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RECENT APPOINTMENTS REPORTED FROM SWITZERLAND

The Federal Council has appointed the Swiss Ambassador in Ghana, Monsieur F. Schnyder, also to represent Switzerland in Liberia, in addition to Sierra Leone and Togo.

Dr. Antonino Janner is the new Ambassador in Argentina.

The General Assembly of the Consular Corps in Berne, which consists of seven professional consular agents, seventeen honorary consuls and forty-one diplomats with consular tasks, have elected the Consul-General of the Principality of Monaco, Dr. Erich Welti, as new *doyen*.

The new Consul-General in Amsterdam is Mr. E. Homberger in succession to the retiring Mr. A. Kadler. Messrs. A. Prisi (Porto) and A. von Grueningen (Berlin) are now new Consuls in Muehlhausen and Porto respectively, whilst the new Consul-General in Sydney is Mr. H. Jung, and Mr. E. Steiner (Tanger) has been appointed to Le Havre. Mr. A. Manz (Lyons), will take over the Consulate-General in Chicago, and his successor will be Mr. R. Cuttat. Mr. W. Vaterlaus (Berne) will go to Zagreb.

Dr. P. Fink, St. Margrethen, is the new Director of the Federal *Materialsprüfungs-und Versuchsanstalt* (EMPA) in St. Gall.

Dr. A. Nisoli, Pharmacist in Winterthur, has been elected President of the new Foundation Council in charge of the Toxocological Information Centre in Zurich, founded two years ago.

When the Executive Committee of the Interstate Committee for European Migration met in Geneva, the Swiss Delegate, Dr. Oscar Schuerch, in charge of the Police Department of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police, was elected President.

At the moment, the highest post held by a Swiss with UNO in New York is Dr. Charles Egger, the new Deputy Director of UNICEF. This organisation at present supports 540 projects in 118 countries, all concerning help to children. Switzerland has made considerable financial contributions, and she has been represented on its Council ever since 1947.

The new Commissar-General for UNESCO who has to watch over the cultural heritage in the Near-East countries affected by hostilities (Jordan, Lebanon, United Arab Republic and Syria) is Divisional Commander Dr. Karl Brunner (*well known in the London Swiss Community for his talks in the Nouvelle Société Helvétique*). A Dutchman is to supervise in Israel.

The Swiss representative on the Council of the Institute for Modern Art is Prof. Max Bill, Zurich. At the same time, he has been elected Commissar for the Swiss Section of the "1. Biennale Nuernberg" opening at the end of January.

Mr. René Schenker who is in charge of television in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, has been chosen as President of the Working Party of the French-speaking T.V. Organisation in Paris, the "Communauté des Stations Francophones de Télévision".

Dr. Arnold Saxer has been elected Central President of "Schweizerische Winterhilfe", a still important social welfare organisation. In spite of the present affluence, well over 3m. francs was spent on family welfare, especially in mountain districts, mothers' guidance centres, assistance to the old, the sick and the mentally handicapped. Experts are paid by the State, and over 3,000 voluntary helpers are in service. In 1936, there were over 236,000 Swiss

in need of assistance and by 1965 that number was reduced to 120,000 *Armengenössige*.

On 4th December, the *Domkapitel* Solothurn elected Mgr. Dr. Anton Haengi from Nunningen/Solothurn, and Professor of Liturgy at Fribourg University, as Bishop of Basle and Lugano, in succession to Mgr. Dr. Franciscus von Streng who retired after 30 years of devoted work. The Holy See has confirmed the election made from among six eminent candidates.

Pfr. R. Kurtz, President of the Zurich Church Council, has been elected President of the "Kooperation Evangelischer Missionen"; his predecessor Pfr. Dr. E. Blum retired after 12 years.

For 20 years, Mrs. Vera Dreyfuss-de Gunzburg presided over the Federation of Israeli Womens' Organisations in Switzerland. She was elected Honorary President on retiring, and her successor is Dr. Clara Feinstein, also from Basle.

After 20 years as President of the Central Federation of Swiss Employers' Organisations, Dr. h.c. A. Dubois retired. His successor is Dr. J. E. Haefely (Basle).

The Berne Section has been in charge of the Swiss Alpine Club for the last two years. Now Zurich has taken over, and with it a new President Hektor Meier (Uto, Zurich).

The famous playwright Friedrich Duerrenmatt has joined the Management of the Basle Municipal Theatre, which has caused something of a sensation, the first time that a leading dramatist has joined actively in theatre management.

Finally, some appointments in industry: a new technical general manager's post created with Georg Fischer AG, Schaffhausen: Ing. Robert Mayr; new general manager of Adolph Saurer, Arbon: Dr. ing. ETH Jost von Fellenberg; new Chairman of the Board of Sandoz AG, Basle: Dr. h.c. Carl Jacottet in succession to Prof. Dr. h.c. Arthur Stoll who has been awarded Honorary Presidency.

In succession to Dr. h.c. Theodor Boveri who retired after a lifetime at the head of BBC, Baden, *Fürsprech* Franz Luterbacher, hitherto President of the Management of Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon (the merger of the two companies was announced earlier) took over. Dr. ing. R. Schuepbach has been appointed head of the new technical service for electronics. And the new Chairman of the Board of Geigy AG is Dr. Louis von Planta. [A.T.S.]

IGEHO 67 — A GREAT SUCCESS

After seven very successful days IGEHO 67, the International Hotel and Catering Exhibition, closed its doors on 28th November. 400 exhibitors from eleven countries displayed their goods, and the number of visitors increased from the 12,000 registered for the first exhibition in 1965 to 20,000 this year. Very lively interest was evoked amongst the competent personalities concerned with the problems of communal catering and the hotel and restaurant trades by the opportunities they had to examine on the spot a model canteen, a cafeteria, modern equipment and a hotel reception office display.

More than 1,200 participants attended the experts' congress organised by the "Schweizerischer Fachverband für Gemeinschaftsverpflegung", which ran concurrently with IGEHO 67 and registered a great success. Other events of particular interest were the seminar of the Swiss Swiss Hotel Proprietors' Association, the symposium of the Swiss League for the Protection of the Civilian Population, and the special days as the "army-day" and the "Swiss cooks-day".