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SUNDRY NEWS.

Dr. R. Cottier of Bern has been made President of the Traffic Committee for the Marshall Plan.

At the Pestalozzi village at Trogen there are now children from seven different nations; eighteen young children have just arrived from Finland. Children who are in dire need of assistance will soon arrive from Hamburg, also children from Vienna, Salzburg, Berlin and Hungary.

In his work "La resa degli ottocentomila" ("The surrender of the 800,000") the Italian, Dr. Ferruccio Lanfranchi, has paid tribute to various Swiss personalities who have played a great part in the ending of the war in Italy and in the preservation of the northern Italian provinces. He says that the assistance given by Switzerland on the occasion of negotiations between the Germans and the Americans was so valuable that "Switzerland well deserves the eternal gratitude of the Italian people."

The "London Star" voices the opinion that the Swiss Army is the strongest and

most modern equipped Continental Army of Western Europe.

The leading newspaper of Dublin reporting on the merits of the Swiss Federal Constitution, ended their article in the following terms: "Again and again we ask ourselves whether the Swiss people's good fortune to be in possession of so well a conceived Constitution is due primarily to the fundamental wisdom of the Constitution itself or to their national character."

The "Tages-Zeitung" of Munich, the organ of the international exposition of the Press, is of the opinion that Switzerland is in the lead of European journalism. It says that "In Switzerland there is a wider knowledge of the German problems than anywhere else;" it goes on to say: "Nobody will resent it if we try to go to school in that traditional land of democracy."

The Swiss cook, Gabriel Tschumi, who was the leading chef in the household of King George V, retired after 34 years of service; however, Queen Mary has just called him back to Buckingham Palace.

An Air line between Brazil and Switzerland has been inaugurated by the "Panair do Brazil."

The Danish Government has invited six Swiss geologists to participate in an expedition to Greenland, where it is hoped to discover ores.

The third group of English wounded servicemen have finished their stay of convalescence on the shores of Lake Lucerne; another group, consisting of 62 invalids, has arrived in Switzerland on an aeroplane of the Swissair.

On the occasion of the reconstruction of the hospital in Stuttgart, the electrical appliances could not be installed for lack of raw materials. Swiss industrialists donated the necessary copper wires which were delivered by air to the City of Stuttgart, thus making the electrical installations possible.

A corporation in Switzerland has commenced making a film on the Great St. Bernhard, entitled "Barry" based on the great dog of the same name that saved the lives of 41 people who were on the verge of dying in the snow. It is to be remembered that "Barry," the great St. Bernhard, was unfortunately, shot dead by a traveller, lost in the snow, who mistook the dog for a bear.

The Queen Mother, Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, is a citizen of Geneva, Switzerland, therefore she is of Swiss nationality. In 1815, citizenship was granted by Geneva to the Duke Frederick Francis of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who was the grandfather of the Queen's husband.

India has ordered typewriters of Swiss manufacture to be fitted with Indian characters.

This year 462 candidates from 29 different countries, among them 44 Swiss, have registered for their participation in the International Musical Competition to be held at the Conservatorium of Geneva.

The "Don Suisse" (Swiss Gift) has now brought its activity to a close. The Swiss people have supported the said institution to the tune of Sfr.200,000,000, (£12,000,000). In various countries the great work done by this institution has been much appreciated and it has furthermore, been possible to give hospitality in Switzerland to 3,450 tubercular people from 27 different countries. The expression "Switzerland the Healer" has become quite familiar in Europe.

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#### OBITUARY.

With great sorrow, we announce the death of our old friend -

KONRAD ALTHER