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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Adolf Stutz-Studer (95), Lucerne, the oldest inhabitant of the town.

Gotthard Jedlicka (66), Zurich, Professor of Modern Art History at Zurich University; born in Zurich; for a time secondary teacher in Winterthur.

Georges Schlichtholz (69), Basle, Director of the Minerva Institute.

Karl Enderle (74), Basle, head of local stove manufacturing firm.

Robert Furer (82), La Tour-de-Peilz, former piano teacher at Montreux; three times President of the Montreux section of the Swiss Alpine Club and President of the S.A.C. from 1944-1946.

Dr. ing. h.c. Adolf Meyer (84), Kuesnacht/Zurich, former Director of the Brown Boveri Company in Baden; constructor of the first gas turbine locomotive; Hon. Doctor of the Stevens Institute of Technology in New York and of the E.T.H. Zurich.

Prof. Dr. Joseph Kaelin (62), Fribourg, Lecturer of Zoology at Fribourg University.

Madame Edmée Sprecher-Robert (85), Vevey, President of the Swiss and the International Lyceum Clubs; great philanthropist and artist; awarded many distinctions, amongst them the Greek Order of St. George; Knight of the French Legion of Honour.

Madame Catherine Colomb (73), Lausanne, well-known author; widow of the lawyer Jean Raymond.

Maurice Savoye (84), St. Imier, watch industrialist; member of the Board of the Swiss National Bank and of the Swiss Chamber of Industry and Commerce; Colonel of Infantry.

Francois Cuénoud (61), Cully, Liberal Commune President; Judge at the District Tribunal of Lavaux; member of several boards (USEGO, Compagnie du Guillon, Office de Propaganda des Vins Vaudois).

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THE WEATHER IN SWITZERLAND

The wet summer — July had been the wettest month for 35 years — came to an end with particularly heavy rainstorms in late September. October was sunny and dry, in fact unusually warm. In the Valais, forsythia flowered, and grapes were harvested right into November, at the same time as the first snow came down.

In November, heavy gales caused serious damage. Many railway lines were blocked by fallen trees. There were floods in many parts of the country. The winds were so high that in Basle, a car was swept into the Rhine, and at Arbon, the glass front of a hotel (12 x 2.8 m.) was pushed in. By the end of November, there was snow in many towns, and wintry conditions now reign in most parts of the country. A heavy snow cover hampers work on the site of the ice avalanche disaster at Mattmark. A few bodies are still buried. It is hoped they will be recovered before Christmas.

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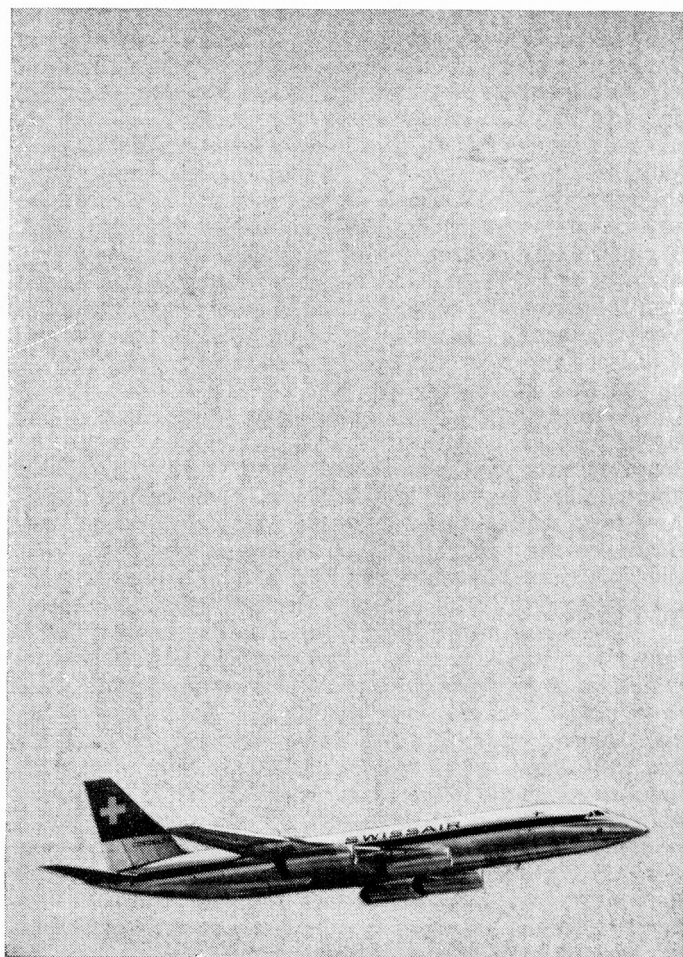
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

A severe outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred in many parts of Switzerland. By the end of November, well over 3,000 cattle had to be slaughtered. Many markets have been cancelled, and army exercises had to be postponed. The worst affected Canton is Vaud.

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