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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
29th October 1967

The number of parliamentary seats for which members will have to be elected for the coming 38th legislative period (1967-1971) will again be 200. 1,249 candidates have been put up for 189 seats, for the seven candidates of Schwyz (3), Glarus (2) and Appenzell ARh (2) have been declared elected, seeing that the candidates did not outnumber the available seats. The four Cantons Uri, Obwalden, Nidwalden and Appenzell IRh which have the majority rule and have one seat each, are not obliged by law to hand in a list. The remaining 18 Cantons have the proportional system and will contest the 189 seats. There are 112 lists as against 107 lists for 190 seats in 1963. Zurich has 401 (35 seats), Berne 261 (33) and Vaud 103 (16) candidates, followed by Aargau with 97 (13 seats) and St. Gall 52 (13). All the other Cantons have fewer than 50 candidates and also fewer seats.

The changes as regards Members of the National Council and the Council of States are considerable. The 37th period began on 2nd December 1963 and will end on 3rd December 1967. In the National Council it began with 59 new members, and ten died in the four years. 17 resigned and two became Federal Councillors. In the Council of States, whose members are elected according to cantonal law and not necessarily at the same time as those of the National Council, two members died and three resigned during the 1963-1967 period. On 29th October, in 15 Cantons, the Councillors of States have to be elected. Of the 30 members at present representing these Cantons, six have resigned. 38 candidates have been nominated so far. The seats for Solothurn and Valais will not be contested, but in the remaining seven Cantons, some pretty tough contests are expected. [A.T.S.]

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Emil Vogt (70), Basle, formerly in banking, and from 1936 to 1963 with the "Allgemeine Treuhand A.G." in Basle where he became a Director.

Heinrich Schellenberg (100), Waedenswil, for 45 years with the Federal Research Institute for fruit and vine growing and gardening; co-founder of the " Obst- und Weinbaugenossenschaft vom Zuerichsee".

Edward Joseph Phelan, Creux-de-Genthod (Geneva), former Director of the International Labour Office; originated from Ireland.

Hans Haug (67), Lausanne, well-known Basle composer and choir conductor; opera conductor in Basle from 1928 to 1934, later with Radio Sottens and Radio Zurich and from 1942 with the Choir of Lausanne with which he made extensive tours; appointed *professeur* at the Lausanne Conservatoire in 1943; composer of repute who was awarded several prizes, amongst them that of the Society of Dramatic Authors and Composers for his opera " Orpheus ".

Frédéric Gilliard (83), Lausanne, well-known architect and church restorer; author.

Pfr. George Schmid (60), Sargans, for seven years Professor of Natural History at the Maria Hilf College in Schwyz and for 20 years Priest at Berschis and President of the *Bezirksschulrat* Sarganserland.

Dr. iur. Bruggmann (78), Vevey, former Swiss Minister in Washington; originated from Lichtensteig and Oberhelfenschwil, lawyer; joined the Federal Political Department in 1917; was appointed Minister to U.S.A. after various diplomatic posts; in Washington from 1939 to 1954.

Dr. med. Adrienne Kaegi-von Speyr (64), Basle, medical practitioner; writer of remarkable theological essays; wife of the historian Prof. Kaegi.

Heinrich Mohn (100), Basle, from 1890 to 1922 with CIBA, partly abroad; from 1902 to his retirement in charge of the accounts and finance department.

Philippe Monnier (56), Tramelan, well-known educationalist of the Jura; head of the Tramelan Secondary School.

Prof. Felix Fiala (54), Neuchâtel, Professor of Mathematics at the Faculty of Natural History at Neuchâtel University.

Colonel Henri Farron (75), Moutier, for 29 years President of the Primary School Commission of Porrentruy; President of the Liberal-Radical Party of the Jura and of the Jura Section of the TCS; former *Kreiskommandant*.

Dr. iur. Jakob Eugster (86), Oberegg (Appenzell IRh), studied veterinary medicine and later law; practised in Zurich; Auditor of the 2nd Division, later *Oberauditor* and *Grossrichter* of the 5th and 6th Divisions; lecturer on military penal law; appointed Divisional Commander in 1940, in charge of *Militärjustiz;* from 1927 Staatsanwalt in Zurich; from 1929 to 1943 member of the Cantonal Council (Liberal); Honorary Doctorate of Zurich University.

Joseph R. Scherer (66), California, originated from Lucerne, first world-traveller for Esperanto; gave 322 lectures in 41 countries; subsequently successful insurance broker in U.S.A.

Albert Simon (7), Zurich, head of the family *Lebensmittelfilialunternehmen* W. Simon; prominent in the Swiss Fruit Growers' Federation, the Swiss Vegetable Union and the Swss Importers' Commission; for years President of FC Zurich.

Lucien Dufour (88), Geneva, for 30 years Commune President of Vernier.

Colonel of General Staff Charles Fischer (53), Berne, Deputy Chief of the Section for Transport Services and Repair Troops; previously Commandant of the Mountain Infantry Regiment.

Jules Sautebin (87), Yverdon, famous conjuror Borosko; holder of many awards including the first prize at the International Congress of Magicians in Paris in 1957; originated from the Bernese Jura and once worked with the famous Grock.

Carlo Hemmerling, Lausanne, composer of the music for the *Fête des Vignerons* in 1955, organist at Corseaux from 1923 to 1967.

[A.T.S.]

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