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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Monsieur Albert Huber, Swiss Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, has died in Berne, at the age of 62.

The deceased was born in Hungary, where he received the earlier part of his schooling, completing it in Berne. On matriculation, he studied Law at the Universities of Geneva and Berne. From 1924 to 1937 M. Huber held the post of General Secretary on the Silesian Commission.

In 1938 he entered the service of the Federal Political Department (Swiss Foreign Office), and the following year was appointed Swiss Consul in Prague, where later he was promoted to the rank of Consul-General. On his return to Berne in 1945, M. Huber acted as Deputy to the Chief for Political Affairs. Three years later (1948) he was sent to Frankfurt a.M. as Consul-General, and there he received the title of Minister. On 30th March 1951 the Federal Council nominated him Swiss Minister to the German Federal Republic in Bonn, and in 1957 he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador.

Monsieur Arnold Sonderegger, at present Swiss Ambassador in Indonesia, has been appointed Ambassador to Denmark.

Ambassador Sonderegger was born in 1898 and is a citizen of Altstaetten (Ct. St. Gall). He studied Law at the Universities of Geneva, Fribourg and Heidelberg. After practising for some time as an advocate he entered the service of the Federal Political Department in Berne in 1928. He occupied successively posts in Manchester, Lyons and Bombay. In 1956 he was appointed Swiss Minister in Indonesia, and in 1957 he received the title of Ambassador.

The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur Franco Brenni, at present Ambassador in Cuba, and Minister in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to the post of Ambassador to Portugal.

Ambassador Brenni was born in 1897 at Bellinzona, and is a citizen of Salorino (Ct. Ticino).

He studied Law at the University of Fribourg, and entered the service of the Political Department in 1926. Monsieur Brenni successively held the following posts: Consul at Naples, Chargé d'Affaires *ad int.* at Athens, and Consul-General at Milan. In 1954 he was appointed Minister in Cuba, and three years later (1957) he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador; he also represented the Confederation in Haiti and the Dominican Republic with the rank of Minister.

Monsieur André Dominicié, who for several years held the post of *Chef du Protocol* at the Federal Political Department, has been appointed Counsellor at the Swiss Embassy in Moscow.

Monsieur F. H. Andres, Counsellor at the Swiss Embassy in Brussels, has been appointed Head of the Swiss Delegation to the Neutral Nations Commission for the repatriation of prisoners of war in Korea in succession to Counsellor of Legation, M. Richard Aman.

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