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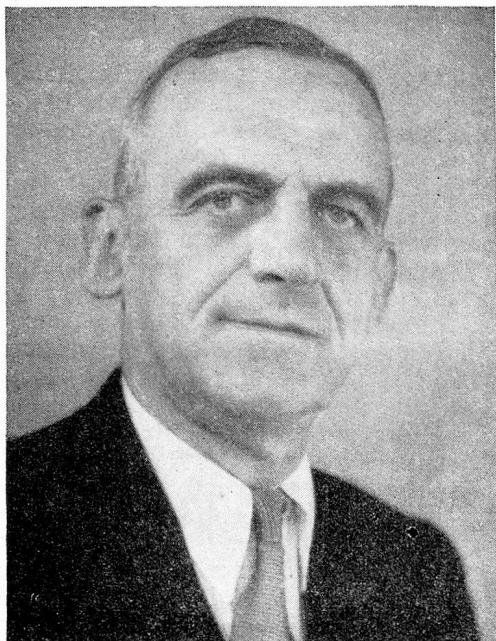
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THE SWISS MINISTER PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS.

His Excellency Monsieur Armin Daeniker was received in audience by Her Majesty the Queen, on Wednesday, February 9th, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, and his own Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Ministry Plenipotentiary from the Swiss Confederation.

Madame Daeniker had the honour of being received by the Queen.

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MINISTER PAUL RUEGGER RETIRES FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE.

Monsieur Paul Ruegger, from May, 1944 to April, 1948, Swiss Minister in London, has tendered his resignation as President to the International Red Cross Committee. The latter has accepted same with regrets, and has expressed the wish that he should remain in office until this autumn.

After relinquishing his post, Monsieur Ruegger will remain at the disposal of the Committee, especially for the study of legal problems in connection with the Geneva Convention.

The International Red Cross Committee has unanimously elected Professor Leopold Boissier, formerly General Secretary of the Inter Parliamentary Union, and Vice President of the Committee since 1946.

During his stay in London, Minister Ruegger, in spite of his many pre-occupations and imperative responsibilities, nevertheless succeeded in establishing a close personal contact with our Colony, and his and Madame Ruegger's departure from London, where they made so many friends, was greatly regretted.

Minister Ruegger's career was exceedingly brilliant. Born on August 14th, 1897, a citizen of Lucerne, he became at the early age of 20 a doctor of law at the University of Zurich, and at the age of 22 was appointed Professor of law at the University of Geneva. He entered our Diplomatic Service in 1918, and became closely associated with the late Federal Councillor G. Motta whom he accompanied to Geneva as secretary of the Swiss Delegation to the first Meetings of the League of Nations.

For three years, to the end of 1928 he was assistant registrar at the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague. After spending a short time at Rome as Counsellor of Legation, he returned to Berne as Chief of the Political Section, Division Foreign Affairs. Then followed his appointment as Swiss Minister in Rome. From 1942-1944, Monsieur Ruegger held the post of Political Adviser, and Head of the Delegations section of the International Red Cross.

In May, 1944, he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of St. James, which post he occupied until April, 1948, when he was appointed President of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.

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