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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Monsieur Max Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation, has sent a telegram to President Eisenhower wishing him a speedy recovery.

Monsieur Jorge Gascia Tunon, the newly appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Republic of Cuba, has presented his credentials to Monsieur M. Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

Minister Egbert von Graffenried, Head of the Swiss Delegation of the Neutral International Commission for the exchange of prisoners of war in Korea, has arrived in Panmunjon to take up his post.

The Federal Council has appointed Colonel Maurice Juillard (b. 1901) of St. Maurice to the post of "Oberkriegskommissär", in succession to Colonel Rütishauser, with promotion to the rank of Brigade-Colonel. Colonel Juillard has been attached since 1926 to the Instructors Corps, and until recently was "Waffenplatzkommandant" of Thun.

Dr. Kurt Locher (Oberegg) has been appointed Vice-Director of the Federal Tax Administration (Eidg. Steuerverwaltung), he has been in the service of this administration since 1944.

Dr. Oskar Friedli (Ochlenberg) has also been nominated to the post of Vice-Director of the same administration in which he has served since 1918.

The Federal Council has decided to take up a loan of 230 million francs at three per cent repayable within 12 years.

Customs receipts for the month of August, 1955, amounted to 66.7 million francs, or 7.2 million francs more than in August, 1954.

The receipts for the first eight months of the current year total 381.4 million francs or 46.8 million francs more than during the same period in 1954.

The Federal Council has promoted Mr. Charles Kilchenmann to the rank of Consul, with appointment to Winnipeg (Canada).

Mr. Kilchenmann was born in Berne, and hails from Ersigen (Ct. Berne). He entered into the service of the Political Department (Swiss Foreign Office) in 1927, and successively occupied posts in Milan, Besançon, London, Lyons, Brussels, New York and St. Louis.

Mr. Max Fischer of Hefenhofen (Ct. Thurgau), born in 1914, has been nominated Honorary Vice-Consul in Osorno (Chile).

Mr. Guillaume Hürny has been promoted to the rank of Vice-Consul, he will be in charge of the Swiss Consulate in Oporto. He was born in 1911, and hails from Gurbrü and Chézard-St.-Martin (Ct. Berne). Mr. Hürny entered into the service of the Confederation in 1929, and subsequently occupied posts in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Venice and Lisbon.

The Swiss Federal Railways have carried 17.76 million passengers in August, 1955, or 1.07 million more than in August, 1954. Receipts: 33.26 million francs (August, 1954: 31.27 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 1.94 million tons, which exceeds last years August figures by 120,000 tons. Receipts: 38.38 million francs (August, 1954: 35.89 million francs).

Nouvelle Société Helvétique and Anglo-Swiss Society

OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, October 18th, 1955, at 7 p.m.

Monsieur ARMIN DAENIKER
Swiss Minister

will speak in English on:

" SWISS EXPERIENCE IN ACTIVE NEUTRALITY " as chief of the Swiss Delegation to the Neutral Nation Commission for the repatriation of Prisoners of War in Korea. (Films will be shown.)

At Londonderry House, Park Lane, W.1.
nr. Curzon Street, Bus stop.

All Swiss and friends are welcome.