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They were also received by Federal President Schaffner on the "Lohn" Estate and took part in the traditional excursion to the home Canton of the President, the Aargau, where the atomic reactor at Wuerenlingen was visited, as well as the Castle of Lenzburg which houses the cultural institution "Philipp-Albert-Stapferhaus".

The Presidents of the two Chambers represented the Federal Parliament at the inauguration of the new Israeli Parliament Building.

(Based mainly on news received by courtesy of Agence Télégraphique Suisse, "Basler Nachrichten" and "Echo")

P.S. On going to press we learn that the Federal Council has accepted *in globo* the proposals contained in the Stocker report, though the Cantons will be consulted before final decisions are taken. As regards the Joehr report, a spokesman of Federal Finance Administration said that the figures were only estimates and that there was no cause for alarm, though new sources of revenue would have to be found as deficits were going to be certain.

### RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland.

Jean-Charles Verrey (52), Geneva, General Secretary of the federated industrialists of the metallurgical trade of the Canton of Geneva; for many years Editor of the "Tribune de Lausanne".

Josef Anton Tanner (93), Grub/St. Gall, the oldest postman in Switzerland, until a short while ago, he served at Grub where his son is postmaster.

Emile Bressler (80), Geneva, one of the most important representatives of Geneva painters in the first half of this century.

Karl Siegrist (73), Winterthur, since 1917 in the "Nordostschweizerischer Milchverband", from 1947 to 1959 its *Geschäftsführer*.

Ignaz Fuerst (79), Trimbach/Olten, former *Bezirkslehrer* and member of the Solothurn Council of Education; from 1935 to 1947 President of the Catholic *Lehrerverein* of Switzerland.

Hans Roth (86), Interlaken, primary teacher at Grindelwald, and then for decades secondary teacher at Interlaken; Commune Councillor and later Social Democrat representative in the Berne Parliament and the National Council, where he was considered a true representative of the mountain farmer community; founder of the "Volkswirtschaftskammer des Berner Oberlandes"; local historian and supporter of *Heimarbeit* in the Bernese Oberland villages.

Dr. Nadia Jollos (64), Zurich, journalist under the pseudonym of Nadia Nils; for 12 years press officer of the Swiss *Flüchtlingshilfe*; holder of the C. F. Meyer Prize; born in Russia, but in Switzerland since she was a small girl.

Felix Hofmann (77), Zurich (a Bernese by birth), farmer; for many years planter in Sumatra; from 1933 Director of the Zurich Zoo, to which he rendered 20 years' valuable service.

Divisional Commander Gustav F. Bridel (94), Muri/Berne, building engineer; Artillery instructor since 1903; largely concerned with the modernisation of Artillery.

Glacier Pilot Hermann Geiger (52), Sion, was killed in an accident on the airfield in Sion on 26th August, when his "Piper" plane collided with a glider; he had made over 23,000 glacier landings and nearly 2,000 alpine rescue flights since 1952; his first glacier landing was on the Kander Glacier on 10th May, 1952; for some time was in charge of training glacier pilots of many nations; some of these attended the funeral, one of the biggest ever witnessed in the Valais.

Georges Vaucher (45), Fleurier (Neuchâtel), Commune Councillor and Socialist member of the Neuchâtel Parliament.

Niklaus Senn (71), Appenzell, *Regierungsrat* and Manager of the Cantonal Bank; *Zeugherr* since 1954; Vice-President of the "Nordostschweizerische Verkehrsvereinigung" and President of the "Kur-und Verkehrsverein Appenzell Inner-Rhoden"; *Revisor* of the Swiss National Bank; Major in the Army.

Frederic Ruchenstein (89), Lausanne; originally from Aargau; ETH engineer; from 1904-1908 engaged in the work of drying up the Rhone marshland; afterwards, he opened up his own engineering firm in Sion and settled in Lausanne a few days ago.

Ernst Luethold (62), Kilchberg/Zurich, composer of military music and conductor; for 20 years in charge of the brass music department of the Academy of Music in Zurich; "Over the Ocean" and "Marsch der Zürcher Division" are amongst his great compositions, many of which were awarded prizes.

Pierre Berger (67), Le Locle, for many years teacher of physics, maths and electricity at the Neuchâtel Technical College; one of the founders of the Neuchâtel People's University.

William Hallam Tuck, Rougemont, the first Director General of UN Organisation for Refugees in Geneva.

Prof. Ernst Brandenberger (60), Zurich, Director of E.M.P.A. ("Eidgen. Materialprüfungsanstalt"), scientist, teacher at the ETH; for many years Commander of a Mountain Brigade; military author, member of many technical and scientific organisations.

Dr. Siegfried Streicher (73), Arlesheim/BL, author and Editor of the "Schweizer Rundschau" for 20 years.

Madame Jeanne Brile-Landau (105), Vevey, the oldest inhabitant of the Canton of Vaud.

Frau Marie-Fischbach-Meyer (85), Villmergen, well-known expert and maker of national costumes of which she made over 4,000 during her lifetime.

Marc Peter (91), Geneva, Minister in USA from 1920 until shortly before the Second World War; former President of the Geneva Parliament, Commune President of Versoix, National Councillor; during the war, Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee in USA. (A.T.S.)

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