

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK
Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom
Band: - (1955)
Heft: 1242

Artikel: Three new Federal Councillors
Autor: [s.n.]
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-686294>

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 05.04.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

THREE NEW FEDERAL COUNCILLORS.

The Federal Assembly, on December 16th, 1954, elected three new members of the Federal Council or Federal Government, to take the place of Federal Councillor J. Escher who died on November 30th, and Federal Councillors Karl Kobelt and Rodolphe Rubattel who have resigned.

The Assembly chose Dr. Thomas Holenstein (Cath. Cons.) of St. Gall, M. Paul Chaudet (Radical) of canton Vaud, and M. Giuseppe Lepori (Cath. Cons.) of canton Ticino.

While the former Government included four Radicals, three Catholic Conservatives, and one representative of the Peasants Party, the new Government will be formed of three Radicals, three Catholic Conservatives, and one of the Peasants Party. The Socialists, who claimed two seats on the Government, saw their demand refused by the majority parties.

Federal Councillor Thomas Holenstein was born on February 7th, 1896, at St. Gall. From 1915-1920, he studied law at the Universities of Basle, Geneva, Berne and Rome. For the next fifteen years (1920-1935) he was a prominent member of the Young Conservative Party of the canton of St. Gall. From 1927-1936, he was a member of the Urban Council of St. Gall and since 1936, a member of the Grand Council of this canton.

In 1937, he entered Parliament (National Council)

over which he presided in 1952/53. Dr. Holenstein was from 1931-45 a lecturer at the Commercial University in St. Gall. In the army he holds the rank of Colonel on the General Staff.

* * *

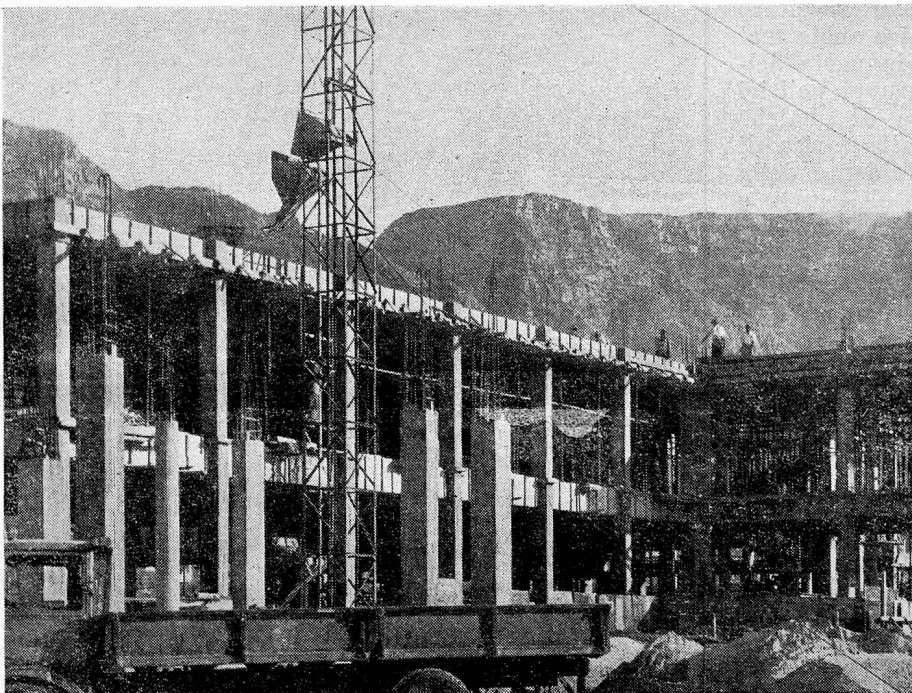
Federal-Councillor Paul Chaudet was born on November 17th, 1904, at Rivaz (Ct. Vaud) and is a citizen of Corsier/Vevay. He started his political career as President of the commune of Corsier, and as a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Vaud. In 1943, he was elected a member of Parliament (National Council), and in 1946, entered the cantonal Government. M. Chaudet, by profession a proprietor of vineyards, is President of the Liberal Democratic Party of the canton of Vaud. In the army he holds the rank of Lieutenant-colonel (Infantry).

* * *

Federal Councillor Giuseppe Lepori, was born on June 22nd, 1902, at Massagno, and is a citizen of Capriasca (Ct. Ticino). He studied law at the University of Fribourg, afterwards he became Editor of the paper "Giornale del Popolo" and from 1928-1935, he held the post of Editor-in-Chief and Director of the paper "Popolo e Libertà". Later he established himself as a lawyer in Bellinzona.

M. Lepori entered the Grand Council of the canton of Ticino in 1927, he was also a member of the District Council of Bellinzona. In 1940, he became a member of the Government of the canton of Ticino.

ACROW *in South Africa*



The Acrow Organisation has many ramifications. Chief among them is the service it renders to building contractors in all parts of the world.

Against the impressive backdrop of Cape Town's famous Table Mountain, this new £500,000 building for South African Railways is being erected with the aid of Acrow Props, Floor-Centres and Steel Formwork.

ACROW (ENGINEERS) LTD.,
South Wharf, Paddington, London, W.2
AMBassador 3456 (20 lines)