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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has announced the following changes in the Consular Corps:

Dr. August Ochsenbein, at present Consul General in San Francisco, is to be transferred in the same capacity to Munich in succession to Consul General K. S. Regli, who is vacating his post on reaching retiring age.

Max Buechi, at present Consul in Manchester, has been nominated Consul General in San Francisco.

Charles Edouard Rosset, at present Consul in Alexandria, has been nominated Consul in Manchester.

Dr. Jean-Louis Berthoud, at present Consul in Lyons, has been nominated Consul in Alexandria.

Ernst Theiler, at present Consul in New Orleans, has been nominated Consul General in Amsterdam.

Adolfo Spargnapani, at present Chancellor at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, has been nominated Consul in New Orleans.

Dr. A. Ochsenbein was born in 1901, and is a citizen of Solothurn. He studied political science at the University of Berne. In 1925, he entered the service of the Political Department, and successively held posts at Manchester, Danzig, Breslau, and Berlin. In 1946, he was promoted to the rank of Counsellor of Legation, and transferred to Madrid. Five years later (1950) Dr. Ochsenbein was appointed Consul General in Barcelona, and in 1955 was transferred to San Francisco.

Max Buechi was born in 1901 at St. Gall, and is a citizen of Ettenhausen (Ct. Thurgau). He entered the service of the Political Dept. in 1928, and in 1930 was transferred to Cape Town, where in 1948, he was nominated Consul. The new Consul General successively held appointments in Tananrivo and Manila. In 1955, he was appointed Consul at Manchester.

Ch. E. Rosset was born in 1898, and is a citizen of Bougy-Villard (Ct. Vaud). He entered in 1916 the service of the Federal Post administration, and in 1925 was transferred to the Political Department. After three years in London he was transferred to the Consulate General in New York where he remained for twenty-two years, and where in 1949, he was promoted to the rank of Consul. Since 1951 he has been in charge of the Swiss Consulate in Alexandria.

Dr. J. L. Berthoud was born in 1914, and is a citizen of Neuchâtel and Boudevilliers. He studied political science at the Universities of Neuchâtel, Lausanne and Berlin. Dr. Berthoud entered the service of the Political Department in 1944. In 1956, he was sent to Lyons, where in 1959, he was promoted to the rank of Consul.

E. Theiler was born in 1902, and hails from Hitzkirch (Ct. Lucerne). He entered the service of the Political Department in 1933, and was sent to the Consulate General in New York. In 1946, he took charge of the Consulate in Wellington, and three years later of the Consulate in Leopoldville. Since 1952 he has been Consul in New Orleans.

A. Spargnapani was born in 1909, and is a citizen of Castasegna. He entered the service of the Political Department in 1933, and successively held posts in Manchester, London, Hamburg and Washington. In 1957 he was promoted to the rank of Consul.

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The Federal Council has decided to promote the Swiss Consulates in Hongkong and Johannesburg to the status of Consulates General. M. Lucien Mossaz, at present Counsellor at the Embassy in Brussels, has been appointed Consul General at Hongkong, and Oscar Berchtold, Consul in Johannesburg, has been promoted to the rank of Consul General.

M. L. Mossaz was born in 1913, and is a citizen of Avusy (Geneva). He studied law at the University of Fribourg and Geneva, and entered the diplomatic service in 1942. Previous appointments were in Lyons and Brussels.

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The Swiss Government has resolved to establish a Consulate at Conakry (Guinea). Mr. André Albrecht, hitherto Swiss Consular Agent, has been nominated Honorary Consul. He was born in 1907, and hails from Truns (Ct. Grisons). Mr. Albrecht since 1931 has been established as a merchant in Conakry.

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The Federal Council is asking Parliament to sanction a credit of four million francs, for the building of an Embassy residence, Chancellery, and seven service flats in New Delhi.

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Monsieur Gabriel Lucio, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Mexico, has presented his credentials to Monsieur Paul Chaudet, President of the Swiss Confederation, and M. M. Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.