

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

Band: - (1968)

Heft: 1538

Rubrik: Recent deaths in Switzerland

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 03.02.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

Emile Jaeger (79), Geneva, architect and engineer from Fribourg where he worked from 1929 onwards, having spent most of his life in Anatolia, France and Algiers.

Prof. Dr. Alfred Rutishauser (61), Schaffhausen, teacher of botany at the Cantonal School from 1933 to 1962; from 1948 Lecturer at Zurich University.

John Alcock (41), correspondent of the "Daily Mail" and later foreign correspondent of Reuter's; for over 10 years with the Swiss Radio in Berne; appointed Editor of the "Weekly Tribune" in Geneva a few months ago.

Divisional Commander Walter Maurer (76), Cadempino, Ticino, former Chief of Artillery; from 1940, he was Chief of Artillery of the 9th Division, and from 1945 to his retirement in 1953, *Waffenchef* of Artillery.

Georges Blanchoud (66), Lausanne, former Chief of the Lausanne Management of "Winterthur Unfall" Insurance; President of the Swiss Central Federation of Insurance General Agents; for four years member of the Lausanne Commune Council; President of the Vaudois Music Society from 1949 to 1960; member of the Board of the "Touring Club Suisse".

Emile Ems (82), Zurich, former Fribourg Cantonal Judge; for 50 years on the Board of the "Freiburger Nachrichten".

Louis Bouvier (77), Geneva, Commune Councillor of Choulex; retired teacher; formerly an officer of *Versorgungstruppen* and afterwards War Commissioner of the Territorial District 14.

Emil Erb (86), Zurich, former teacher, well-known mountaineer; for many years President of UTO Section of the Swiss Alpine Club and President of the latter from 1929 to 1931; concerned with the rebuilding of the Alpine Museum, the Research Station Jungfraujoch and many aspects of mountaineering; in later years, he promoted the Zurich *Wanderbewegung* by publishing brochures.

Georges Boinay (74), Porrentruy, well-known Jura notary and lawyer; for many years Deputy Prefect of the Porrentruy District; head of the Chamber of Advocates of the Tribunal of Porrentruy; President of the Board of the Jura Savings and Credit Bank.

Walter Jenni (65), Biel, musician; *Kapellmeister* of the Solothurn Municipal Theatre already at 18; Director of Music of the Biel *Stadtmusik*, of the *Musikverein Tavannes, Lengnau, Blue Cross of La Chaux-de-Fonds*; teacher at the Biel Conservatoire.

Albert Nussbaumer, Lugano, for over 30 years with the Swiss Bank Corporation, first as Manager of the London Branch, later member of the General Management in Basle and finally as member of the Board from which he retired in 1966.

Maurice Delacoste (78), former Commune President of Monthei (for 33 years); well known personality amongst the Valais Radicals; member of the Cantonal Parliament.

Mrs. Annemarie von Matt-Gunz (62), Stans, distinguished Nidwalden artist and wife of the sculptor Hans von Matt.

Daniel Corthay (55), Meinier/Geneva, for 12 years Commune President.

Dr. med. vet. Robert Chauffat (76), Geneva, Deputy Veterinary Officer of the Canton and for many years Cantonal Frontier Veterinary Officer.

Divisional Commander Edgar Schumacher (70), Bolligen/Berne, from 1924 onwards Instruction Officer; from 1947 to 1956 Divisional Commander; since then, he devoted himself to writing; already in 1941, he published a book on General Wille, in 1946 a "History of the Second World War"; "Umgang mit Menschen und Menschenführung" are among his later works; member of the PEN Club and the Bernese Authors' Federation.

Guido Petitpierre (74), Lausanne, for 40 years with Suchard's at Serrières, his great-grandfather being Philippe Suchard; his last appointment was that of President of the Board; President of the Vaudois Chamber of Industry and Commerce and of the Swiss National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Johann Jakob Battaglia (101), Zizers/Grisons, the oldest inhabitant of the Canton.

Mrs. Anne Reichlen, Fribourg, holder of many awards from the first world war (of Belgian origin); married a Swiss and was one of the founders of the suffragette group at Bulle; settled in Fribourg in 1947 and founded the Fribourg Association for Women's suffrage; its President until 1952 and Honorary President since then.

Abraham Langsam (91), Lengnau/Aargau, came from Poland as Jewish religious teacher to Lengnau; for 30 years at the Jewish Community of Biel.

Paul Morand (71), Sion, former head of the General Secretariat of the Agricultural Research Stations of the Valais; well known in gymnasts' circles; President of the *Romand* Gymnastic Federation and from 1949 to 1959, Central President of the Federal Gymnastic Society.

Alfons Magg (76), Zurich, well-known sculptor; his works are in many churches in Switzerland; creator of the famous statue at the Swiss National Exhibition in Zurich "Der Rossebändiger"; well known for his restoration work at the St. Gall Cathedral and the Einsiedeln Monastery.

Padre Martin Muheim (53), from Altdorf/Uri, former Vicar in Glarus; for 11 years Priest of Schattdorf and for another decade at the Bruder-Klausenpfarrei in Zurich-Oberstrass; then he emigrated to Bolivia where he has done excellent mission work at St. Ana; died following an accident.

Pasteur Ami Bornand (73), Lausanne, Minister in the Ardèche Department and since 1929 Secretary of the Foundation for Released Protestant Prisoners: in 1940, the French Government asked him to set up a service for political prisoners; on his return to Switzerland in 1946, he was Prison Chaplain at Bochuz and retired in 1960.

Robert Raaflaub (94), Moutier, former industrialist and Bernese Grand Councillor.

Dr. Paul Pærli (73), Herzogenbuchsee, veterinary doctor and active in the local Commune for many years; Colonel in the Third Army Corps.

[A.T.S.]