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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

THE TICINO AT THE TILLER!

No doubt it has not escaped you that in the coming year the Parliamentary wheel of fortune at home has brought it about that during the coming year 1972 the "plum" jobs will be in the keeping of "Ticinesi" namely:

President of the Confederation: *Nello Celio*, head of the Finance & Customs Department.

President of the States Council (Upper House): *Ferruccio Bolla*.

President of Federal Insurance Tribunal: *Pietro Mona*.

And, for good measure:

Vice-President of the National Council (Lower House): *Enrico Franzoni*, who is President of the democratic-christian (formerly conservative) parliamentary group.

I wonder whether any of the "big three Cantons" (Berne, Vaud and Zurich) can boast of a similar record?

Yours dutifully,

J. Eusebio.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We are pleased to announce the following birthdays and anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. A. Boog, of 48 The

Boulevard, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on 1st March.

There are two 80th birthdays that we know of:

Mr. F. Gerber, Chatsworth Private Hotel, Salisbury Road, Hove, Sussex, will have his 20th actual birthday on Leap Year's Day, having been born on 29th February, 1892.

Mr. René A. Marchand, "Chez René", 2572 Sutz, Switzerland, will be 80 on 9th March. He came to London in 1910, and he and Léon Jobin founded the well known watch business of Marchand and Jobin Ltd. He was very active in the Swiss Colony and a prominent freemason.

Mrs. E. Jamieson will be 72 on 20th February. The former Swiss Ambassador in London, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, Berne, will be 74 on 24th and Mr. O. Grob, KSG, 72 on 26th of the month. Mr. E. Hardmeier will have his 84th birthday on 3rd and Mr. L. Gradmann her 74th on 9th March.

Many happy returns and warmest congratulations!

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles H. Willi. He died at Aigle on 27th January in his 89th year. An obituary will follow.

F. G. SOMMER, 80



It gives us great pleasure to announce the 80th birthday on 1st March of Mr. F. G. Sommer, of 3 Red Gables Court, Whitehall, Bletchingley, Surrey.

Mr. Sommer was born in Berne and educated at the *Progymnasium*, Burgdorf. After a commercial apprenticeship and obtaining the diploma of the Swiss Mercantile Society, he continued his studies at what was then called the Academy of Commercial Science in Berne, graduating with honours.

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