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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland during the past few weeks:

Dr. phil. Robert Roetschi, 75, Solothurn, former teacher at the Cantonal School and reader at the University of Berne; author.

Charles Cuendet, 66, Lausanne, founder of the "Grands Moulins" of Cossonay.

Gottlieb Keller, 73, Brugg, engineer and politician; Honorary President of the "Hausverband" of Brown-Boveri & Co., Baden.

Dr. Rudolf Sidler, 64, Schwyz, lawyer and politician; until shortly before his death member of the cantonal government; for 31 years Chairman of the Board of the rope railway Schwyz-Stoos.

Bruno Guggenheim, 58, Zurich, owner of the only matzos factory in Switzerland; for many years President of the Jewish Religious Community Zurich.

Charles Ribordy, 71, Sion, former director of the regional hospital.

Karl Amgwerd-Inderbitzin, 90, Schwyz, former cantonal forester, historian.

Robert von Stuerler, 73, Berne, lawyer, for many years Chairman of the Board of the "Berner Tagblatt".

Alfred Lambelet, 75, Vevey, industrialist and pioneer in broadcasting.

Dr. Hans Vogt, 58, Solothurn, publisher of the "Solothurner Zeitung".

Dr. Werner Karrer, 54, Lucerne, engineer, first director of the Technical College of Central Switzerland.

Dr. phil. Franz Schoch, 69, Kuesnacht/Zurich, historian.

Pater Robert Mueller, Sarnen, teacher at the "Kollegium".

The only centenarian whose death has been reported is Dr. Wilhelm Burckhardt-Vischer, Basle, born 22.12.1862, lawyer and diplomat.

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AGENT FOR ENGLAND

Important Swiss manufacturers are looking for an agent in England. They produce elastic stockings and back warmers of first class quality.



Anyone interested may get further details from LA GAINE VISO, Saint-Blaise, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.



EXPO 1964

THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THE SWISS NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Since the EXPO 1964 was opened on 28th April, no fewer than 126 news sheets concerning it have reached me from the Agence Télégraphique Suisse. How am I to do justice to this magnificent manifestation and give my readers a reasonable picture of what happens in Lausanne day by day? This will be quite impossible, and I can give no more than a few items of news and a few titbits and put on record the main events and special attractions.

Federal Councillor Schaffner said on the Press day that the enormous expense was hardly justified if one only considered success in terms of francs and centimes. But anyone who thought of the future of our country would include other values in the balance sheet, and he would realise that there was a pressing need to reflect on our existence as a people and a state.

Before the banquet, National Councillor Dr. R. Tschäppät, member of the Government of the Municipality of Berne, handed over four bears to be kept at the EXPO for the duration.

The Ecumenical Church was consecrated on 29th April. It is at the disposal of all denominations, and every midday, a special prayer is being said, and the twenty-six bells ring. The church is almost entirely made from wood, and a precious bible of the sixteenth century has been lent by the Swiss National Library.

The Official Day of Opening of the sixth National Exhibition was on 30th April. The President of the Confederation signed the EXPO Charter and gave the inaugural address, which he ended thus "Human strength alone is insufficient. Our forefathers put their trust in the Lord. Here, too, we recommend to Him our country, peace and the well-being of all peoples". Over 3,700 people attended the official ceremony, in the presence of all seven Federal Councillors, the highest authorities of Confederation and Cantons, the Diplomatic Corps, leading personalities from the Army, the Church and many spheres of public life.

Labour Day was held appropriately on 1st May. A football match France v. Switzerland took place, and amongst the 77,575 visitors was the King of Burundi. The week-end saw the sports events arranged by "Satus", the Swiss workers' gymnastic organisation. On Saturday, 45,000 admissions were registered.

Sunday, 3rd May, was Agriculture Day with an attendance of some eight thousand farmers. The procession included livestock. The Swiss Women's Auxiliary Army (FHD) celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its existence.

On 4th May, the pavilion "Swiss undertakings in the world" was officially opened. This part is on the lake itself, and the eighty floating flags symbolise the countries in which 921 factories are in Swiss hands. "Globovision" enables the onlooker to see 613 pictures in eleven minutes, thanks to forty projectors worked by electronics.

The same day, it was the "Journée de la Veillesse". Coaches were put at the disposal of the old people, and at the EXPO it was boy scouts and girl guides who looked after them.