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In the Canton of Zurich, the following decisions were taken by various Commune electorates: In *Winterthur*, citizens agreed to a plan for a kindergarten building (Endlikerstrasse), the extension and renovation of a building in the Wartstrasse as a home for women and a credit of 1.25 million francs for a new staff house and renovations of the Lindberg Hospital. The project of the Wuelflingerstrasse gymnasium was rejected. *Wetzikon* voters (66.5% participation) decided in favour of joining the scheme to extend the garbage plant of the Zuercher Oberland. All 23 Communes have thus agreed. *Wetzikon* also granted the necessary credit for a double kindergarten.

The Evangelical voters of the town of *Zurich* agreed to a separate Church Hall for the Italian-speaking Community which up to now had the use of the old Church of Wiedikon (.354m.). The Church of Hoengg is to be renovated. All Zurich voters agreed to a 6.25 million-franc credit for a settlement for old people at the Mathysweg.

Kloten citizens have granted 5.5m. for a new cemetery, *Wettingen* 3.8m. for the second stage of the school centre *Margaelaecker* and *Dietikon* 7.5m. for a *Gewerbeschulhaus*.

Adliswil rejected the new *Gemeindeordnung*, and *Uster* the projected by-pass of the Glattenriet. The *Solothurn* voters agreed to the planned contributions by the town to the Foundation for Old-Age Flats.

In the Canton of *Berne*, a number of Communes have accepted women's suffrage, bringing the total to well over 60. *Corcelles*, however, have rejected the proposal by 17 to 13 votes. With a low participation of 28.4%, the *Bienne* electorate accepted the planned purchase of a site at the cost of 1.5m. francs. *Burgdorf* agreed to road and river projects and to a limitation of office (12 years) for members of the Municipal Council. *Langenthal* voters accepted the budget, introduced women's suffrage and voting by post. They rejected the Initiative for *Listenverbindung*. *Koeniz* citizens agreed to a garbage dump in the Hummersloch.

In Central Switzerland, the "Corporation Citizens" of *Ursen* met in the historic Ring at Hospenthal to elect their new *Talamann Leonhard Renner*, *Statthalter Arthur Regli* and *Saeckelmeister Ludwig Simmen*. The new Commune President of *Schwyz* is *Walter Inderbitzin* (Conservative). The *Lucerne* citizens agreed to a new gymnasium on the site of the Dula School, and the Commune Assembly of *Wolfenschiessen* to a new station.

At *Bagnes* in the Valais, the electorate agreed to a nature reserve *Mauvoisin*, *Grand Combin*, *Bec des Rosses* and *Mont-Gêle*.

In Western Switzerland, *Neuchâtel* was in the news when the PDA (Party of Labour) was successful in the elections to the Commune Councils, thus in the town of *Neuchâtel*, they gained 5 seats, whilst the Radicals lost 4. At *Hauterive*, the "Entente Villageoise" won 8 seats from all the other Parties. At *Marin-Epagnier*, the Radicals gained 11 seats — the Council has been increased from 27 to 39. At *Boudry*, the Liberals lost 5 seats, and the new group "Les Chevrons Boudrysans" won 8. The "Groupement des Intérêts Communaux" at *Les Geneveys-sur-Coffrane* made an impact with 9 new members, whilst the Radicals lost 6.

In *Yverdon*, the voters rejected the proposed credit of 790,000 francs for the restoration of the historic "Café du Château", following a Referendum. Another Referendum has been taken against the 13.5 million-franc plan for a new school.

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BROWN BOVERI "PACKAGE" GENERATOR UNIT AT LINDSEY OIL REFINERY

A complete 6820 kW Back Pressure Steam Turbine Generator Unit has been supplied and successfully commissioned by Brown Boveri for Lindsey Oil Refinery Limited at Killingholme, near Grimsby. Lindsey Oil Refinery by Total Oil Great Britain Ltd. and Petrofina (Gt. Britain) Ltd.

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