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## NEWS AT RANDOM

### Federal

The Federal Council has nominated Monsieur Eduard de Haller, at present Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Confederation in Moscow, as Ambassador at The Hague, in succession to Monsieur Secretan who is retiring for reasons of health.

Ambassador de Haller was born in Coligny (Geneva) in 1897 and is a citizen of Berne. He concluded his academic studies in Zurich and Geneva as licentiate of *juris prudenciae*. From 1921 to 1923 he was Secretary to the President of the Port and Shipping Council of Dantzig. Afterwards up to 1926, General Secretary of the Mixed Commission for the exchange of inhabitants between Greece and Turkey at Athens, Istanbul and Ancara. After this Monsieur de Haller was active in the former League of Nations until 1940, in which year he entered the International Committee of the Red Cross. Later he was nominated a delegate of the Federal Council for International Relief Work. In 1948 he was Swiss Minister in Norway, in which capacity he was also accredited to Iceland. Five years later (1953), Monsieur de Haller was appointed Minister in Moscow.

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The traditional dinner offered by the Federal Council to the heads of Foreign Missions accredited to the Confederation took place in Berne. Apart from the diplomats the following were present: the President of the Federal Supreme Court, the Presidents of the Governments of the cantons of Berne, Basle Country and Lucerne, the Chief of the General Staff, and the Presidents of the Swiss Federal Railways and of the Post, Telegraph & Telephone administration.

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The Federal Tribunal, the highest court in Switzerland, has rejected the appeal of Mr. Michael Goldsmith, correspondent of the Associated Press, against his imprisonment for having refused to dis-

close the source of the information on which he based his report about the Dubois-Ulrich espionage case.

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Monsieur Henrik Broch, Norwegian Minister in Berne, and Monsieur Jonkheer Jan Willem Marius Snouck Hurgronje, Dutch Minister, have presented their credentials as Ambassadors to Dr. H. Streuli, President of the Swiss Confederation, and to Dr. Ph. Etter, Federal Councillor, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

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The Federal Council has promoted Professor Dr. L. Bindschedler, head of the "Rechttdienstes" at the Federal Political Department, to the post of head of the "Kommission für Nationalisierungs-Entschädigungen".

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Miss Frances Willis, the American Ambassador in Berne, who has been transferred to Oslo, gave a farewell party at the Embassy.

Amongst the numerous guests were Dr. M. Petitpierre, Colonel de Montmollin, chief of the General Staff, representatives of the canton and municipality of Berne, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

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The Canadian and Japanese Ambassadors in Berne, Monsieur George Loranger Magann and Monsieur Hagiwara, who are leaving the Swiss capital, have paid a farewell visit to the Swiss Foreign Minister, Monsieur M. Petitpierre, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

## CITY SWISS CLUB

OUR NEXT

## SOIRÉE FAMILIALE

at which Ladies will be most welcome, is to take place on **Monday, June 3rd, 1957**, at the Dorchester Hotel (6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.).

After Dinner, Mr. ALBERT FERBER, the well known artist, will give us a pianoforte recital.

Th. von SPEYR,  
Hon. Secretary.