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There is still considerable opposition in the "Baselbiet". On 26th September, there was a popular meeting at Augst arranged by the movement for an independent Canton Baselland. About 600 people attended. They sent a resolution to the Federal Council, expressing disappointment that the federal authorities had so far not yet given certain guarantees through legislation to safeguard peaceful procedure in the event of any Canton splitting up or two Cantons uniting. The resolution also expressed concern that by preparing a "Grosskanton" and the resulting liquidation of two flourishing Cantons, the peace and fruitful regional co-operation in North-Western Switzerland will be disturbed.

There was also criticism of an unfair Press trying to belittle the movement of independence.

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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Alfred Ammann (76), Lucerne, architect.

Hendrik Kraemer (77), Geneva, died at Driebergen (Netherlands), Honorary Professor of the Faculty of Theology of Geneva University and former Director of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey; former Vice-President of the International Mission Council.

Emile Walch (92), Chardonne, former banker in Zurich; since 1913 at Chardonne of whose Commune Council he was a member for twenty years.

Msgr. Anton Lautenschlager (67), Zug, vicar of the "Stadt-zugerische Pfarrei Guthirt"; died due to a car accident.

Karl Schuler (67), Schwyz, well-known politician of Central Switzerland; lawyer; Commune Councillor and Schwyz Cantonal M.P.; one-time Secretary of the "Innerschweizerischer Bauernbund"; Editor of its paper.

Onésime Crettex (93), Champex, the *doyen* of the Swiss mountain guides; he made the first ascent of the Aiguille de Javel in 1896, together with Baron Hessling.

Dr. Peter Mueller (56), Ruswil (Lucerne), lawyer; Commune President; Sursee District "Regierungsstatthalter"; member of the Cantonal Council for twenty years; Councillor of States since 1955.

Leopold Schumacher (93), Lucerne (from Buonas), former Manager of the "Siegwartbalken Fabrik", then of the Credit Bank; Colonel of Mountain Infantry.

Frau Dr. med. Adèle Thommen-Weissenberger (93), Basle; opened her medical practice in 1900 and was the oldest woman doctor in Basle.

O. Oscar Blanc (88), Fontanivent/Montreux, Liberal member of the Vaudois Parliament; farmer and wine grower.

Henri Pannatier (74), Vernamiège/Sion, "Glöckner der EXPO"; *doyen* of the Swiss vergers; in service with his Commune for over 60 years.

Henri Laufenburger (67), Mollens/Sierre, Professor of financial economy at Geneva University; author on the subject.

Albert Zwahlen (73), Wohlen/Aargau, President of the federation of Aargau "Hutgeflechtfabrikanten" and member of many organisations of his trade and others.

August Suter (79), Birsfelden, sculptor; creator of the Spitteler monument in Liestal.

Karl Uetz (63), Muensingen/Berne, author; former teacher; awarded several Bernese art prizes for his writings in dialect.

Oscar de Chastonay (68), Sion, manager of the Cantonal Bank; former Councillor of State.

Prof. Pierre Bovet (87), Grandchamp/Neuchâtel, Professor of philosophy at Geneva University; author; was awarded several honorary degrees.

Georges Graz, Geneva, during and after the war in charge of the central office for prisoners of war of the International Red Cross Committee.

Dominik von Euw-Camenzind (71), Brunnen, Social Democrat Commune Councillor and President, "Statthalter" of the Schwyz district.

Henri Struebin (80), Neuchâtel, well-known figure in commerce and owner of one of the finest collections of weapons in Europe, which is to go to the town of Neuchâtel.

Ivan Mahaim (69), Lausanne (originally Belgian), studied in Lausanne; heart specialist, professor and writer; director of the Clinic of Céry.

Dr. Max Oettli (86), Glarisegg/Thurgau, former teacher of natural sciences at Glarisegg "Gymnasium"; from 1921 to 1946 Secretary of the central office for the fight against alcoholism in Lausanne; writer.

Alzert I. Welti (81), Amriswil, well-known painter and poet from Zurich; son of the famous painter Albert Welti; author of "Servet in Genf", "Steinbruch", "Der Dolch der Lucretia", etc.

Federal Judge Dr. Jakob Heusser (64), Zurich; lawyer, Social Democrat; on the Federal Tribunal since June 1964.

Prof. Walter Muschg (67), Basle, literary historian and author; Professor at Basle University.

Dr. ing. h.c. Arnold Kaech (84), Lucerne, well-known engineer with experience in many countries; oldest living Honorary Doctor of the ETH.

Oberstdivisionär Paul Wacker (74), Berne, Divisional Commander of Infantry; retired from the Army in 1950, but served as Commander of the Swiss Commission in Korea.

Alfred Schaetzle (58), Lucerne, in charge of the family business "Seeverlad- und Kieshandels A.G."; 1945-1965 President of the "Gewerbeverband" Lucerne; from 1947-1951 Liberal member of the Lucerne Parliament; former "Safran Zunftmeister und Fritschivater"; President of the Rowing Club Reuss; one-time President of the Swiss Rowing Federation.

Erich Ullman (73), Winterthur; agronomist and dairy expert, mainly in the Thurgau whose Councillor of States he became in 1939; he retired in 1963; held rank of Colonel in the Army.

Gustav Adolf Schelling (72), St. Gall, for 47 years in the "Helvetia" Insurance; General Manager and member of the Board; from 1942-1955 Liberal Democrat member of the St. Gall Educational Council, as well as of many other educational bodies.

Ruben Lanicca (84), Thusis, Grisons politician; National Councillor (Democrat) from 1935 to 1947.

[A.T.S.]