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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Dr. Eric Kessler, at present Press Counsellor at the Swiss Legation in Washington, to the post of Chargé d'Affaires in Bucarest.

Dr. Kessler was born in 1897 in Winterthur, he studied at the Universities of Zurich, Geneva, Paris, Berlin and Göttingen. He started his career as a Journalist in 1924. From 1929-1939 Dr. Kessler was London correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung." At the outbreak of the last war, in 1939, he was appointed Press Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London and in 1946, he was transferred to the Swiss Legation in Washington with the rank of Counsellor of Legation.

Customs receipts during the month of October totalled 62.8 million francs or 15.4 million francs more than during the same period in 1949.

During the first 10 months of the current year customs receipts amounted to 482.8 million francs. (Same period 1949: 398.8 million francs).

Following the decision of the Swiss National Council to adhere to the European Payments Union, Mr. P. Rossy, Vice-Governor of the Swiss National Bank, has been elected a member of the Managing-Board of the E.P.U.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvard Lange, was received in audience by M. Max Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation; he was later on the guest of the Swiss Government at a luncheon.

The Federal Council has declared that it will subsidise air raid shelters incorporated in new building projects.

### Cantonal

The tribunal of Lucerne has recently passed sentence of five months imprisonment on a motorist who, under the influence of alcohol ran over a cyclist who succumbed to his injuries. Two other motorists were also

sentenced to six weeks imprisonment for driving when drunk [A.T.S.]

The Technical University of Karlsruhe has honoured Dr. John Eggert, Professor at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, with the degree of *doctor honoris causa*. [A.T.S.]

Wireless operator Jules Gloor, a member of the personnel of "Swissair" for the last twenty years, has flown three million kilometers. [A.T.S.]

The late Jakob Amsler-Bender, a former Consul, has left an amount of 10,000.—frs. to the commune of Schinznach-Dorf for the education of young and promising students. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Willi Pfahler, since 1940, an engineer at the "Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon", has been appointed Director of the electricity works of the town of Winterthur, in succession to Mr. W. Werdenberg, who has recently vacated his post to enter a private concern. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Paul Schmid-Ammann, a member of the editorial staff of the "Volksrecht" Zurich, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the said paper. [A.T.S.]

During the month of October, 1950, 387 (Oct. 49: 404) traffic accidents have been reported from the canton of Berne. 257 (Oct. 49: 310) persons have been injured of whom 6 Oct. 49: 12) have succumbed to their injuries. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Theo Guhl, Professor of Civil Law at the University of Berne, has celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary. [A.T.S.]

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