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RECENT APPOINTMENTS

After fairly long deliberations in which the Presidents of the two Federal Chambers and their closest collaborators had a say, the Federal Council has appointed lic. iur. Alois Pfister as Secretary-General of the Federal Assembly. He was born in 1921 and is a citizen of Tuggen (SZ). He has been in the service of the Confederation for a number of years. Like his predecessor Dr. H. Bruehwiler, he is a member of the Conservative-Christian Socialist Party. He started his work on 1st March.

At the same meeting, the Federal Council appointed Prof. Dr. Urs Hochstrasser, expert in atomic energy, as Director of the new Section for Science and Research in the Federal Department of the Interior.

The new chief of "Heer und Haus" in the Federal Military Department is Colonel of General Staff Hans Huber, Frauenfeld, in succession to Brigadier E. Privat who retired. The new *Fürsorgechef* of the Swiss Army is Brigadier Jacques Bullet, from Estavayer. Like his predecessor, Colonel of General Staff R. Steiner, he will perform his duties in his spare time — he is a pharmacist.

New diplomatic appointments include Monsieur Rudolf Hartmann as Ambassador to Thailand, Monsieur A. Cardinaux as Agricultural Attaché to the Embassy in Rome (with a view to the ever-increasing importance of developing countries and the fact that FAO is in Rome) and dipl. elec. Ing. (ETH) Jean-Jacques Rollard as Science Attaché to the Swiss Embassy in Tokio.

The General Management of the Swiss Federal Railways have appointed Alexander Amstein from Basle and Wila (Zch) as new chief of the Section for Information and Public Relations of the SBB. Ted Schaap, known as "Scapa", is the new President of the "Schweizerische Werbestelle für das Buch" of the Swiss Bookdealers' and Publishers' Association.

The Association of Swiss Medical Practitioners have elected Dr. med. et iur. Jean Bergier (Le Mont/Vaud), as their new President in succession to the retiring Dr. med. Fritz Koenig (Lyss). A Swiss nurse, Sister Nicole F. Exchaquet (Lausanne), has been elected President of the Western European Nursing Union.

The Swiss musician Leo Nadelmann who is in charge of music in German-speaking and Romansh television, has been elected President of the International Music Centre of Vienna, the largest organisation of all radio, TV, film and record producers.

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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Walter Ackermann (78), Herisau, former Councillor of States for the Canton (1935-1968); head of "Ausrüstewerke Steig"; in the Appenzell Government for 18 years, then member of the Cantonal Council; Colonel in the Swiss Army; President of the Appenzell Railways and member of many cantonal and federal bodies.

Jean-Pierre Porret (56), Neuchâtel, writer and translator, especially of Dürrenmatt's plays.

Louis Favet (102), Prilly, oldest male inhabitant of the Canton of Vaud.

Ernst Lanz (61), St. Gall, Manager of the Cantonal *Hauseigentümerverband*; from 1948 to 1968 Liberal representative in the Municipal Council.

Dr. h.c. Albert Schmidheini (85), Heerbrugg (St. Gall), former Director of "Wild Heerbrugg" which he joined as a young man; awarded an honorary doctorate by the ETH in 1957 for his merits in promoting the economy of the country in general and the largest Swiss undertaking in the field of photogrammetry in particular; Liberal member of the St. Gall Parliament.

Dr. A. Schlatter (65), Aarau, *Oberrichter* since 1949.

Walter Blickenstorfer (47), Zurich, well-known journalist and author.

Prof. Dr. Hans Gisler (79), Zurich, sculptor; former Lecturer at ETH; re-creator of many of Zurich's fountain heads.

Dr. med. Karl Martin Stockmeyer (71), Basle, medical practitioner; member of the Red Cross management and of the Swiss Delegation to the International Korea Commission; for five years on the larger Citizens' Council of Basle.

Prof. Friedrich Voechting (85), Basle, former Professor of Agronomy; expert on Italian agriculture.

Peter H. Vischer (49), Basle, architect of repute; Liberal member of the Basle Parliament; Colonel of *Genie-regiment I*.

Prof. Charles Werner (91), Geneva, philosopher and Professor at Geneva University.

Henri Michel (70), Lausanne, from 1944 to 1964 head of the Vaud Botanical Gardens.

Mrs. Laure Miéville-Chavannes (75), Lausanne, Lecturer on Hindu culture at the University of Lausanne; writer.

Josef Stadelmann (83), St. Gall, former Manager of Schweiz. Darlehenskasse in St. Gall; founder member of OLMA.

Hans Waeffler (95), Binningen (BL), former owner and head of a Basle textile company; member of the Citizen's Council and of several educational and sports organisations.

Max Schwab (87), Zurich, former Manager of the Swiss National Bank and President of the *Verrechnungsstelle*.

Miss Emma Guillaume (100), Grandson.

Adrien Tschumy (80), Lausanne, Chief Engineer of Oyez Chessez S.A. which company he joined in 1927; member of Radical Democrat Party in Vaudois Cantonal Parliament from 1933 to 1953.

Louis Guex (86), Blonay, Commune President from 1938 to 1953, and Cantonal M.P. for ten years till 1951; well-known viniculturist.

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