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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

Dr. W. Meile, has tendered his resignation as President of the General Management of the Swiss Federal Railways, for reasons of health.

The Swiss Consulate General in Shanghai has informed the Federal Political Department in Berne, that all Swiss nationals living in Shanghai are well.

The Federal Council has appointed Sven Stiner, to the post of Swiss Consul in Hong Kong, in succession to Harry, August Keller.

The new Consul hails from Unterentfelden (Ct. Aargau) and was born in Berne in 1910. He studied law at the Universities of Berne and Berlin. He entered the Federal Political Department in Berne in 1938, and was transferred to the Consulate General in Shanghai. In 1946, he returned to the Foreign Office in Berne and was promoted to Secretary of Legation.

The customs receipts for the month of May, 1949, reached the sum of 36.3 million francs or 14.9 million less than during the same month in the previous year.

The Federal Council has decided to issue a loan of 100 million francs at 2½ per cent.

Queen Friederike of Greece has arrived in Switzerland on a private visit. She arrived by air at Geneva, where she was received by the Greek Minister in Berne. Monsieur André Boissier, Chef du protocol of the Federal Political Department and the President of the Geneva Government were also present.

A provisional basis has been found to resume trade relations between France and Switzerland. Indemnification of Swiss holders of French nationalised shares has been left over for future settlement.

A compromise reached on trade exchanges provides for French exports with 400m. Swiss francs (£23m.) against Swiss exports worth Frs.285m. (£16.4m.), the balance being made up of allocations for

French tourists in Switzerland and for financial services. In consequence of the agreement all conservatory measures taken on April 30th on both sides are lifted and the Swiss franc is again being quoted on the Paris market.

### Cantonal

Caspar Widmer, the well-known international marksman, has celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary at St. Gall. [A.T.S.]

The late Mlle. Elisabeth Meyer, school-teacher in Reinach (Ct. Aargau), has left an amount of 84,000.—frs. to the various charitable institutions of the canton of Aargau. [A.T.S.]

## Nouvelle Société Helvétique

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### OPEN MEETING

on Tuesday, July 19th, 1949, at 7 p.m.  
at the Vienna Café,  
Berkeley Arcade, Opposite Baker St. Station.

Mr. Th. HALLER, London,  
Representative of the Swiss National Broadcasting Service,  
will speak on:

“Die Rolle der Geographie beim territorialen  
und politischen Aufbau der Schweiz.”

All Swiss and Friends are heartily invited.

## CITY SWISS CLUB

Will Members kindly note that the next

### MONTHLY MEETING

will be held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1949, 6.30 p.m., Dinner starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorchester Hotel, London, W.1.

The Right Hon. Lord WOOLTON, P.C., C.H., will be Guest of Honour and Speaker.

Please send your card of attendance to the Manager, Dorchester Hotel, London, W.1, to reach him not later than the 2nd July, 1949.

C. E. SEINET,  
Hon. Secretary.

M. Maurice Thévenaz, has been elected Mayor of the town of Geneva. [A.T.S.]

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The following deaths are reported from Switzerland:—

Jakob Muller, former "Kantonsrat" and "Gemeindehauptmann" in Stein (Ct. Appenzell), at the age of 71.

Emil Noser, for 23 years President of the community of Oberurnen (St. Gall) and member of the "Landrat" in Oberurnen, at the age of 67.



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