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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

The Swiss Federal Railways carried 18.4 million passengers during the month of August 1959, or 200,000 more than in August 1958. Receipts: 35.6 million francs (Aug. 1958: 35.2 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 2.22 million tons, which is 130,000 tons more than in August 1958. Receipts: 44.1 million francs (1958: 43.1 million francs).

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Thirty-one National Councillors, and four States Councillors are not contesting their seats at the next Parliamentary elections.

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The following foreign diplomats have presented their credentials to Monsieur Paul Chaudet, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Monsieur M. Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne: Monsieur Osmo L. Orkomics, Ambassador of the Finnish Republic, Monsieur Nabi Joula, Ambassador of the Guinean Republic, and Monsieur Chitté Sucharitakul, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand.

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### Cantonal

The newspaper "Die Tat" published in Zurich, and founded by National Councillor Gottlieb Duttweiler has celebrated its 20th jubilee. [A.T.S.]

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A business man from Basle whilst walking on the Uetliberg (Zurich) was attacked by a young man. He was knocked down and robbed of the contents of his wallet and purse containing 160 francs. The gangster was later on arrested by the police. [A.T.S.]

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The "Wädenswiler Mützen & Hutfabrik Fürst & Cie, A. G." has celebrated its 75th jubilee. [A.T.S.]

The members taking part in the 8th Congress of the World Parliament, which assembled in Berne, were the guests of the cantonal government and the municipality of Berne at a reception at the castle of Oberhofen. They were welcomed by Dr. F. Gioronoli, President of the Government of the canton of Berne, and by Dr. Freimüller, Mayor of the town of Berne.

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[A.T.S.]

The commune of Pieterlen has bestowed on Mr. David Andrist, a former secondary school-teacher, honorary citizenship for his archaeological studies.

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[A.T.S.]

A burglary occurred at a jewellery establishment at the Höheweg in Interlaken. Goods to the value of 50,000.— francs were stolen. [A.T.S.]

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On December 31st 1959, Professor Dr. Durrer, President of the "Direktorium", and Mr. E. Baechi, a member of the "Direktorium" of the "L. von Roll'schen Eisenwerke" Gerlafingen are retiring. Dr. Rudolf Ulrich will be appointed President of the "Direktorium", and he will be joined by Messrs. Franz Fournier and Dr. Kurt Müller. [A.T.S.]

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Frau Wilhelmina Rudin-Meier of Stüsslingen near Olten has celebrated her 100th birthday, on which occasion she was presented with an easy-chair by the "Landammann" of the canton of Solothurn. [A.T.S.]

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M. Jean-Paul Robert, has been appointed Manager of the "Caisse cantonale Neuchâteloise d'Assurance Populaire" in succession to the late M. O. F. Schmidt.

[A.T.S.]

## Xmas Greetings

Following former years' practice we propose to publish again in our December issue a collective greeting.

The high costs of Xmas cards, should induce many of our subscribers to make use of this facility to extend to their friends the compliments of the season.

Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Friday, November 20th, 1959, together with remittance for 10/-.