonel of Division.

Eduard Chapuisat, in Geneva, at the age of 80. He has been history lecturer at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich. He began his career as a journalist. For many years, he was a correspondent of *Le Temps*, and then from 1918-1933 Editor of the *Journal de Genève*. He held the post of Vice-President of the International Red Cross Committee.

Gustave Dumas, a former Professor of mathematics at the University of Lausanne (1913-1942) in Lausanne, aged 83.

Dr. Raimondo Rossi, a former member of the Government of the canton of Ticino, in Lugano at the age of 86.

Kurt Kirchbach, conductor and composer, in Basle, aged 68.

Paul Bondallaz, "Regierungsstatthalter" of the district Glâne, and a former member of the National Council, in Romont at the age of 79.

Marco Antonini, lawyer and President of the Board of the Banca della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, aged 59.

Bernard de Muralt, painter, in La Tour-de-Peilz, at the age of 62.

Gottlieb Wernli, who on the occasion of the Federal Gymnastic Festival in 1912 (Zurich) was declared "Schwingerkönig", died in Basle, aged 71.

Jean Veyrassat, from 1910-1947, Professor of Medicine at the University of Geneva.

Edouard Brosset, well-known painter, and for many years drawing-master at the *Gymnasium*, in Geneva, at the age of 79.

Adolf Reinhart, from 1939-1948, President of the Board of the *Schweizerischen Isola Werke*, Breitenbach, and a member of the "Kantonsrat" Solothurn, in Solothurn, aged 77. [A.T.S.]

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LEGACIES.

The late Albert Schlaepfer-Schaefer of Herisau, (Ct. Appenzell A.Rh.) has left an amount of 30,000.—frs. to the "Stiftung Personalfürsorge, Schlaepfer & Co.", Publishers of the "Appenzeller Zeitung".

Mr. Hans Künzle, organist, Schaffhausen, who recently died, has left the sum of 100,00.—frs. to the town of Schaffhausen for the creation of a fund for needy students, he also legated an amount of 18,000.—frs. to various municipal institutions.

The late Heinrich Legler-Dürst of Diessbach, (Ct. Glarus) has left 7,000.—frs. to the "Schulgemeinde" of Diessbach. [A.T.S.]

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ANNIVERSARIES.

Dr. h. c. Oskar Reinhart (70) of Winterthur, formerly an active partner of the well-known firm

"Gebrüder Volkart", Winterthur, he is also known as a great art connoisseur. The University of Basle honoured him with the degree of *doctor honoris causa*.

Dr. h. c. Hans Hoesli (80) of Zurich, for 46 years a secondary school teacher, and a lecturer at the University of Zurich. The "Jubilar" was also assistant teacher of French at the Cantonal Commercial School, and the municipal "Gewerbeschule". The University of Zurich bestowed on him the degree of *doctor honoris causa* in 1932.

Charles Wüthrich (80) of Bex, a well-known painter. He studied painting in Geneva and Paris, and for many years resided in the canton of Valais. For the last few years, he lives at Lutry where he still paints.

M. Pierre Favarger (80) of Neuchâtel, the oldest lawyer in the canton of Neuchâtel, and a former member of the Grand Council of the canton of Neuchâtel and the National Council.

Dr. h. c. Robert Briner (70) of Zurich, from 1935-1951, a member of the Government of the canton of Zurich. The University of Zurich honoured him with the degree of *doctor honoris causa*. [A.T.S.]

Heinrich (Heiggi) Müller (70) of Basle, well-known painter, and a teacher at the "Gewerbeschule", Basle. [A.T.S.]

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DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hartmann-Bühlmann of Zurich-Wollishofen, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gross, of Les Marécottes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Betton-Hürlimann of Winterthur have celebrated their iron-wedding anniversary (65). [A.T.S.]

A new Swiss highway code, the draft of which was published recently, provides that no vehicle, including bicycles, may be used without third party insurance. There is also provision for limited compensation by the Government for damage caused by unknown drivers or cyclists.

