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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

- Pfr. Hermann Brassel (73), Nesslau (St. Gall) where he held office for many years; interested in *Heimatschutz*, industrialisation and other public questions on which he wrote much in the Press.
- Paul Froehlich (73), Lucerne, *Vormundschaftsdirektor* and member of the Lucerne Municipal Council from 1950 to 1963; from 1935 to 1950 he was member of the Grand Municipal Council and from 1943 to 1950 of the National Council (Social Democrat); for 15 years head of the *Allgemeine Wohnbaugenossenschaft*.
- Emanuel Bangerter (64), St. Gall, from 1939 to 1951 member of the Commune Council and since 1945 cantonal M.P.; President of the Federation of Evangelical Workers and Employees; originally school teacher.
- Heinrich Steinbeck (84), St. Gall, former *Musikdirektor*; for many years conductor of the *Stadtmusik* Arbon; composer of many marches.
- Kurt August Haegler (67), Basle, from 1941 to 1965 *Verkehrsdirektor* of the town of Basle; member of many organisations; under the pen name of Peter Pee he wrote novels, essays and youth books.
- Dr. Gustav Renker (78), Langnau (Emmental), writer of mountain stories and novels and musician of repute; music critic.
- Jan Vlak Hyka (77), Interlaken, former prominent Czechoslovak diplomat who has had a home in Switzerland for nearly 50 years; personal friend and supporter of President Masaryk and Foreign Minister Benesch; active Rotarian.
- Ugo Donati (76), Lugano, art critic, writer and antique expert.
- Sister Maria Josepha Knuesel, Cham/Zug, Abbess of the Convent of Frauenthal.
- Prof. Dr. Hans Staub (77), Basle, former chief of Medical University Clinic; from 1932 Professor of Pharmacology; writer on various related subjects.
- Miss Angèle Golay (66), Lausanne, one of the first collaborators in Western Switzerland's radio organisation; known under the pseudonym "Hortense".
- Georg Blum (74), Geneva, former journalist with "Journal de Genève".
- Mrs. Sophie Widmer-Salm (104), Lenzburg, the oldest citizen of Aargau, possibly of the whole of Switzerland.
- Christian Jost-Amberg (72), Serneus (Praetigau), President of the Davos Ski Club and *Parsenndienstchef*; one of the initiators of the uniform Swiss ski-ing technique; Lieut.-Colonel in the Army.

[A.T.S.]

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AT THE ETH

Since 1st January, an Institute for Operational Research has been added to the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Among other things, this new organisation carries out operational research on behalf of the Government, official and private organisations and private enterprise in general, as well as basic research, the study of scientific and practical progress in the field of operational research, and co-ordination with similar institutes at other Swiss universities. Professor Franz Weinberg has been appointed head of the new institute, whose full development, which is to be carried out by stages, will take five years to achieve.

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SPORT AT RANDOM

At the first week-end in June Zurich became Swiss team champion in wrestling (18:16), though there were serious complaints about the umpire.

The Lucerne *Bürgerturnverein* advanced to the top as Swiss *Vereins-Gerätemeister* at the championships in Chiasso.

A week later, FC Basle secured the football championship with a draw 2:2 against Grasshoppers Zurich. The latter are in fourth place behind Zurich and Lugano. National League B has Lucerne at the top, followed by Bellinzona and Wettingen.

TV Niederlenz is the Swiss *Faustball* champion by beating Frauenfeld 25:22.

Miss Monica Bachmann on "Erbach" came third in the European Women's Horse Jumping Championships at Fontainebleau, behind U.S.A. and Italy.

At the 80th Upper Rhine Regatta in Mannheim, there were five Swiss victories, including the champions Buergin and Stubbach. Further victories were achieved at Ulm and later at the Henley Regatta and at Rotsee (Lucerne).

The highlight of the summer was the 76th Swiss Federal Gymnastic Contest in Berne at the two last week-ends in June. Some very fine gymnastics, both individually and in groups by men and women, and excellent athletics were shown; Werner Duttweiler set a new record in the decathlon with 7,654 points. Two new records were registered at the relay contests at La Chaux-de-Fonds when LC Zurich won the 4 x 200m. in 1:26.5 and their women team the Swedish relay with 2:18.7.

The Swiss athletes won the Europa Cup elimination contest in Athens and qualified for the Duisburg semi-finals, where they got a fourth place. Two records were registered at the match Switzerland-Belgium-Holland, won by the Swiss team, when Duttweiler beat the record height of 4.62m. in pole vault, and the 3,000m. steeple chase (second place by Menet) with 8:51.2. The Swiss decathlon championships were won by Daniel Riedo (Pratteln) as Duttweiler was injured and could not attend. The Swiss athletes were beaten by the Yugoslavs in Celje, though Edi Hubacher improved record for putting the shot: 17.67m.

Basle University won all the events at the Swiss *Hochschulmeisterschaften* in Berne (men, women and teams).

Lausanne won the *Coupe Suisse* in fencing, and once again Basle which has been trying for the past 12 years to get the cup back, was unsuccessful.

Captain Paul Weier on "Blokot" won the *Nationale Voll-Military* at Rheinfelden, and the two Basle Webers became Swiss canoe champions on the Limmat.

The Swiss Rolf Maurer was second behind the Italian Gianni Motta in the 31st *Tour de Suisse*.

The Swiss Amateur Athletic Federation has decided to accept women athletes and grant them all facilities both as individuals and teams.

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