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The Austrian Minister in Berne, Herr Nikolaus Schleinitz-Prokesch, paid a courtesy visit to the Government of the canton of Ticino. [A.T.S.]

M. Samuel Roulet of Missy (Ct. Vaud), since 1928 a member of the National Council has resigned his seat for reasons of health. He will be succeeded by Albert-Brochon of Thierrens, who was a member of the National Council from 1943-1947. [A.T.S.]

Figures just published by the Federal Statistical Office in Berne in connection with the census taken on the 1st of December, 1950, show that the population of the canton of Neuchâtel numbered 128,152 inhabitants (67,850 females and 60,302 males).

Neuchâtel: 27,998 inhabitants, La Chaux-de-Fonds: 33,300, Le Locle: 11,979, Fleurier: 3,413, Peseux: 3,338, Couvet: 2,897. [A.T.S.]

M. Charly Guyot, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Neuchâtel has been appointed rector for the years 1955/56. [A.T.S.]

#### DEATHS.

The following deaths are reported from Switzerland:

Siegfried Ziegler, President of the Board of the "Papierfabrik Ziegler, A.G.", Laufen, in Grellingen, at the age of 73.

Joseph Kaiser, well-known sculptor, in Delsberg, aged 69.

Theodor Scherrer, from 1938-1946, a member of the Government of the canton of Schaffhausen, and for twenty-five years a member of the Grand Council, in Neuhausen, at the age of 75.

Johann Wyss, from 1939-1954, a member of the Government of the canton of Zug, in Steinhausen, aged 67. The deceased held the post of President of the commune of Steinhausen, nr. Zug for 25 years.

William Ritter, author and painter, in Melide, at the age of 88.

Dr. Fritz Neefe, Founder and co-proprietor of the Institute Minerva, Basle, in Basle, aged 69.

[A.T.S.]

#### NEW AIR ROUTE TO DAMASCUS.

On the 17th April Swissair will open a new Air Route to Damascus. This flight will be operated once weekly, i.e. every Sunday from London or Manchester via Geneva or Zurich to Istanbul, Beirut and Damascus, and every Monday from Damascus over the same route return. The aircraft will be a DC-6B with First class and Tourist class accommodation.

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#### A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

(We have much pleasure in re-producing below a notice which has appeared in the "Tablet", on April 2nd, 1955.)

Last week Catholic representatives, together with others from most of the relief organizations in London, gathered together at the Great Russell Street Y.M.C.A. to say an official farewell to one of the best friends that refugees can have had, if length of service be any criterion. Dr. Kullman, a Swiss citizen, though described perhaps more accurately by one of the speakers as a citizen of the world, has been working for refugees for over twenty-five years, and up till the end of last year as representative of the High Commissioner for Refugees in London. At this tea-party he was presented with a wallet by Dame May Curwen — inside was a cheque — and representatives of various groups paid tribute to him and his selfless work all through his years in London and before. His work has been of the highest professional quality, in spite of the fact that he described himself as essentially a "voluntary society man". He has none of that warm-hearted vagueness that can be the curse of this type of work, and he will be greatly missed on his retirement."

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