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Trade negotiations between France and Switzerland, which have been going on for the past two months, have been broken off in complete deadlock.

The Swiss Federal Council has issued a statement saying that the latest French proposals were so far from Swiss ideas that further negotiations were impossible. Any future talks must, for the time being, be carried out through diplomatic channels.

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Raymond Lambert, the famous Swiss climber, is due in Katmandu next month to head an eight-man Franco-Swiss team in an attempt on the 24,299-foot Ganesh Himal peak.

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The centenary of the first ascent of Monte Rosa, the highest peak in Switzerland, by the brothers Smith and their party was celebrated at Zermatt, when Mr. L. S. Amery and Sir Arnold Lunn drew attention to the part played by British climbers in the conquest of the Alpine peaks. In honour of the occasion a dozen Italian guides crossed the snowbound Théodule Pass, and Herr Hermann Buhl, the Austrian who two years ago reached the summit of Nanga Parbat alone, came to Zermatt from Macugnaga by scaling the famous rock wall of Monte Rosa.

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The United States Navy has withdrawn security clearance from Dr. Fritz Zwicky, a Swiss expert in rocket and jet propulsion, who was awarded the medal of freedom in 1949 by former President Truman.

The navy said that the clearance was withdrawn because he had not declared his intention to become an American citizen, but it would reconsider the question if he changed his mind.

The decision means that Dr. Zwicky will be excluded from research projects which he originated.

Dr. Zwicky said in Pasadena, California, he had not sought United States citizenship because he felt that, as a Swiss, he could travel about the world with fewer restrictions and thereby fight Communism.

Dr. Zwicky was awarded the freedom medal for his work in jet propulsion.

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Switzerland's 8th International Art Week.

"The Rhone" will be the theme of the 8th Art Week, which will be held from August 11th to 19th next. The programme includes a visit to Montreux, a performance of the Winegrowers Festival at Vevey, visits to Geneva, Nyon, Lausanne, the upper valley of the Sarine (Pays d'Enhaut), Romainmotier, the castles of the Plateau de Vaud, the Valais with St. Maurice and its Abbey, the old church of St. Pierre de Clages, as well as Sion, Sierre, Leuk, Rarogne (the church and Rilke's tomb) and Visp. For the "gourmet", the gastronomic specialities of the country—"raclettes valaisannes" for example — and visits to wine-cellars in the vineyards of Vaud, will complete the pleasure of discovering for oneself the artistic treasures of the country. Information and application

forms for this 8th Art Week may be obtained from agencies of the Swiss National Tourist Office and Mr. E. Schwabe, Elfenuweg, 25, Berne, Switzerland.

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Ski-ing the New Summer Sport. Summer Ski School on the Jungfrauoch.

Ski-ing, the most popular of all Winter Sports, has now become a Summer Sport. For over forty years there has been a midsummer Ski-race meeting on the Jungfrauoch.

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Music in the Alps.

It would seem as if the tranquillity of the mountains were particularly favourable to musical art. It will be remembered how successful the courses were that the late André de Ribapierre organised each summer at Les Haudères, high up in the Val d'Herens.

Also in the Valais, at the foot of the Matterhorn, the Zermatt Musical Courses will be held for the 4th time, from August 18th to September 6th, under the patronage of Pablo Casals. Their aim is to offer professional musicians, as well as all music lovers, the possibility of continuing their studies while at the same time spending a few weeks' holiday in delightful surroundings. In addition to the courses, there will be five public concerts (devoted to works by Schubert and Brahms) on August 20th, 24th, 27th, 30th and September 2nd.

"The importance of music in culture" will be the theme of the Musical Weeks which will be held this year for the twentieth time from July 20th to August 11th at Braunwald — a well-known resort situated away from the main road in the valley of the Linth (Canton of Glarus).

