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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

Monsieur Nadim Déméchié has presented his credentials to Monsieur Max Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation, as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Lebanon.

The newly appointed Minister was in 1944, Commercial Attaché in London, in 1947, Consul General at Ottawa, and afterwards Chargé d'Affaires at Cairo, with the rank of Minister.

A Swiss Consular Agency has been opened in Konakry (French Guinea) under the direction of M. André Albrecht, Consular Agent. The agency is subordinated to the Swiss Consulate at Dakar.

Mr. A. Wirz, Head of the "Eidg. Zentralstelle für Arbeitsbeschaffung", Berne, has vacated his post on reaching retiring age, he is succeeded by Dr. R. Bommeli.

Customs receipts for the month of September, 1955, amounted to 67.2 million francs, or 6.7 million francs more than in September, 1954.

During the first nine months of the current year the receipts amounted to 428.5 million francs, which is 53.5 million francs more than during the same period in 1954.

### Cantonal

National-Councillor Arnold Wagner (Conservative), who recently retired from the Government of the canton of Nidwalden, has announced that he will not be a candidate at the next Parliamentary elections. [A.T.S.]

The Italian Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Maurilio Coppeni, was the guest of the Government of the canton of Lucerne. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Guido Riva, formerly head surgeon at the Ziegler hospital in Berne, has been appointed in the

same capacity at the Tiefenan hospital, Berne. Dr. Riva is "Privatdozent" at the University of Berne. [A.T.S.]

A serious motoring accident occurred in Obermurgenthal (Ct. Aargau) costing the lives of three persons. A car driven by Fritz Hängartner (aged 39) of Uster (Ct. Zurich) collided with a lorry, the driver, his wife (aged 37) and his two years old daughter were killed. [A.T.S.]

Traffic accidents during the month of September, 1955, in the canton of Basle-Town, numbered 157; 116 persons were injured. [A.T.S.]

The heirs of the recently deceased Dr. Fritz Sturzenegger, a former member of the Government of the canton of Schaffhausen, have left to the canton of Schaffhausen a considerable number of pictures by the late painter Hans Sturzenegger (1875-1943), who was a pupil of Hans Thoma, one of the most eminent painters of his time. [A.T.S.]

A serious motoring accident occurred near Hunzenschwil, (Ct. Aargau) when two cars were involved in a head on collision. Camille Andrey, hotel employee of Zurich was killed, and his wife and four years old son were seriously injured. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Spartaco Zeli, Judge at the Appeal Court of the canton of Ticino, has resigned from his post. He will open a practice as a lawyer in Bellinzona. [A.T.S.]

## Xmas Greetings

Following former years' practice we propose to publish again in our December issue a collective greeting.

The high costs of Xmas cards, should induce many of our subscribers to make use of this facility to extend to their friends the compliments of the season.

Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Friday, November 25th, 1955, together with remittance for 6/-.