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## RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Dr. Wilhelm Krasting (76), Basle, Consul-General for Jugoslavia; Director of "Suisselektra"; formerly in the service of the Basle Municipal Administration; great friend of Rhine navigation.

Jakob Boesch, Rebstein; in charge of the fruit and vegetable centre of the "Landverband St. Gallen" at Rebstein; member of the Commune Council and one-time member of the Cantonal Parliament.

August Steinmann (82), St. Gall, former Editor of the local part of the "St. Galler Tagblatt" (for 41 years); author and pioneer of the "Heimatschutz"; he was awarded the cultural prize of St. Gall in 1958.

Dr. h.c. Margarete Susman (94), Zurich; author and lyric writer of great standing; born in Hamburg, she came to Switzerland in 1933 as refugee, but she had already spent part of her youth there; awarded many literary prizes, and an honorary doctorate by the Free University in Berlin; much of her writing dealt with the Jewish people.

Kanonikus Prof. Dr. Benedet Giger (58), Schwyz, "Studienpraefekt" and Vice-Principal of the College Maria-Hilf where he has been active for 28 years.

Madam Clara Schradin (102), Geneva, former secretarial employee and teacher of languages until a few years ago.

Arthur Zehnder (64), Fribourg, journalist, Editor of the "Freiburger Nachrichten"; one of the members of "KIPA", the international R.C. press agency; he hailed from Solothurn.

Willy Staempfli (65), Interlaken, engineer with "Hoch- und Tiefbau A.G."; active in tourism; rank of Colonel in the Army.

Paul Domon (72), Courchapoix (Jura), former teacher and later went into industry; well-known personality in the Jura and Colonel in the Army.

Pfr. Erich Schick (68), Basle, from 1931 to 1951 teacher of theology at the Mission House in Basle; he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Tuebingen in 1953.

Dr. Paul Merian (81), Basle, writer and scholar; at one time lecturer of Spanish at the University of La Plata.

Auguste-J. Chauvet (71), Geneva, Director of the "Journal de Genève" from 1939 to 1958; Member of Honour of the "Union Genevois des Editeurs de Journaux" and member of many other organisations; he was actively engaged in the foundation of a camp for French refugee children at Genthod (Geneva) during the war; Knight of the Legion of Honour and former President of the Geneva Rotary Club.

Gaston Castella 83), Fribourg, former Professor of History at Fribourg University; Director of the Cantonal University Library; historic author; father of Federal Judge Jean Castella.

Werner Klemenz (85), Frauenfeld; former Director of the Cantonal Bank; he managed the Frauenfeld branch from 1919 to 1944; member of various educational bodies; rank of Colonel in the Army.

Jules César Savaray (67), Evian; a Vaudois, son of a clergyman, graduated as engineer in Lausanne; at the head of "Jaeger-Paris" in Paris and until 1952 President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in France; he was made a Knight of the Legion of Honour in 1958.

Dr. Philippe Bourdillon (91), Geneva, well-known medical practitioner and doyen of the Geneva doctors; Captain in the Swiss Army Medical Corps.

Rabbi Prof. Dr. Jakob Weinberg (86), Montreux, one of the most important Rabbi personalities in the world today.

Giovanni Bertoli, Geneva, General Manager for Air India for Europe with seat in Geneva; he lost his life in the Mont Blanc air disaster.

Jean-Claude Cornu, Geneva, for a short time in the service of Air India; lost his life in the above air disaster.

Consul Riccardo Mordasini (70), Lugano, in the Federal Consular Service since 1930; in posts in Milan, Trieste and London, and later as Consul in Naples.

Fritz Spielmann (82), Lausanne, well-known Notary from 1909 to 1962; for four years in the Lausanne Commune Council as Young Radical.

Friedrich Schneider (79), Wiler (Obwalden), well-known Social Democrat, first as trade union secretary in Basle, and from 1919 to 1951 as National Councillor; from 1920 to 1923 "Regierungsrat" in Basle.

Otto Wuergler (79), Berne, in the service of the Berne Cantonal Bank for fifty years; from 1935 to 1957 on the Bank's board; member of various other boards (sugar refinery Aarberg, paper works Utzenstorf, Chocolat Tobler, etc.).

Ernest Etter (65), Murten, well-known farmer of Gempenbach; for many years Protestant member (Conservative Christian Socialist) in the Fribourg Grand Council; active in many agricultural organisations.

August Schaub (82), Basle, until seven years ago office manager of the "Materialverwaltung" of the SBB at the Spiesshof in Basle; Fire Brigade Commandant and gymnast.

Ettore Buzzi (64), Berne, Chief of the "Postbetriebsabteilung" of the General Management of the PTT.

Madame Anna Chèvre (97), Boncourt, the Commune's oldest inhabitant; she died as a result of an accident.

Walter Risch (73), St. Moritz, one of the best-known mountaineers of Switzerland; mountain guide with a number of first ascents to his credit (the seven Kreuzberge in one day, Piz Padile over the Northern ridge, Ago di Sciora over the Western ridge and Piz Casnile over the Eastern ridge).

Walter Eglin (70), Diegten/Basel, well-known painter; creator of the mosaic mural in the Basle University; expert in wood carving technique.

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