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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

For some considerable time, the name of General Guisan has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Governorship of the Free City of Trieste. The General has let it be known, that should he be officially approached on this matter, he would be unable to accede to this request owing to his age. [A.T.S.]

Switzerland has formally ratified the constitution of the World Health Organization. The ratification by Switzerland brings to eight the countries that have pledged themselves to adhere to the health charter. Other signers are Canada, Great Britain, China, Iran, New Zealand, Syria and Liberia.

The Swiss Government has opened customs offices at Zermatt and St. Moritz, so that tourists may send their baggage direct to either resort and have it examined there instead of at the frontier.

The Federal Gymnastic Competition will take place in Berne from the 18th to the 21st of July, 1947, altogether 1,162 sections with 28,335 entrants will compete. [A.T.S.]

A memorial service for the late King Christian X of Denmark was held at the "Französische Kirche" in Berne.

Amongst those present were Dr. Ph. Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation, Dr. Petitpierre, Foreign Minister, and members of the Diplomatic Corp. [A.T.S.]

Monsieur Abol Chassem Pourevaly, Minister Plenipotentiary of Iran, has presented his credentials to Dr. Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation, and so has Monsieur Fernando Cisterna Ortiz, the newly appointed Minister of the Republic of Chile. [A.T.S.]

Federal Councillor Celio has attended the canonisation celebration of Nicholas von Flue, which

took place in Rome on the 15th of this month, his visit did not bear any official character, and was a purely private affair. [A.T.S.]

The Federal Council has delegated Dr. A. Sauter, Vice-Director of the Federal Office of Health, and M. Clottu, Social Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London, to attend the British Conference for combating tubercular diseases which will take place in London on July 8th to 10th, 1947. [A.T.S.]

Cantonal

Mme. Veuve Elisabeth Niederöst-Odermatt, the oldest inhabitant of the canton of Schwyz, has celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary in Schwyz. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Benno Gut, born in 1897 has been elected Abbot of the cloister of Einsiedeln, in succession to the late Dr. Jgnatius Staub. [A.T.S.]

The couple Josef Reichmuth in Oberiberg have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. The husband is 87 and his wife 81 years old. [A.T.S.]

The "Landsgemeinde" of the canton of Obwalden was held on Sunday, April 27th, at Sarnen. The accounts, which show a credit-balance of 40,958.— frs. were accepted. [A.T.S.]

The "Landsgemeinde" of the canton Nidwalden took place at Nidwalden on Sunday, April 29th. H. Wymann (Liberal) was elected "Landammann." [A.T.S.]

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