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APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following diplomatic appointments have recently been made by the Federal Council:

Fürsprecher Pierre Dupont (Ambassador in the Netherlands) as new Ambassador to France, Monsieur Marcel Grossenbacher (USSR) to the Philippines, Monsieur Roger Duerr (Ethiopia and Madagascar) to Chile, Monsieur Sven Stiner (Chile) to the Netherlands, Monsieur Jean Stroehlin (Dahomey) to Morocco, Monsieur Auguste Hurni (Counsellor with Swiss Delegation to OEEC in Paris) to Uruguay, Monsieur Jean-Louis Pahud (Belgium) to Mexico and Counsellor of Embassy Claude Caillat (France) to OEEC in Paris.

Two new Consul-Generals have been appointed, Monsieur Oswald Morand to Marseille and Monsieur Paul Jaccaud to Hongkong.

Monsieur Pierre Languetin has been appointed Head of the Permanent Swiss Delegation with EFTA in Geneva, in succession to Monsieur Olivier Long, now Ambassador in the U.K. The new Director of the Federal *Justizabteilung* is Dr. iur. Walter Thalmann, and of the Federal Office for Water Protection Dipl. Ing. Friedrich Baldinger.

Dr. Fritz Hummler, industrialist from Blonay, has been elected President of the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade (OSEC), in succession to Col. Edgar Primault.

The new President of the Foundation Council of "Fondation des Immeubles pour les Organisations Internationales" (FIPOI) is the Geneva Finance Minister Jean Babel. The former Federal Councillor Prof. Dr. F. T. Wahlen has been elected President of the Association of Friends of the National Library. The Valais writer Maurice Zermatten has been chosen President of the Swiss Authors' Association in succession to Prof. Dr. H. Zbinden.

The President of the "Verein Verkehrshaus der Schweiz" in Lucerne has retired; Dr. Raphael Cottier has been awarded Honorary Presidency in recognition of 25 years' of active work in the interest of the organisation. His successor is the Mayor of Lucerne, Mr. Paul Kopp.

The Swiss Institute for Domestic Science (SIH), has a new President in the person of Dr. iur. Robert Ackermann, Solothurn Cantonal Councillor. The new President of the International Federation for Social Progress is Prof. Alexander Berenstein, formerly of Geneva University. The Mayor of Zurich, Dr. Sigmund Widmer, was elected President of the International Union of Mayors.

Major Hans Flueckiger has been elected Chief of the Alpine Club's *Schutzdienst,* in succession to Col. Franz Kessler. Mr. Heiner Graf, teacher at Koeniz, is the new *Bundesfeldmeister* of the Swiss Boy Scouts Federation; Mr. Hughes de Rahm has retired. The retiring President, Mr. Manfred von Wattenwyl, has been elected Honorary Member, and he is succeeded by Mr. Arthur Brossi from Gerlafingen. Dr. Paul Wirth, Nennigkofen, is the new President of the "Gemeinschaft für das Pferd", in succession to Councillor of States Buri, now Honorary President.

SATUS, the Swiss Workers' Gymnastic and Sports Federation, has a new Central President in the person of National Councillor Ernst Weber, Zurich, and Dr. D. Weibel, Nidau, is succeeded by the Basle architect Fritz Rickenbacher (active balloon pilot), in the presidency of the Aero Club of Switzerland. Dr. P. Sommer, Basle, is the new President of the Federation of Swiss Army Meteorologists.

The "Schweizerische Physikalische Gesellschaft" has elected Prof. K. P. Meyer, Berne, as new President. The Geneva Pastor Dominique Michéli has been elected Deputy General Secretary of the Ecumenical Council of Churches. The Architect Max Bill has been called to the Hamburg Academy of Art as Professor for *Umweltgestaltung.* Mr. René Bovey, formerly of the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, has been appointed Deputy Director of the Swiss Political Correspondence. The former Minister Gérard Bauer, President of the "Fédération Horlogère Suisse, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Chocolate Suchard s.a.

ANGLO-SWISS NEWS ITEMS

Recently, H.M. Queen Elizabeth II awarded the "Patrons' Medal" of the British Geographical Society to Mr. Edouard Imhoff, former Professor of Cartography and Topography at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich. The honour was bestowed on Prof. Imhoff for services rendered to the science of cartography.

In London, the Board of Directors of the OECD communal undertaking "Dragon" elected Prof. Dr. U. W. Hochstrasser, the Federal Council's Delegate for Atomic Questions, as Chairman.

Early in May, the Chief of Police and the Chief Officer of Fire Brigade of Lausanne accepted an invitation to this country, and they were taken to the Docks, the Police and Fire Brigade Headquarters in London, where they watched special demonstrations.

Mr. Charles Gardner, Public Relations Officer of British Aircraft Corporation, gave a talk in Berne early in May, in which he informed interested parties of the Anglo-French project of the "Concorde" aircraft.

The Regimental Band of the "Royal Anglian Regiment" began a series of concerts at Wetzikon, to be followed by Winterthur, Schaffhausen, Frauenfeld, Aarau, Lucerne and Solothurn. The Regiment is stationed near Hanover and after Switzerland, the band will tour various European countries, including England. It consists of 58 musicians and is conducted by Bandmaster T. A. W. Cunnell.

The "Winterthur Unfall" insurance company is taking over 25% each of ordinary shares A and B of the Provident Life Association of London Ltd.

[A.T.S. and O.S.E.C.]

A DIAMOND AND THREE IRON WEDDINGS

The following couple recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Marie Aegerter-Zumbrunn at Zweisimmen in the Bernese Oberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Markus and Elsbeth Zindel-Kundert of Linthal/Glarus have been married for 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried and Luise Lehnherr-Gertsch at Wimmis/Berne, also celebrated their Iron Wedding.

A couple at the Municipal *Altersheim* Wipkingen/Zurich, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and Emma Herold-Dubs, also look back on 65 years of married life.

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