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## RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

- Walter Alvarez Keller (57), Zurich, author, especially of South American novels which he wrote following his many years' residence in Brazil.
- Albert von Steiger (84), Berne, former Cantonal Engineer; brother of the late Federal Councillor.
- Madame Markhoff-Thiébaud, young Neuchâtel missionary, mother of five children; and
- M. Waldvogel, young teacher missionary from Herblingen (Schaffhausen), both murdered at Bangangté, a village in Cameroun.
- Plinio Zanolini (64), Muralto/Locarno, for 39 years director of the Muralto schools and member of the Ticino Parliament; Justice of the Peace.
- Alois Ehrler-auf der Maur (77), Schwyz, farmer and cattle breeder; Conservative member of the Schwyz Cantonal Council and Tribunal.
- Dr. K. Imhoff (90), Zurich, well-known expert on water and its use; author of several books on waste water plants, etc.; died in Essen.
- Alfred Nussbaum (73), Geneva, Radical member of the Grand Council for over 25 years; several times Commune President of Carouge.
- Dr. oec. publ. Friedrich Bernet (67), Zollikon, for many years in U.S.A. and Canada; expert on economics; teacher and politician; one-time editor of the "Schweizerische Arbeitgeber-Zeitung"; Council member of the "Schweizerischer Fachpresseverband".
- Karl Schill (68), Lucerne, co-proprietor of printing works of Schill & Co. founded by his father in 1876.
- Sergio de Pedrini (25), Lugano, football referee; died during a match.
- Mrs. Léonie Grauwiler-Guggenbühl (80), Basle, former owner of the well-known jeweller's shop established over 100 years by her father.
- Max Picard (77), Lugano, prominent writer and philosopher; art critic; author of the famous book "Das Menschengesicht".
- Dr. iur. Paul Popp (58), St. Gall, lawyer and judge; he was to be nominated candidate as Federal Judge by the Conservative/Christian Socialists.
- Dr. iur. T. Gubler (65), Zurich, lawyer in Winterthur; active in art and education, literature and politics (Libertl); journalist in Germany until the Nazi movement became strong; killed in a road accident on a business trip in New York.
- Martin Schaffner (43), Suhr, called "Bomber Schaffner" for his work in salvaging several planes, American, German and Swiss, from the Lake of Constance and other lakes; traded extensively in petrol and oil all over Switzerland; also started a transport firm; popular Personality weighing nearly 200 kilos.
- Patrick Guinness, half-brother to the Aga Khan, killed on the road between Sion and Brig while driving a sports car.
- Carl Felber (66), Winterthur, machine engineer; for 19 years in charge of the section heating and air conditioning with Sulzer Brothers; in the army he had the rank of a Colonel; Chief of Artillery in the Fifth Division since 1949.
- Canon Roduit (77), St. Maurice, director of the "Grande Ecole" at Bagnes, then vicar of Finaut, Vollèges and Lavey; chaplain of Bagnes, rector of Verbier and almoner of Sainte-Ame; "Doyen des Paroisses de la Juridiction Abbatale".

Otto Haab (33), Kollbrunn (Zurich), Swissair pilot; was killed during army manoeuvres when his "Venom" plane crashed in the Bergell; army rank of First Lieutenant.

Edvino Pessina (88), Lugano, for many years member of the Lugano Town Council; first general agent of any insurance company in the Ticino.

Dr. E. Kaltenbach (76), Basle, well-known sports journalist and sports editor of "Tip" and "Basler Woche"; former member of the Swiss national football team.

Prof. Dr. Hans Pallmann (62), Zurich, President of the Swiss School Council since 1949; professor of agriculture at the ETH whose Principal he became in 1947; authors of several scientific books; member of many Swiss and foreign scientific organisations; Honorary Doctor of Vienna University; the President of the Confederation attended the funeral at the Zurich Fraumünster Church.

Dr. phil. Paul Mueller (66), Basle, research chemist in the firm of Geigy A.G.; was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1948 (pesticide DDT).

Fritz Born, Muri (Berne), banker; former manager of the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Fritz Maron (73), Arosa, for many years editor of the "Arosener Zeitung" and very active in many spheres concerning Arosa as a tourist centre; Liberal member of the Grisons Parliament for one period; his best-known book is "Arosa, vom Bergbauerndorf zum Weltkurort".

Secondo Monotti (74), Locarno, from 1923-1963 editor and later director of "Il Paese", the official Party organ of the Ticino Farmers' Party (BGB Partei).

Fritz von Allmen (75), Interlaken, well-known hotelier in the Bernese Oberland, especially as owner of the Kleine Scheidegg Hotels; Bernese "Grossrat" and for twelve years National Councillor.

André Stueby from Moudon, dipl. ing. agr. ETH, missionary on Kalimantan in Indonesia (Basle Mission).

Dr. Frank Victor (70), Zurich, graphologist and author.

Dr. h.c. med. et phil. Hans Zulliger (72), Ittigen (Berne), dialect author and children's psychologist; for 45 years teacher at Ittigen; secretary of the Swiss Society for Psycho-Analysis; editor for 22 years of the "Elternzeitschrift"; Member of Honour of many Swiss and foreign organisations; Honorary Doctor of Berne and Heidelberg.

Albert Buergi (50), Rheinfelden, "Stadtbanwart".

André Meylan, Renens (Vaud), Radical member of the Vaudois Parliament; Vice-President of the Employers' Federation of Vaud.

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