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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has appointed Monsierr Sven Stiner, Secretary of Legation, and until recently Swiss Consul in Hongkong, to the post of Chargé d'Affaires in Peking, promoting him at the same time to the rank of Counsellor of Legation.

M. Fernando Pedrini, a member of the Federal Insurance Office in Lucerne, has been elected by the two Chambers, a judge at the Federal Supreme Court in Lausanne.

Monsieur Zivota Djermanovic, the newly appointed Minister of the Republic of Yugo-Slavia has presented his credentials to Monsieur M. Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation.

The new Minister was born in 1897 at Valievo, and after having studied law at the University in Paris, established himself as a lawyer in his native town. At the outbreak of the last war, he was elected a member of Parliament, and finally occupied the post as Vice-President of the Yugoslav government.

The Newly appointed Minister of the republic of Columbia, General Miguel Sanjuan, has presented his credentials to the President of the Swiss Confederation.

General Sanjuan was, at one time, Chief-of-Staff of the Columbian Army, and lately Minister of Justice in the Government of Columbia.

Cantonal

Mr. Alois Abächerli, since 1936 a member of the government of the canton of Obwalden, has tendered his resignation. From 1945-1948 he occupied the post of "Landammann." [A.T.S.]

Professor, Dr. Franz, Alfred Herzog, "Stiftprobst zu Leodegar" since 1938, has celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary in Lucerne. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Hans Hefti-Haab, "Landammann" of the canton of Glarus, and since 1937, a member of the cantonal government has tendered his resignation. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Fritz Ernst, has been elected Director of the "Studio Basle" in succession to Dr. Emil Notz.

The new Director was born in Basle in 1907, and graduated from the University of his native town. Since 1931, he has held the post of teacher at the "Knaben-Primar" and later at the "Knaben-Sekundar Schule" in Basle. [A.T.S.]

A Swiss Air Force pilot, Lieutenant Albert Bär (single) of Zurich, was killed when his Mustang fighter nose-dived into a forest near Meiringen (Ct. Berne). [A.T.S.]

As a result of the recent elections for the Grand Council of the canton of Thurgau the strength of the various parties is as follows: Liberals: 30 (24); Peasants: 33 (35); Socialists 29 (30); Cath. Cons.: 20 (19); Christian-Socialists: 8 (9); Evang. Popular Party: 1 (2); Young Liberals: 1 (0); Democrats: 1 (2); "Freiwirtschaftler": 1 (1). Total 124 members. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Héli Badoux, has been appointed Professor of Geology at the University of Lausanne, in succession to the late Professor Gagnebin. [A.T.S.]

The "Société Géologique de France" has awarded the "Albert Gaudry" Prize to M. Maurice Lugeon, formerly a Professor at the University of Lausanne. [A.T.S.]

The late Mme. Marie de Blonay-Bodmer (Lausanne) has left 10,000.—frs. each to the Professor Decker and Professor Jaeger Foundations. [A.T.S.]

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