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ANGLO-SWISS NEWS ITEMS

In order to offer their international clientele a more comprehensive service, the Bank Julius Baer & Co., Zurich, together with the United Dominions Trust, London, have decided to form a banking concern Julius Baer International Ltd., in London.

Two British mountaineers met with an accident in the vicinity of the Adlerpass above Zermatt. John Gregory (40) from Staffordshire was killed; his companion suffered several injuries.

At the Zurich Opera House, the Royal Ballet's most famous male dancer, Rudolf Nureyev performed recently as Prince Siegfried in Tchaikowsky's "Swan Lake".

The new British-General in Zurich is Mr. Alfred C. Maby, in succession to Mr. James M. Walsh who is retiring.

From 5th to 7th June, the fifth conference of European Ministers of Justice will take place in London. The Federal Council has delegated the head of the Federal Department of Justice and Police, Federal Councillor L. von Moos, and the chief of the Legal Service of the Political Department, Minister Diez, as well as Monsieur M. Muheim, Second Secretary of Embassy in London.

On 23rd December 1965, Switzerland took over the protection of British interests in Algeria. Now that the two countries have resumed diplomatic relations, Switzerland's mandate has come to an end. The number of similar mandates still in the Confederation's hand is now 21.

The Midland Bank Ltd. has opened an office in Zurich. No ordinary banking business will be transacted; the new office will merely serve as contact between Swiss banking and finance institutions and the Midland Bank.

Miss Lilly Zaehner from Basle, employed at the Federal Department of Public Economy in Berne, has won the first prize in a competition run by the British Broadcasting Corporation on "What impressions may the foreign visitor to Britain expect to find, which he would not have on the continent of Europe?" When Mr. Richard O'Rorke, head of the German language service of the BBC, presented Miss Zaehner with an air ticket for a fortnight's stay in the U.K., he said that her contribution chosen from 1,200 entries stressed not only superficial, but also fundamental differences and inner values.

[A.T.S.]

THE 18th CHESS OLYMPIAD IN LUGANO

From 17th October to 7th November, Lugano will be a focal point of interest for chess experts from throughout the world. It is here, in this charming town on the Ceresio, that the 18th Chess Olympiad is to be held. The 1968 tournament, with some 300 participants from 50 nations, promises to be especially exciting now that the traditional Soviet supremacy is being effectively challenged. Federal Councillor Nello Celio has been appointed President of the Organising Committee, and the technical side is to be supervised by the Swiss Chess Federation. The organisers are particularly concerned to show off the charms of the Ticino to the foreign visitors. The Swiss Post Office has issued a special stamp to commemorate this event.

[S.N.T.O.]

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

The Federal Council has appointed Ambassador Jean Humbert (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama) as Observer of the Political Department with the European headquarters of UN in Geneva. His successor will be Dr. Charles Masset (Consul-General in Saigon).

Dr. Theodor Schmidlin (Counsellor of Embassy in Cologne) will be the new Ambassador in Malaysia, and Monsieur Frieder Andres in Ceylon.

The Swiss Ambassador in Peking, Dr. Oscar Rossetti, has been appointed representative of the Federal Political Department in the Ministry of the Interior of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Hanoi.

Mr. Alexis Kurt is the new Consul in Sevilla.

The new representative of the Confederation on the *Stiftungsrat* of the Swiss National Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research is Councillor of States Dr. Kurt Baechtold in succession to the retiring former Councillor Alphons Roggo.

Prof. Olivier Reverdin, Geneva National Councillor, journalist and linguist, former President of the *Auslandschweizerkommission*, has been appointed President of the National Research Council of the Swiss National Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research, in succession to Prof. Alex von Muralt.

The successor to Dr. K. Huber, is Dr. oec. publ. Hans Letsch as Secretary-General of the Federal Department of Public Economy.

Dipl. Ing. Heiner Schulthess is the new Armament Chief.

Prof. A. Werthemann, former *ordinarius* for pathology at the University of Basle, has been elected President of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences.

Editor Georges Duplain ("Gazette de Lausanne") is the new head of the Swiss Telegraphic Agency (A.T.S.). Robin P. Marchev has been elected Director of the Aero Club of Switzerland.

The new President of the Swiss Lyceum Club is Mrs. Simone Jaccottet.

A few weeks ago, Sister Sabine Stuessi was installed as *Oberin* of the Diakonissenhaus Berne. (*She is the sister of one of our subscribers, Pfr. J. C. Stuessi, Fribourg, former Minister at the Swiss Church in London.*)

Mrs. Neukomm-Wohnlich is the first President of a *Kirchenpflege* in the Canton of Zurich. Pastor Dr. theol. Basil Studer, Engelberg, has been appointed *rector* of the International Benedictine College "San Anselmo" in Rome.

The Foundation for Moral Re-armament has elected Henrik Schaefer (Lucerne).

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DIAMOND WEDDINGS IN SWITZERLAND

The following couples celebrated their Diamond Weddings recently:

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Gygi, Delémont; Mr. and Mrs. Johann Jakob and Katharina Enz-Walser, Gais (Appenzell); Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried and Emma Schwarz-Roth, Lobsingen (Berne); Mr. and Mrs. Adolf and Katharina Lei-Solenthaler, Romanshorn; Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and Kegeriss-Pfisterer, Basle; Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Martha Meyer-Diezi, Romanshorn; Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Lidia Kaess-Gasser, Rebstein (St. Gall); Mr. and Mrs. Meinrad and Bertha Prader-Eglauf (Au-Kradolf (Thurgau).

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