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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

The Federal Council has promoted Monsieur Paul Clottu, to the rank of Minister. He was from 1947-1952 Social Counsellor at the Swiss Legation in London, and in August, 1952, was transferred to the Political Department in Berne where he occupies the post of Head of the Administrative Department.

We are tendering Monsieur Clottu our heartiest congratulations on attaining the rank of Minister. During his *séjour* in London he made many friends, who at the time greatly regretted his departure.

Minister Clottu, who was born in 1897 hails from the canton of Neuchâtel. He studied political science at the Universities of Neuchâtel, Berne and Geneva. He is a *licencié ès sciences politiques* of the first named University.

In 1920, he became a member of the International Labour Office in Geneva, and after twenty years of collaboration with this office, and a short time at the Central Agency for Prisoners of War at the International Red Cross Committee, entered the Swiss Civil Service as one of the heads in charge of the allowances scheme for soldiers and their families.

This was followed with the appointment in 1945, as deputy chief of the division of the "Office fédéral de l'industrie, des arts et métiers et du travail", dealing with the protection of workers. Whilst at the Foreign Office in Berne, Monsieur Clottu attended several International conferences, as a delegate of the Federal Council.

Dr. A. R. Lindt, who was Press Counsellor at the Swiss Legation in London from 1946-1953, has also been promoted to the rank of Minister. Whilst in the Metropolis, he was very popular, especially with Journalists of both countries, and his promotion, on which we are tendering him heartiest congratulations, has been received with great satisfaction. Dr. Lindt occupies at present the office of President of the UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) with Headquarters in New

York. He was born in 1905 in Berne, and studied at the Universities of Berne and Geneva.

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The Belgian Ambassador, Vicomte de Lantsheere, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Berne, is vacating his post.

Vicomte de Lantsheere was appointed in June, 1945, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Swiss Confederation, and in June, 1953, he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador.

## SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, 31st July, 1955

3 to 5.30 p.m. (Doors open at 2.30 p.m.)

at the

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES: on Sunday 31st July, 1955

Joint Protestant Service in French and German at 11 a.m. at Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. Evening Service 6.30 p.m. St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard St. (Bank Stn.)

Catholic Service at 11 a.m. Solemn Mass and Sermon in German and English, at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1.