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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Dr. Olivier Long to the post of Delegate for Commercial Treaties.

Dr. Long was born in 1915, and is a citizen of Petit-Veyrier (Geneva). He studied law, economic and political science at the Universities of Geneva, Paris, Vienna, London and Haward. In 1943, he was appointed head of the economic service of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva. From 1944-1946, Dr. Long was the Delegate of the International Red Cross in London; he entered into the service of the Federal Political Department in 1946, and three years later was transferred to the Swiss Legation in Washington with the rank of Secretary of Legation. In 1953, he returned to Berne, where he occupied an important post at the Public Economy Department.

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Mr. Alexander Manz, until recently Swiss Consul at Trieste, has been appointed Consul-General in Lyons, in succession to M. Henri Charles. He was born in 1908 at Zurich. In 1940, he entered into the service of the Confederation, as Honorary Vice-Consul at Nice. Six years later he was appointed to the rank of Consul, in which capacity he was transferred to Trieste.

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Switzerland had a surplus in trade with the European Payments Union in October of 14.7 million francs, against a surplus of 65.5 million francs in September.

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A new commercial treaty between the Swiss Confederation and France has been signed. The treaty will remain in force from July 1st, 1955 — to 30th of June, 1957.

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The following National-Councillors, who were again candidates at the recent Parliamentary elections lost their seats: Woog (Communist), Zurich; Dr. R. Bühler (Radical), Zurich; Hermann Kurz (Socialist),

Berne; Dr. Alfred Grütter (Landesring), Berne; Jean Gressot (Cath. Cons.), Berne; Degen (Bourgeois Party), Basle County; Klinger (Cath. Cons.), St. Gall; Allemann (Socialist), Aargau; Rusca (Radical), Ticino Frainer (Cath. Cons.), Vaud; Jaccard (Radical), Vaud; Peitrequin (Radical), Vaud; de Courten (Cath. Cons.), Valais; and de Senarclens (Liberal), Geneva.

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Divisional Colonel Charles Dubois, Assistant Chief of Staff on the General Staff is vacating his post at the end of the current year on reaching retiring age.

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The Swiss Federal Railways carried in September, 1955, 18.65 million passengers, or 15,000 less than in September, 1954. Receipts: 27.81 million francs (September, 1954: 27.84 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 2.06 million tons, or 199,000 tons more than during the same period in 1954. Receipts: 35.19 million francs (September, 1954: 33.15 million francs).

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The Federal Council gave a dinner at Geneva in honour of the four Foreign Ministers attending the Geneva Conference. Amongst the invited guests were twenty foreign delegates. Ten Swiss attended.

Cantonal

Dr. Willy Spühler (Socialist) has been elected a member of the States Council, in succession to Dr. Emil Klöti. He was born in 1902, and studied national economy at the Universities of Zurich and Paris. From 1935-1942, Dr. Spühler was in charge of the "Städtischen Arbeitsamtes", Zurich, and from 1939-1948, chief of the "Zentralstelle für Kriegswirtschaft". In 1942, he was elected a member of the Municipal

CITY SWISS CLUB

Xmas Dinner

ON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1955
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AT

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