The 15th "Summer of Music" in the Upper Engadine promises no less than 16 concerts by well-known ensembles and famous soloists (the Redditi Trio,

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Viennese Octet, Vegh Quartet, Collegium Musicum Italicum, etc.) which will be playing, between July 16th and August 14th, at different resorts in the Upper Engadine: Sils Silvaplana, St. Moritz, Pontresina, Celerina, Samedan and Zuoz.

Motor Coaches on Swiss Alpine Roads.

In order to prevent possible disappointments for Motor Coach Operators and their clients, attention is hereby drawn to the regulations concerning admission of coaches to certain passes:

The width of motor-coaches may not, as a rule, exceed 2.20m. (7'2½") and, in the case of coaches with low pressure tyres (balloon tyres) 2.25m. (7'5").

As an exception, foreign motor-coaches up to a width of 2.50m. (8'2") are permitted on the following roads:

- 1) Coire - Lenzerheide - Julier - Maloja - Castasegna, Silvaplana - Zuoz or Pontresina.
- 2) Coire - Reichenau - Thusis (but not beyond).
- 3) Bellinzona - Airolo - Gotthardhospiz (but not beyond), Bellinzona - Olivone.
- 4) Amsteg - Wassen - Susten - Innertkirchen - Meiringen and Wassen - Goeschenen (but not beyond).
- 5) Brigue - Simplon - Gondo.
- 6) Brigue - Gletsch (but not beyond).
- 7) Martigny - Grand St. Bernard.
- 8) Lucerne - Brunig - Interlaken.

The Swiss highway authorities have drawn up these regulations in the interest of safety and the smooth flow of traffic on Alpine roads. They invite the co-operation of all motor-coach operators.

The peaceful use of Atomic Energy. The International Conference on the Peaceful use of Atomic Energy will be held in Geneva from August 8th to 20th; 84 countries have announced their intention to take part and various national trade exhibitions will be organized on this occasion. The scientific and technical exhibits, which are mainly of interest to the scientific delegations, will be on view in the United Nations Palace, where space however will be somewhat restricted. The different national exhibitions intended to initiate the general public into some of the mysteries of the atom, and the trade exhibits brought to Geneva by industrial firms working with atomic energy, are expected to be housed in the Exhibition Palace, which has a total floor space of some 130,000 square feet.

An important exhibition in Lausanne. This summer, from June 24th to September 26th, the Cantonal Museum of Fine Arts at Lausanne will be presenting a very important exhibition, which will in a way be a continuation of the exhibition "Rhythms and Colours" held in 1952. Its title "Movement in Contemporary Art" indicates its aim: to show the attitude adopted by certain young artists to the phenomenon of movement and speed which is such a feature of life to-day. The first to be concerned with this problem, about the year 1911, were mainly the Futurists, and the exhibition will open with works by Severini, Balla, Carra, Russolo, Boccioni, etc. Then will come the artists who carried on the movement in France: Delaunay, Jacques Villon, Marcel Duchamp, Leger, Dufy and Picasso. The next group will be composed of four artists whose fame is still

growing, Kandinsky, Klee, Miro and Wols. Last will come some twenty artists from Paris and five from Switzerland — all painters of the avant-garde.

The exhibition will consist of a hundred or so paintings and about ten works of sculpture. It is expected to be of great interest, as it will be the first time that an exhibition has been held with "movement" as its theme.

Official Swiss Time-Table. The summer edition of the Official Swiss Time-Table is again available. Copies (price 5/-) may be obtained from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 458, Strand, W.C.2.

Some of the information given in this most comprehensive guide is now given in English for the first time.

Novelty in Insurance. Visitors to Switzerland may now insure themselves against holidays spoilt by rain. Full particulars will be supplied upon request by the Swiss National Tourist Office, 458, Strand, W.C.2.

The Swiss Grand Prix motor racing committee decided in Berne to cancel the August 20-21 competition.

The committee decided to suspend the entire programme of motor-cycle, sports car and formula one racing until the Bremgarten track at Berne could be checked against a detailed expert account of the Le Mans tragedy.

The motor-cycle organisations have accepted the committee's decision, but have reserved the right to reconsider their decision.



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