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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Switzerland's electorate voted against compulsory Civil Defence service for women and against State controlled Television.

Only slightly more than half of the 1,500,000 electors voted. On the issue of compulsory Civil Defence service for women, 360,773 were in favour and 387,739 against. Concerning the proposal of Government control over television, as well as radio, 319,634 were in favour and 427,859 against.

Here are the particulars of the poll:

	Civil Defence		Radio and Television	
	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Zürich	77,175	75,039	51,481	100,344
Bern	57,208	52,230	41,413	68,312
Lucerne	18,761	11,707	17,646	12,988
Uri	2,404	2,029	2,436	2,061
Schwyz	3,714	5,204	3,933	5,010
Obwalden	1,552	920	1,321	1,159
Nidwalden	1,799	1,344	1,589	1,541
Glarus	3,806	2,719	1,140	5,392
Zug	3,042	2,403	2,767	2,716
Fribourg	8,072	8,947	9,279	7,739
Solothurn	13,062	12,121	11,285	13,244
Baselstadt	9,610	11,906	8,146	13,346
Baselland	8,160	8,617	5,804	10,858
Schaffhausen	6,910	6,701	4,795	8,870
Appenzell A.Rh.	4,783	4,380	1,461	7,703
Appenzell L.Rh.	902	736	933	724
St. Gall	27,556	25,983	16,555	34,352
Graubünden	11,890	7,452	5,790	13,707
Aargau	33,889	35,162	26,134	43,171
Thurgau	15,831	14,039	12,662	17,072
Ticino	6,949	5,673	8,807	3,868
Vaud	21,829	47,668	41,053	28,445
Valais	12,975	19,071	17,571	14,716
Neuchâtel	3,362	13,573	9,438	7,519
Genève	5,532	13,951	16,295	3,002

50.8 per cent of the electors went to the poll.

The National Council, the lower House of the Swiss Parliament, has approved a Government credit of 136 million francs for military projects, including fortifications, underground workshops, warehouses and fuel storage tanks.

The Federal Post, Telegraph and Telephone administration has made a net profit of 58.8 million francs in 1956.

Monsieur Alfred Fischli, Counsellor of Legation at the Swiss Legation in Brussels, has been appointed head of the Information and Press Service at the Federal Political Department in Berne, in succession to Dr. René Keller, who has been transferred to Paris as 1st Counsellor of Legation.

The Swiss Federal Railways have carried 19.2 million passengers in the month of January 1957, or 1.1 million more than in January, 1956. Receipts: 24.00 million francs (January 1956: 23.6 million francs).

Goods traffic is returned as 1.92 million tons, an increase of 230, tons over the same period in 1956. Receipts: 37.2 million francs (January 1956: 32.6 million francs).

Monsieur Jorge Govantes y Aguirre, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Republic of Cuba, has presented his credentials to the President of the Swiss Confederation, Dr. Hans Streuli, and to the Foreign Minister, M. Max Petitpierre, at the Palais Fédéral in Berne.

CITY SWISS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on **Tuesday, April 30th, 1957, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.,**
at **Dorchester Hotel, W.1.**

Agenda: Minutes of last meeting.

- Admissions.
- Resignations.
- President's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Elections.

Members wishing to be present should send their card to the Manager of Dorchester Hotel, W.1, to reach him not later than, Monday, April 29th, 1957.

THE COMMITTEE.