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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Minister Pierre-François Bruegger, at present Swiss Minister in Venezuela and Panama, to the post of Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary in Rumania.

Minister Bruegger was born in 1900 at Lucerne and is a citizen of Tavel (Ct. Fribourg). He studied at the University of Fribourg, where he obtained the degree of *Lic. rer. pol.*

In 1924 he entered the Federal Political Department (Swiss Foreign Office), and in succession held posts at Liverpool, Sao Paulo, Bogota and Lisbon.

From 1946 to 1949 Monsieur Bruegger was 1st Counsellor of Legation in Prague. After his transfer to Buenos-Aires he was recalled to Berne in 1952, where he was appointed head of the section for political affairs at the Federal Political Department. Two years afterwards (1954) he was appointed Minister in Venezuela and Panama.

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Monsieur John Kenneth Christie, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Union of South Africa, has presented his credentials to Dr. Th. Holenstein, Vice-President of the Swiss Confederation, and Dr. Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The Swiss Government has decided to put before Parliament the demand for a subvention amounting to 29 million francs for the enlargement of the Geneva-Cointrin airport.

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Switzerland's net national income last year showed an increase of 6 per cent over 1955. Wages and salaries £1,200 million, trading profits £380 million, and dividends and interest on investments £420 million were the chief items in the total of more than £2,000 million.

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Franco Brenni, Swiss Ambassador in Cuba, to represent the Confederation also in Ciudad Trujillo (Republic of Dominica).

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Monsieur Werner Fuchs, Swiss Minister in Poland, has been appointed Swiss Minister to the American Republics of Guatemala, Costa-Rica, Honduras and Salvador with residence in Guatemala City.

SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

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6.45 p.m. to 1 a.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

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