

Events in Switzerland

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APPOINTMENTS

The new Deputy Secretary-General of EFTA is Monsieur Alfred Wacker, Deputy Head of the Swiss Mission with EEC. He is the successor to Monsieur Charles Mueller who returns to the Diplomatic Service.

The Federal Council has appointed Dr. Michael Gelzer, at present First Counsellor of Embassy in Washington, as Deputy Chief of the Department for Political Affairs.

The new Chief of Section I of the Federal Customs Office is Mr. Paul Moeckli from Basadingen (Thurgau).

The new Consul-General in Munich is counsellor of Embassy (Stockholm) Peter Erni from Nebikon, Lucerne.

The newly-appointed Consul-General in Stuttgart is Mr. Arthur Wegmueller from Vechigen, Berne.

Mr. Charles Weingart, Consul in Helsinki, has been appointed Consul in Bregenz.

Monsieur Pierre Boissier has been appointed Director of the Henry-Dunant Institute in Geneva. Prof. von Albertini has been re-elected President.

Dr. Joseph Holzmann has been put in charge of the Swiss National Jewish Fund (Keren Kajemeth Lejisrael) in Zurich.

The new President of the "Verein Schweizerischer Volsbuehne-Autoren" is Arnold Peter, a teacher at Reutlingen-Winterthur, in succession to Edi Nielsen who held this office for ten years.

The new Central President of the "Schweizerischer Transportgewerbeverband" is Heinrich Heggli (Kriens).

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EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND

Recent events in Switzerland include an exhibition "Montres et Bijoux" in Zurich, a show which has achieved international repute; in 1963 it was held in Turin and a year later at the EXPO in Lausanne. Next year, it will again be put on in Geneva.

The Campaign "Never Forget" staged commemoration services of the revolt in Hungary 10 years ago. An Albert Steffen working party met at Tarasp to hold seminars about the writer's life and work. 31 members of the PPT staff exhibited paintings of high standard at a special show at Rapperswil. The "Lucerna" Foundation held its 40th holiday course on "Psychiatry today"; 180 participants met in Lucerne. Hamburger *Hafenabende* have been held in several towns in Switzerland (St. Gall, Schaffhausen, etc.), at which films and lectures were presented on the importance of trade with Switzerland and the Port of Hamburg.

The *Dramaturgische Gesellschaft* in Berlin held its 14th assembly in Zurich from 11th to 16th October. The 38th Swiss Trade Union Congress opened in Lucerne on 13th October in the presence of Federal President Schaffner and many guests from inside Switzerland and abroad. The Swiss Press met at Montreux, and the 29th Pistol Contest on the Ruetli took place on 16th October. The Russian Orthodox Church in Geneva celebrated its centenary, and in Lugano, there was a successful congress on "Man and Alpine Climate"; scientists from ten different countries took part. On the Gurten (Berne), the 5th meeting on health education was organised, whilst Geneva was host to the 14th Salon for living and house-keeping goods.

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ANGLO-SWISS NEWS

Some fifty experts on road construction from Great Britain recently visited Switzerland under the leadership of "Pavings Development Group, London". They inspected various roads, bridges and tunnels and showed a keen interest in what the Swiss have been doing in these fields.

The Oxford University Press organised a comprehensive exhibition of British books in Berne.

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra gave a successful concert (*First Solistenabend of the season*) in Basle.

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On 21st June 1965, the foundation stone was laid for the Irish — Swiss Watchmakers' School at Blanchardstown near Dublin. On 17th October last, it was officially opened by the Irish Minister of Education in the presence of the Swiss Ambassador Monsieur Rossat and a number of personalities from Switzerland.

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TOURIST NEWS IN BRIEF

A new first-class hotel has opened in Savognin, the up-and-coming summer resort and winter sports centre located at an altitude of 4,010 ft. on the Julier Pass, the road link between Coire and the Engadine in the Grisons. The Hotel Cresta has 65 beds and 13 private baths; all its rooms are equipped with radio and telephone, and there are garages and parking areas for 90 cars. The restaurant has seating capacity of 300. As for entertainment during the long winter evenings, there is a bar featuring an orchestra and dancing, and two fully automatic Swiss-style bowling alleys. The Hotel Cresta is open all the year. In the summer, Savognin offers extensive, well-tended paths for walking and ample opportunity for mountaineers, anglers and tennis players to enjoy their favourite pastimes. In winter the area has fine snow conditions, ski schools, a chair lift, six ski lifts (going from 4,010 to 8,910 ft.), curling, ice-skating and tobogganing.

A 140-page illustrated work on the Alpine Principality of Liechtenstein has been issued by the tiny country's Press Chief, Walter Kranz, to mark the celebration of the Prince's birthday. Among other things, the book gives a detailed history of the princely house and the Principality, its constitution, administration, finances, tax structure, and the chief points of interest in the miniature monarchy.

Several of the largest Swiss tourist offices recently received gifts of a Cresta Vauxhall car each, from General Motors Suisse in Bienne. The vehicles are meant to lighten the ever-increasing burdens of the tourist offices, and they are tangible proof of the interest taken by a huge international corporation in the Swiss tourist industry.

Two new first-class hotels opened in Zurich during August, to increase that city's available hotel number of beds by some 300. The Hotel Florida is situated just off the lakeside promenade, and the Motel Jolie Ville is located at the Western access to the National Road N3 which leads towards Austria.

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