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Arnold Seematter, from 1934-1954, a member of the Government of the canton of Berne, and from 1939-1954, a member of Parliament (National Council) in Berne, aged 64. [A.T.S.]

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The undermentioned anniversaries have been mentioned in the Swiss Press:

Dr. Hermann Knuchel (70), for the last 30 years Professor of forestry science at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich.

C. Flubacher (70) of Basle. Merchant and author of Fairy tale books. He is President of the "Schweizerischen Baumwollband Fabrikanten Verbandes".

Dombherr Johann Hagen (90) of Frauenfeld. He was, from 1890-1897, a priest in Müllheim, and from 1897-1922, Editor-in-Chief of the "Thurgauer Volkszeitung", Frauenfeld.

Edouard Chapuisat (80) of Geneva. He was formerly Director of the "Journal de Genève", and is a member of the International Red Cross Committee. [A.T.S.]

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The following couples have celebrated their diamond wedding (60) anniversary in Switzerland: Mr. and Mrs. Vuillumier-Faivre of Neuville, M. and Mrs. A. Radrazzini of Vevey, Mr. and Mrs. Walker-Müller of Zurich-Wiedikon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Engweiler-Heer, of Tägerwilen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Friberg-Carigiet of Brigels (Ct. Grisons).

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grandjean of Enney (Ct. Fribourg), and Mr. and Mrs. A. Schefer of Uetikon (Zurich) have celebrated their iron wedding anniversary (65). [A.T.S.]

The Swiss motor-ship "General Dufour" (4,779 tons gross, built in 1949) has met with a mishap in the shape of a broken crankshaft while on a voyage from Houston to Marseille. She has been taken in tow by a U.S.A. coast guard cutter.

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Switzerland will organise the next modern pentathlon world championship tournament in October, 1955.

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The Swiss expedition led by M. Raymond Lambert have set up a base camp at 16,404 feet on Gauri Sankar in the Himalayas.

A letter from the expedition dated October 2, published by the Geneva Alpine Club, said the team had found the south face of the 23,440-foot mountain to be impossible to scale. They had approached the mountain from another direction, exploring the east and south-east faces, but these, continually affected by avalanches, also appeared to be insurmountable.

The letter did not confirm reports that Lambert and his companions have left the Gauri Sankar region for Makalu. The whole party was said to be in excellent spirits.

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The World Cup football championship, won in Switzerland by Germany in July showed a net profit of about 2,500,000 Swiss francs (over £200,000).

The news was given after a meeting of the organising committee. The receipts totalled 5,500,000 francs and expenses 3,000,000.

The profit will be distributed according to a special scale in the following approximate sums:—
1,500,000 francs among the 16 teams who entered

the final rounds; 375,000 francs to the International Football Federation (F.I.F.A.); 900,000 francs to the Swiss Football Federation.

The Swiss body must meet from their amount organisation expenses of 675,000 francs, F.I.F.A. having contributed 329,000 francs to the organisation.

Scotland were one of the 16 countries who reached the final round but the Scottish Football Association will receive only a fraction of the 1,500,000 francs (£120,000). The shares will be distributed pro rata in accordance with the number of games played. Scotland played only two matches whereas Germany played six.

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Winter sports enthusiasts from the U.K. will again be able to purchase prepaid vouchers for Season Tickets on Skilifts, Funiculars, etc., without the respective amount being deducted from the basic allowance. The tariff containing full particulars will reach Travel Agents in approximately two weeks' time.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

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