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### NEWS AT RANDOM

#### Federal

Monsieur Philippe Zutter, at present Swiss Ambassador in Spain, has been appointed Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Rome, in succession to Dr. A. Escher, who has been transferred to Bonn.

Ambassador Zutter was born in 1904 in Bevaix, and is a citizen of La Chaux-du-Milieu (Ct. Neuchâtel). He entered the diplomatic service in 1930. In 1935 he was sent to Bucharest, and four years later to Buenos Aires, where he was promoted in 1943 to the rank of Counsellor of Legation. In the same year M. Zutter was transferred to Santiago de Chile as Chargé d'Affaires.

In 1946 he returned to the Federal Political Department in Berne as Head of the Division for International Organisations, during which period he received the title of Minister. Two years later (1951) M. Zutter was appointed Swiss Minister to Spain, and later on he received Ambassadorial rank.

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The Federal Council has nominated Dr. Arturo Marcionelli, Consul-General in Milan, to the post of Swiss Ambassador in Iran, and Minister Plenipotentiary in Afghanistan.

Ambassador Marcionelli was born in 1910, and is a citizen of Bironico (Ct. Ticino). He studied Law at the Universities of Milan and Berne. In 1935 he entered the service of the Federal Political Department in Berne, where he remained for five years. He has occupied successively posts in Rome, Milan, Paris, Brussels and Vienna. Monsieur Marcionelli was appointed Consul-General in Milan in 1954.

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Monsieur Guido Lepori, Counsellor of Embassy in Rome, has been nominated Consul-General at Milan, in succession to M. Marcionelli. He was born in 1914 at Origlio (Ct. Ticino). On concluding his Law studies at the University of Berne, he entered the diplomatic service in 1942, and successively held posts in Rio de Janeiro, Stockholm and London. In 1955 M. Lepori returned to Berne, and a year later (1956) was sent to Rome.

Monsieur Matthys Iza Botha, the newly appointed Minister of the Union of South Africa, has presented his credentials to M. Paul Chaudet, President of the Swiss Confederation, and to M. Max Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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March 28th marked the 25th anniversary of Dr. Philipp Etter's entering the Federal Government.

Federal Councillor Etter was born on 21st December 1891 at Menzigen (Ct. Zug). He received his education at the *Gymnasium*, in Zug, and at the "Stiftsschule", in Einsiedeln; afterwards he studied Law at the University of Zurich.

In 1917 Dr. Etter was appointed examination judge at Zug. He entered the "Kantonsrat" a year later, and in 1922 became a member of the cantonal government. In 1924 he was sent to parliament to represent the canton of Zug in the States Council, where he soon earned a great reputation. He was also editor of the "Zuger Nachrichten".

Dr. Etter was elected a member of the Federal Government in 1934, in succession to M. Musy, and was the first representative of the canton of Zug to become a member of the Federal Council. Etter belongs to the Catholic-Conservative party. He was President of the Swiss Confederation in 1939, 1942, 1947 and 1953.

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The Federal Council has appointed Monsieur René Naville, at present Swiss Ambassador in Chile, to the post of Swiss Ambassador to China, in succession to Monsieur F. Bernoulli.

### CITY SWISS CLUB

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on **Tuesday, 21st April 1959**, at **6.30 for 7 p.m.**,  
at **Dorchester Hotel, W.1.**

**Agenda:** Minutes of last meeting.

Admissions.

Resignations.

President's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Elections.

Members wishing to be present should send their card to the Manager of Dorchester Hotel, W.1, to reach him not later than, Monday, 20th April 1959.

THE COMMITTEE.