

# Federal brass music festival

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## RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Dr. rer.pol. Eduard Freimueller (68), Berne, Municipal President of the Capital; from 1933 Social Democrat representative on the Berne Commune Council; member of the Cantonal Parliament; *Stadtpraesident* since 1958; National Councillor from 1943 to 1963; member of many organisations and Committees.

Dr. Rudolf von Segesser (71), Lucerne, lawyer, First *Adjunkt* at the Federal Department of Justice until 1945; French Vice-Consul in Lucerne; first President of the "Malteser Orden" in Switzerland; in London for a short time in the early 'twenties.

C. C. Olsommer (83), Muraz/Sierre, well-known painter originating from Neuchâtel.

Hans Stauffacher (60), Berne, bookseller.

Hermann Arni (63), Bangerten (Fraubrunnen district), *Grossrat* and public figure; killed in road accident.

Paul Mueller (70), St. Gall, former *Landammann*, member of the Cantonal Council and Cantonal Judge from 1933; member of the St. Gall Government from 1942 to 1964.

Jean Arp (79), Locarno, famous sculptor, painter and writer; recipient of many awards, including the Goethe Prize which he was to collect in a few weeks; born in Strasbourg of Danish origin; honorary citizen of Locarno.

Marcel Heng (59), Lausanne, Manager of the "Imprimeries Réunies" which print the "Feuille d'Avis" and the "Tribune de Lausanne"; expert in graphic art; for eight years President of the Vaudois book printers; since 1959 Member of Honour of the Gutenberg Museum in Berne.

André Vaucher (76), Bienne, watch industrialists; on the board of "Rechta" watch company; for many years member of the Bienne Municipal Council.

Heinz Liepman (60), Agarone/Locarno, German journalist, in Switzerland for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Gottfried Reutlinger (69), Lucerne, for 30 years *Stadtarzt*.

National Councillor Amedeo Boffa (66), Locarno, since 1922 Editor of the "Popolo e Libertà"; since 1947 General Secretary of the Conservative Democratic Party of the Ticino; since 1936 member of the Cantonal Parliament and since 1965 member of the National Council; for 20 years member of the Bellinzona Municipal Council.

Alec Barbey (59), Geneva, well-known banker (Ferrier Lullin & Co.); Commune Councillor and member of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

Prof. Dr. Hans Rudolf Schinz, Zurich, well-known radiologist and Professor at Zurich University; from 1951 to 1963 Cantonal Councillor; President of the Zurich Zoo.

Fernand Zumstein (66), Lausanne, Notary; member of many boards and public institutions; Treasurer of the "Centre anticancéreux Romand" which became the Swiss Cancer Research Centre; Colonel in the Army.

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## THE LE CORBUSIER CENTRE

The last creation of the great Swiss architect Le Corbusier, whose real name was Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, is nearing completion on the park-studded shore of Lake Zurich. The bold structure, credit for the construction of which goes to Zurich interior decorator and art-gallery owner Heidi Weber, was developed and constantly improved by Le Corbusier over a span of thirty years. It consists of a free floating roof over an independent complex of rooms. The dimensions of the structure were determined according to the "Modulor" system, which Le Corbusier developed based on human proportions. The "Centre Le Corbusier" will house the master's legacy of tapestries, sculptures, sketches, gouaches and oil paintings, as well as rooms for special exhibitions, lectures and other events. In accordance with Le Corbusier's conception and the Centre's construction of pre-fabricated elements, the building was begun with the roof, under the protection of which the remainder of the structure is now being completed. It is hoped to dedicate the Centre on 6th October, which would have been Le Corbusier's 79th birthday.

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## FEDERAL BRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 24th Federal Brass Music Festival began in Aarau on 10th June. The town's population, the authorities and the industrial concerns saw to it that the Aargau Capital looked its best, and streets and buildings were richly decorated with flowers and flags.

A salute of twenty-two guns was fired at 7 p.m. to open the Festival officially. A military band of ninety men gave a first concert in the evening. The contest which covered concert and marching music took place in eight different halls and on three *Marschmusikstrecken*. The Federal Music Flag was taken to Aarau on Saturday morning, having been kept in Zurich, the place of the last Festival. The flag was carried in procession to the Kirchplatz, accompanied by groups in historic costumes.

A welcome thunderstorm brought a little coolness on Sunday morning, but again it was a hot day. The bands played throughout Sunday, and thousands of spectators and experts followed their performances. The 190 bands took part in a "Star March".

A week later, another batch of brass bands from all parts of the country, once more about 190, gathered in Aarau for the second part of the Festival. On Saturday afternoon, a colourful pageant procession was organised in which all the cantonal music flags were carried to the Schachen, the centre of the Festival.

A little rain on Sunday was welcome. At the "Schloesschen", there was a reception of the guests of honour, among them Federal President Schaffner and the Presidents of the National Council and the Council of States. After lunch, the two prize-winning composers, Prof. Paul Huber, St. Gall, and Jean Daetwyler, Sierre, were honoured, and after another "Star March", the closing ceremony took place in the marquee, the rain having come down in earnest by then. With a speech by the President of the Confederation and the announcement of the results, the 24th *Eidgenoessisches Musikfest* came to an end.

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