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board. He was also a member of the board of the Swiss Federal Railways and of many other organisations and institutions, such as Radio Berne.

On 17th December 1959, Ludwig von Moos was elected to the Federal Council as the first citizen of Obwalden and became chief of the Federal Department of Justice and Police, a position he has held ever since.

Federal Councillor von Moos became President of the Confederation for the first time in the EXPO year of 1964. He was then the first citizen who had reached the top in the 115 years of history of the present Confederation. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Fribourg University the same year.

The new President is a Catholic Conservative and father of seven children. He served as **Luftschutz** soldier in the war.

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### NEW TRENDS IN SWITZERLAND: FEMALE SUFFRAGE

In quite a number of places, women went with the men, some for the first time. Several Communes, especially in the Canton of Berne, granted their women the vote, and by Christmas, 172 out of 472 Communes had introduced women's suffrage. At first, the Jura Communes were the pioneers, but during the year, also the "Old Canton" has made progress, especially the Emmental and Seeland. In the Jura, five new women have been elected to the local Commune Councils, but also at Langenthal, three women will sit with their male colleagues for the first time, two Socialists and one Liberal. A woman will be President of the Commune of Villeneuve (Vaud). There have been plebiscites in several Communes in order to vote on women's suffrage, where it has been denied them, some in the Jura, others elsewhere like Daerligen (Lake of Thun) and Zweisimmen.

The same goes for the Appenzell Commune of Huttwil where suffrage was refused them by 197 to 192. All 19 Evangelical Communes of Appenzell-Ausserrhoden, on the other hand, have granted them the vote. In the Grisons, five Communes have votes for women so far; Chur and Landquart were the first, now to be followed by Marmorera (Oberhalbstein), Sils (Domleschg) and Pontresina. The women there had previously been consulted to find out their own attitude, and it had been found that out of 299, 120 were in favour, 114 against, 46 abstaining and 19 absent from home.