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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Swiss electorate in a referendum voted on March 13th, to continue existing controls over food prices and rents until the end of 1956. Here are the results of the poll:

| | Yes | No |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Zürich | 88,215 | 71,761 |
| Bern | 64,673 | 49,973 |
| Luzern | 14,304 | 23,169 |
| Uri | 1,883 | 3,107 |
| Schwyz | 3,587 | 7,530 |
| Obwalden | 483 | 2,251 |
| Nidwalden | 1,158 | 2,153 |
| Glarus | 3,149 | 3,529 |
| Zug | 2,337 | 3,350 |
| Fribourg | 6,860 | 9,196 |
| Solothurn | 14,216 | 15,206 |
| Basel-Stadt | 22,733 | 12,641 |
| Basel-Land | 9,864 | 8,374 |
| Schaffhausen | 6,842 | 6,888 |
| Appenzell A.Rh. | 3,358 | 5,353 |
| Appenzell I.Rh. | 339 | 1,284 |
| St. Gallen | 20,126 | 37,298 |
| Graubünden | 7,707 | 11,357 |
| Aargau | 32,306 | 35,703 |
| Thurgau | 13,106 | 17,582 |
| Ticino | 9,583 | 8,912 |
| Vaud | 29,130 | 17,752 |
| Valais | 7,503 | 10,086 |
| Neuchâtel | 14,951 | 7,893 |
| Genève | 14,868 | 8,565 |
| Total | 393,281 | 380,913 |

53 per cent of the electors went to the poll.

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The Federal Council has appointed Mr. Max Wirz, as Honorary Swiss Consul in Guayaquil (Ecuador).

Consul Wirz, was born in 1904 in St. Gall, and

is a citizen of Tobel, Affeltrangen (Ct. Thurgau), for 30 years a resident in Guayaquil he occupies the post of Manager of the firm Max Müller & Cie., in that town.

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The Federal Military Department with the agreement of the Political Department has appointed Major Werner Koch of the General Staff to be the successor to Colonel Gygli, who is shortly to leave London to take over a new command in the Swiss army.

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Receipts of customs duties for the month of February, 1955, amounted to 54.3 million francs, or 8.1 million francs more than in February, 1953.

Cantonal

On February 26th the population of the town of Zurich numbered 414,589, or 4,482 more than a year ago. [A.T.S.]

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Hans Schonlau of Zurich (28), and Gunther Fries of Aachen (34) both scientists employed by the Alpine research station, Jungfrauoch, lost their lives on an ascent to the Jungfrau. [A.T.S.]

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All five members of the Government of the canton of Ticino have been re-elected, they are: Nello Cerio (radical), 30,336 votes; Brenno Galli (radical), 27,895 votes; Adolfo Janner (conservative), 21,739 votes; Mario Soldini (conservative), 22,115 votes; Guglielmo Canovascini (socialist), 10,398 votes. [A.T.S.]

CITY SWISS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Tuesday, April 26th, 1955, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m., at Dorchester Hotel, W.1.

Agenda: Minutes of last meeting.

- Admissions.
- Resignations.
- President's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Elections.

Members wishing to be present should send their card to the Manager of Dorchester Hotel, W.1, to reach him not later than, Monday, April 25th, 1955.

THE COMMITTEE.