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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council has nominated Monsieur Gaston Jaccard, Swiss Minister to Norway, to the post of Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary in Reykjavik (Iceland). He will still be accredited to the Government of Norway.

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President Eisenhower has appointed Miss Frances Willis at U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland. She has been in the diplomatic service since 1927, beginning as a third secretary. Now, at 54, she ranks as America's senior woman in the foreign service.

Before taking up diplomacy, Miss Willis had a distinguished academic career, she was a professor at two leading colleges for women, Goncher and Vassar.

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The Swiss Foreign Office announces that Monsieur Walter Bossi, Counsellor of Legation, has been nominated political advisor to the Swiss Korean delegation.

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The Queen of Tonga has arrived in Geneva where she was received by members of the municipal authorities, and the British Consul General. The President of the Government of the canton of Geneva, M. Antoine Pugin, presented the Queen with a bouquet of flowers.

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The Premier of New Zealand, Mr. G S. Holland, has arrived in Berne, where he paid a courtesy visit to the President of the Swiss Confederation. The Federal Council gave a luncheon at the von Wattwyl House in his honour.

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Customs receipts during the month of June 1953, amounted to 54 million francs, or 3 million francs more than in June 1952.

The receipts during the first six months of the current year totalled 221.7 million francs, or 7.8 million francs more than during the same period in 1952.

Cantonal

The "Altdorf Tellspiele" have started again, and will be given continuously until the middle of September, 1953. The performances of the play "Wilhelm Tell" by Friedrich Schiller started first in 1899. [A.T.S.]

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The "Stiftungsrat der Innerschweizerischen Kulturstiftung" has awarded the Literature prize, amounting to 3,000—frs., to Dr. h.c. Meinrad Inglin (Schwyz), for his literary work. [A.T.S.]

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Catholic Service at 11 a.m. Solemn Mass, and Sermon in French and English at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1.