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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported recently from Switzerland:

- Dr. Agostino Soldati (56), Paris, Ambassador to France; lawyer; in the Federal Political Department since 1938; citizen of Neggio (Ticino); amongst the many appointments, he was Observer with UNO in New York and on various delegations in Europe; Ambassador since 1959 and in Paris since 1961. He died in Geneva, and the funeral service took place in Lugano, when Federal Councillor Spuehler gave the main address; General de Gaulle and Monsieur Couve de Murville sent telegrams of condolence.
- Louis Chamorel (87), Gryon, National Councillor from 1919 to 1931 and Councillor of States until 1943 (Radical Democrat); cattle breeder and wine grower; well-known marksman and founder of the Bretaye Memorial Shooting Contest.
- Dr. Hans Lautenschlager (65), St. Gall, lawyer and former Cantonal Judges; *Stadtrat* at Rapperswil.
- Rodolfo Bordoni (69), Lugano, lawyer, for 33 years member of the Municipal Executive; for 24 years member of the Ticino Parliament; from 1947 to 1955 National Councillor.
- Friedrich Donauer (82), Kuessnacht/Rigi, well-known writer; secondary teacher in Lucerne for a time, *Landschreiber* and *Jugendrichter*; Cantonal Councillor and President of the Schwyz Teachers' Training College; founder of the "Innerschweizerischer Schriftstellerverein".
- Edouard Oudart (65), La Chaux-de-Fonds, Manager of the watchhand factory Universo; son of a fencing champion, he was in charge of the Fencing Club of the town for 27 years.
- Prof. Oskar Vasella (62), Fribourg, prominent historian and Roman Catholic; originally from Chur, he studied in Fribourg; was appointed Professor at Fribourg University in 1933; President of the "Allgemeine Geschichtsforschende Gesellschaft der Schweiz" from 1956 to 1960; author of many works.
- Max Berthoud (71), Neuchâtel, for many years General Secretary of the High School of Commerce (Lic. iur.); member of the *Conseil Général* for a time, and from 1926 to 1932 President of the "Fédération des Sociétés d'Etudes Commerciales de la Suisse Romande".
- Caspar Bohl (88), Nesslau, former *Bezirksammann* and from 1926 to 1954 *Statthalter* of Obertoggenburg; active in many public services.
- Pierre Michélio (59), Geneva/Jussy, engineering consultant; Secretary of the Art Society; member of the Cantonal Parliament from 1948 to 1954 (Liberal).
- Dr. med. Hans Kobelt (73), St. Gall, for many years Medical Practitioner at Rebstein; member of the Cantonal Parliament; *Brigadearzt* during the war.
- Emil Tiefenauer (74), Schaffhausen, President of the "Schweiz. Betriebskrankenkassenverband" from 1944 to 1960 and later its Hon. President; expert on social insurance; for two years member of the Municipal Council.
- Johann Schoebi (75), Gossau, from 1933 to 1962 an Editor of the "Schweizer Schule"; Honorary Member of the "Katholischer Lehrerverein".
- Hermann Aescherli (76), Thun, aeroplane constructor, leading in aviation, especially in gliding.
- Dr. iur. Franz Seiler (69), Zurich, well-known member of the Zermatt Seiler family; from 1928 to 1945 Manager

of the Swiss "Hotel Treuhandgesellschaft"; from 1946 to 1966 full-time Central President of the Swiss "Hotelier Verein", also of the international organisation.

- Rosetta Leins (61), Ascona, well-known painter.
- Prof. h.c. Dr. Leo Weisz (80), Zurich, historian, especially of Zurich; eminent ethnologist.
- Albert Monéda (69), Berne, Editor-in-Chief of "Agence Economique et Financière Suisse"; played important part in the Foreign Press in Switzerland, being its General Secretary from 1960 to 1965.
- Richard Bringolf (67), La Tour-de-Peilz, civil servant and politician; Commune Council, member of the Cantonal Parliament 1933-1941 and from 1949 to his death, National Councillor from 1946 as Social Democrat member.
- Jacques de Riedmatten (53), Sion, lawyer and well-known local personality.
- Christian Gartmann (39), Thuisis, Secretary of the "Verband der Beamten und Angestellten der Eidgen. Zentralverwaltungen"; formerly with PTT in Geneva; Editor of the *Romand* edition of the Swiss "Beamten Zeitung".
- Domherr Paul Saudan (70), Saint Maurice; for many years doctor at Geneva University Hospital; teacher of Greek and literature; well-known musician.
- Prof. Dr. Linus Birchler (73), Meilen, much-travelled historian; for 11 years Editor of "Kunstdenkmäler der Schweiz"; appointed Professor at ETH in 1934 (history of art and archaeology); Chairman of the Federal Commission for *Denkmalpflege*; co-founder of the International Bach Society; in charge of many restorations; author; awarded many honours.
- Trudy Mueller (55), Berne, actress and translator; well-known as producer of the Berne Radio Children's Hour.
- Charles-Jean Mueller (72), Lausanne, well-known hotel keeper, especially in Egypt; from 1947 in charge of the *Bahnhofbuffet* Basle.
- Prof. Dr. Hans Schaer (56), Berne, Evangelical theologian; from 1947 Minister at the Petruskirche in Berne.
- Dr. Rudolf C. Vetter (76), Basle, well-known chemist and General Manager of Hoffmann-La Roche in which firm he had been since 1928; very active in a number of Swiss and international organisations concerned with chemistry; translator of General George Marshall's book "Soldiers under Fire"; Brigadier.

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FAIRS TO BE HELD IN BASLE DURING 1967

The programme of trade fairs and exhibitions due to take place in the halls of the Swiss Industries Fair in Basle this year, is at present as follows: from 18th to 26th February, Fifth Exhibition of Contractors' Machinery. The 51st Swiss Industries Fair will be held from 15th to 25th April; after that, from 27th September to 6th October, there will be the Fifth International Exhibition of Textile Machinery, which will be followed, from 14th to 18th November by INEL, the Third International Exhibition of Industrial Electronics; finally, the series will be brought to a close with the Second International Catering Exhibition from 22nd to 28th November.

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