

New Swiss stamps

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APPOINTMENTS

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed:

- Dr. Hans Streit (Zimmerwald) as Director of the Federal Insurance Office, in succession to Dr. Fritz Walther who retired.
- Dr. Vicente Tuason, Director-General of the Postal Department of PTT, as new Chairman of the General Management in succession to the retiring G. A. Wettstein.
- Dr. iur. Albert Gruebel (Basle), Delegate for Trade Agreements, receiving at the same time the title of Minister Plenipotentiary.
- Dr. Riccardo Motta, former General Manager of the Swiss National Bank, as President of the Federal *Bankenkommission* which has been enlarged from five to seven members. Amongst the members is Dr. Rudolf Pfenninger (Zurich) well known in the London Swiss Colony.
- National Councillor Dr. Pierre Glasson (Fribourg), as President of the Federal *Luftfahrtkommission*, in succession to Councillor of States Dr. Gion Darms.

Diplomatic

- Dr. Hans Keller, Swiss Ambassador to the Republic of China, appointed Ambassador to Yugoslavia, in succession to Monsieur Guido Lepori (well-remembered by the London Swiss Colony) who retired. Monsieur Keller's successor is Dr. Oscar Rossetti, Ambassador to the Philippines.
- Monsieur Guy de Keller, Ambassador to Ghana, Ambassador to Ireland, in succession to Monsieur Julien Rossat.
- Ambassador Fischli, Uruguay, to represent Switzerland in Cuba.
- Dr. Robert Maurice, Egypt, new Ambassador to Spain, as successor to Ambassador Fumasoli. He will be succeeded in Egypt by Monsieur André Parodi (Czechoslovakia), where Ambassador Samuel Campiche (Morocco) will take over.
- Counsellor of Embassy Dr. Silvio Masnata (United Arab Republic) new Ambassador to Pakistan.

Consular

The Federal Council has decided to open a Swiss Consulate in Kuwait. Mr. Morad Yousuf Behbehani will be Honorary Consul; he has his own trading company and represents several well-known makes of Swiss watches. He is also agent-general for Swissair.

The new Swiss Consul-General in Los Angeles is Mr. Jacques Mallet in succession to the retiring Consul Edward Pernet.

François Lugeon, Lausanne, hitherto Secretary-General of The Swiss-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed its President.

Jean Raymond, Geneva, called to Strasbourg as member of the Secretariat of the Human Rights Commission.

Louis Nagel, Geneva, President of the International Academy of Tourism.

H. Schor, Berne, President, E. Weilemann, St. Gall, Vice-President, of the International Union of Bicycle and Motorbicycle Trades, which has recently chosen Switzerland as its new headquarters.

Raymond Jaussi, Montreux, President of the European Federation of Congressional Cities,

Albert Masnata, Manager of OSEC in Lausanne, chosen by GATT's International Central Office for Trade in Geneva, as adviser on economics.

Albert P. Gagnebin, originally from La Chaux-de-Fonds, new President of the International Nickel Company of Canada.

Mieczyslaw de Habicht, member of an old Swiss family, resident in Poland, and now in Fribourg, Permanent Secretary of the R.C. International Organisations since 1950, has been appointed by the Pope as one of the two Pro-Secretaries to the new Lay Council.

Various

Sister Elisabeth Waser, for three years in charge of a leprosy station in Nepal, has been appointed head of the "Schweizerische Pflegerinnenschule mit Krankenhaus" (Zurich), in succession to *Oberin* Dr. phil M. Kunz.

Dr. oec. publ. Jakob Ragaz, Zurich, new head of the Swiss *Sozialarchiv*.

Councillor of States Blaise Clerc, Neuchâtel, new President of the Swiss Watch Chamber in succession to Edgar Primault.

Werner Gnaedinger, Basle, new Chairman of the VSK (Swiss Co-operative Societies).

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ANGLO-SWISS NEWS

The chemical firm of Ciba A.G. in Basle and I.C.I. (Imperial Chemical Industries) have jointly taken over the photochemical firm of Ilford. Ciba will be holding 40% and I.C.I. 60% of Ilford shares, 35% of which have already been in I.C.I.'s hands. Ciba and Ilford have worked together in the field of photochemistry for many years.

Ciba also owns the Swiss firm Telko in Fribourg and the French photochemical firm Lumière.

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The young Neuchâtel citizen Jean de Bosset (31) recently passed examinations in London, which entitles him to be a Captain on the high seas. He will presently take over the command of an Israeli freighter.

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Early in January, an exhibition opened in Zurich of about one hundred paintings of the Great Period (1730-1840). Some twenty artists were represented, such as Hogarth and Turner, Reynolds and Gainsborough, Constable and others. Some fifty private and public owners lent the paintings. The exhibition was arranged in collaboration with the British Council and lasted a month.

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NEW SWISS STAMPS

The federal postal authorities will issue twelve new stamps this year. On 13th March, three values will be issued: 10 cts. (advocating the white walking stick for the blind) 20 cts. (EFTA) and 30 cts. (Europe).

On 1st June, five *Bundesfeiermarken* will come on the market with the usual surcharges. They will show a portrait of Prof. Dr. T. Kocher, "50 years of Swiss Week", 50 years "For the Aged", road tunnel San Bernardino and "75 years Central Office for International Railway Communications".

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