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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Governments of the "Bundesrepublik Deutschland" and the Swiss Confederation have agreed to raise their Legations in Berne and Bonn to the status of Embassy, and their respective heads, Messieurs Friedrich Holzapfel and Albert Huber, to the rank of Ambassador.

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Customs receipts for the month of June 1957 amounted to 72.2 million francs; of this amount the Confederation receives 53.1 million francs, or 2.1 million francs less than in June 1956.

The receipts for the first six months of the current year amount to 349.7 million francs, which exceeds last year's total for the same period by 36.6 million francs.

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The Federal Council has raised the Consular Agency at Maracaibo (Venezuela) to the status of Consulate.

The Consulate will be in the charge of Mr. Max Oberli, who was born in 1923 at Lucerne. On the conclusion of his studies, he entered in 1941 the service of the P.T.T. administration. From 1946 to 1948 he was in the employ of the "Schweiz. Zentrale für Handelsförderung" Zurich, and afterwards held an appointment with a commercial concern at Maracaibo. He was appointed Consular Agent in 1953.

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The Consular Agency at Rangoon (Burma) has now become a Consulate. Mr. C. R. Singer has been appointed Honorary Consul. He was born in 1899, and is a citizen of Mellingen (Ct. Aargau). After receiving his education in Berne, Zurich and Lausanne, Mr. Singer entered the service of an important commercial concern.

After occupying various posts in Greece, China and Thailand he was transferred in 1950 to Burma. In 1951 he was nominated Swiss Consular Agent with the rank of Vice-Consul.

Monsieur Raul Aquirre Molina, Argentinian Minister in Berne, has presented his credentials as Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Dr. Markus Feldmann, President of the Swiss Confederation, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The Federal Council has decided to be represented in the Republic of Nicaragua by a Minister. It has appointed Monsieur Werner Fuchs to this post. Minister Fuchs was nominated recently to the American Republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador.

Cantonal

Dr. jur. Karl Fleischlin (Conservative) of Küssnacht has been elected President of the "Kantonsrat" Schwyz. [A.T.S.]

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Three persons lost their lives and two were seriously injured in a traffic accident which occurred at the road crossing Neerach-Niederglatt, Zurich, when two motor-cars collided. The names of the victims are Mr. Diethelm, printer, of Zurich, H. Kaiser, Kreuzlingen, and Mr. Rohlleder, Ermatingen. [A.T.S.]

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The Zurich police have arrested the murderer of the Swiss composer Oboussier, in the person of Walter Siegfried (18). [A.T.S.]

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Nineteen projects for a new "Kirchenfeld" bridge in Berne were submitted to a specially appointed jury.

CITY SWISS CLUB

A Card Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd 1957. As no circulars will be sent out for this meeting will members kindly note the date and advise the Dorchester Hotel of their intention to be present by the day previous to the Meeting. (This can be done by telephoning Miss Martin at the Dorchester Hotel, Telephone: MAYfair 8888).

Th. von SPEYR,
Hon. Secretary.