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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The following Swiss Legations have been raised to the status of Embassies and their heads to the rank of

Ambassador: *Italy*: Monsieur Alfred Escher; *Canada*: Monsieur Victor Nef; *Great Britain*: Monsieur Armin Daeniker; *United States of America*: Monsieur Henry de Torrenté; *Iran*: Monsieur Anton Roy Ganz; *China*: Monsieur Fernand Bernoulli; *Peru*: Monsieur Hans Rudolf Berger; *Spain*: Monsieur Philippe Zutter; *Sweden*: Monsieur Max Graessli; *Soviet Union*: Monsieur Alfred Zehnder; *India*: Monsieur Clemente Rezzonico; *Holland*: (appointment to come); *Turkey*: Dr. E. Kessler; *Belgium*: Monsieur Gaston Jaccard; *Greece*: Monsieur Eduard Fer; *Japan*: Monsieur Max Troendle.

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The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Jean Decroux — at present Swiss Minister in Hungary — to the post of Swiss Minister in Eire.

Minister Decroux was born in 1903 and is a citizen of Bulle (Ct. Fribourg); he studied political science at the universities of Geneva and Lausanne. M. Decroux entered the service of the Confederation in 1927. He held appointments in Mannheim, Riga, Nantes and Oslo. In 1936 he was transferred to Paris where in 1943 he was promoted to the rank of Counsellor of Legation. In 1945, M. Decroux was put in charge of the Swiss Legation at Oslo as Chargé d'Affaires. After a two years leave he returned to the Federal Political Department in 1950, where for the next three years he occupied an important post. In 1953 M. Jean Decroux was appointed Swiss Minister to Hungary.

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The newly appointed Swiss Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Monsieur Alfred Zehnder, was born in 1900 at Moscow and is a citizen of Zurich. He studied political science at the universities of Zurich and Hamburg. In 1925 he entered the service of the

Confederation and was transferred to Sofia, and in 1937 to Ankara. After a temporary stay at the Commercial Division of the Federal Political Department in Berne he was transferred to Berlin with the rank of Counsellor of Legation. In 1945 he returned to Berne as head of the section for political affairs, and a year later (1946) was promoted to the rank of Minister. In 1954 he was appointed Secretary General of the Federal Political Department in Berne.

The Swedish Government have raised their Legation in Berne to the status of an Embassy. Monsieur Torsten Hammarstroem has been appointed Ambassador.

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The Swiss Government has raised its Consulate General at Manila to the rank of a Legation. Monsieur Walter Hofer, hitherto Consul General has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Republic of the Philippines.

Minister Hofer was born in Berne in 1901 and is a citizen of Walkringen (Ct. Berne). He studied law at the university of Berne and in 1927 entered the service of the Confederation. He occupied various posts at the Federal Political Department and in 1948 he was appointed Chargé d'Affaires to Bulgaria, and in 1951 he was transferred in the same capacity to Pakistan. Since December 17th, 1954, Minister Hofer has been Consul General at Manila.

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Monsieur de Bavier, Swiss Minister in Mexico, and M. William Tièche, head of the Swiss Consulate

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at which Ladies will be most welcome, is to take place on **Monday, June 3rd, 1957**, at the Dorchester Hotel (6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.).

After Dinner, Mr. ALBERT FERBER, the well known artist, will give us a pianoforte recital.

Th. von SPEYR,
Hon. Secretary.