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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, has sent a telegram of condolence to King Olav V of Norway on the occasion of the death of King Haakon VIII.

Monsieur Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, accompanied by Minister Robert Kohli, head of the Division for Political Affairs and General Secretary of the Federal Political Department, called at the Norwegian Embassy in Berne to express, on behalf of the Federal Council and the Swiss people, their sympathy.

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Switzerland is ready to provide a meeting-place for a world-wide conference on the effects of radio-activity released by nuclear explosions. The Swiss Government announced that when the time came for scientists to meet and discuss the problem it "will be ready to receive and organise the conference in a Swiss town".

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Monsieur Jan Obhidai, the newly appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia, has presented his credentials to Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Monsieur Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The receipts of the Federal Customs Administration for the month of August 1957 amounted to 78.7 million francs, of which the Confederation receives 54.4 million francs or 1.4 million francs less than during the same period in 1956.

The receipts for the first eight months of the current year total 470.8 million francs, which is 39.8 million francs more than in 1956.

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King Saud of Saudi-Arabia, with a suite numbering 32 persons, at the end of last month arrived at the Cointrin airport (Geneva). On alighting from the plane he was greeted by M. Jacques Mallet,

Assistant Chef du Protocole, on behalf of the Federal Council, and by officials of the town of Geneva. The visitors later on travelled by car to Ouchy, where they made a stay.

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M. Césaire Lucchini, a former General Manager of the Swiss Federal Railways, received the insignia of an officer of the "Légion d'Honneur" from the French Consul-General on behalf of the French President.

Cantonal

Mr. Walter Corti of Zurich, founder of the archives for "Genetische Philosophie" and the Pestalozzi children's village at Trogen (Ct. Appenzell A.Rh) has been honoured by the Philosophical faculty of the University of Tübingen with the degree of *doctor honoris causa*. [A.T.S.]

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The "Schweizerische Lebensversicherung & Rentenanstalt" Zurich has celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation.

At the banquet which took place at the "Tonhalle" Zurich, Professor Dr. Marchand, General Manager, extended a hearty welcome to the 900 guests. He presented on behalf of the Company a golden jubilee medal to the "Schweiz. Kreditanstalt" Zurich, in recognition of services rendered on the occasion of the foundation of the Company a hundred years ago.

Amongst the various speakers who addressed the gathering were: Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, Dr. E. Wetter, President of the Board and a former Federal Councillor, Dr. E. Vaterlaus,

Xmas Greetings

Following former years' practice we propose to publish again in our December issue a collective greeting.

The high costs of Xmas cards, should induce many of our subscribers to make use of this facility to extend to their friends the compliments of the season.

Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Friday, November 22nd, 1957, together with remittance for 10/-.