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### RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

- Dr. Karl Kobelt (76), Berne, former Federal Councillor. He was born on 1st August 1891 in St. Gall where he had his schooling. He studied building construction engineering at the ETH in Zurich and graduated at the beginning of the war. He served as Lieutenant of Infantry and continued his studies, acquiring his doctorate in 1917. One year in military topography and two years in a building firm followed, and then he joined the Confederation as engineer in the Department for Water Supplies. In 1933, he became a member of the St. Gall Government, and 6 years later, he entered Parliament for the Liberal Democrats. He was at that time Chief of Staff in the IV. Army Corps. In 1940, the retiring Appenzell Federal Councillor Johannes Baumann had to be replaced, and the "Landesring der Unabhangigen" proposed Dr. Kobelt. On 10th December 1940, he was elected, and the Colonel became head of the Military Department. He had a difficult time during the war. He was President of the Confederation in 1946 and 1952 and retired two years later. He took part in many cultural organisations after his retirement.
- Hermann Huber (79), Sihlbrugg-Dorf/Zurich, well-known painter with a reputation in several countries; amongst his works is the three-part picture "Teaching and Learning" in the staircase of Zurich University.
- Georges Rossetti (60), Geneveys-sur-Coffrane/NE, industrialist (watch-face manufacturer) in the Val de Ruz.
- Dr. iur. Boris Lifschitz (88), Lugano, formerly well-known lawyer in Berne; a refugee from the Russian Revolution, he came to Switzerland as a refugee and studied in St. Gall and Berne; he was able to procure some secret documents which enabled the Swiss authorities to fight some Nazis in Switzerland; for 10 years, he was Consul-General of San Marino which he represented as a Minister with UNO in Geneva.
- Joseph Mueller (96), Naefels/Glarus, former *Landammann*; originally teacher at Naefels Secondary School for 20 years; due to his efforts during his term of office as Commune President for 32 years, a home for old people was built and the Oberseetal road constructed, and the Freuler Palace was preserved; in the *Landrat* from 1918 (Cath. Cons.) and elected member of the Cantonal Government in 1923; *Landesstatthalter* from 1938 to 1942 and became the first R.C. *Landammann* in Glarus since 1887 in 1942.
- Dr. med. Ernst Hardmeier, Zurich, well-known *Gerichtsmediziner*; he froze to death in the Wasserbergholz district near Maur.
- Dr. Max Fischer (79), Basle, former technical director of J. R. Geigy AG., Basle.
- Max Meyer (49), Solothurn, technical manager of Roamer Watch Co. S.A.; President of the Commission of the Watchmakers School Solothurn; died whilst on a shooting party in the Aargau.
- Karl Schellenberg (65), Zurich, journalist and former editor of the "Zurcher Tagesanzeiger" and President of the Zurich Section of the Swiss Press Association from 1934/5.
- Pfr. Dr. phil. h.c. Paul Thurer (90), Teufen, Vicar of Davos-Monstein, Tamins and Netstal, originating from Valzeina and Chur; historian; awarded honorary doctorate by Zurich University for his historic works on Glarus.

Dr. Hans Kobelt (77), Ermatingen, for over 40 years with soap manufacturers Schuler & Co., A.G., Kreuzlingen; member of the Thurgau Chamber of Commerce and *Bezirksrichter* (District Tribunal 1934-1968); President of the boards of several companies at Kreuzlingen, Kesswil and Winterthur; Colonel of Infantry.

Johannes Senn (nearly 106), the oldest inhabitant of Zurich; originated from Auenstein/Aargau; carpenter by trade until he was 90.

Alfred Perren (74), Zermatt, engineer, member of the Commune Council and of the Valais Parliament; President of the Tourist Office.

Dr. Hans Fischer (84), Trogen, former Headmaster of the Municipal *Gymnasium* in Bienne.

Richard Flury (71), Biberist/Solothurn, well-known composer and musician; for many years music master at the Cantonal School in Solothurn; composed over 200 chambermusic works and songs; holder of the Solothurn art prize 19664.

David Lavizzari, Chiasso, owner of the oldest Ticinese pharmacist's shop which had been in his family's hands for centuries; nephew of the great nature scientist Luigi Lavizzari; he gave the valuable family archives to the Cantonal Library in 1963.

Prof. Hans Georg Wackernagel (72), Basle, historian, Professor of History at Basle University since 1938; well known for his research into Swiss medieval history, for many years President of the History Museum Commission and Master of the Academic Guild; awarded the Basle Science Prize in 1964.

Wilhelm Tisch (68), Basle, well-known opera singer (bass).

Henri Bellevaux (67), Dardagny/Geneva, Commune President and member of the Grand Council (Radical).

Louis Martin (60), Gottlieben/Thurgau, owner of the "Waaghaus" and the famous "Drachenburg"; responsible for renovating other old houses; he was awarded honorary citizenship.

Dr. Gustav Lisibach (75), Solothurn, theologian, from 1917 to 1927 Vicar in Schaffhausen; Chancellor in 1929; *Domher des Standes* Solothurn in 1933; Vicar-General in 1942; *Domprobst* of the Cathedral since 1955

*Praelat* Karl Boxler (81), Castle Eppishausen/Erlen, founder of the "Bonitas Dei" Sisterhood; originally from Gams/St. Gall where he worked as Chaplain for 8 years, followed by 4 years as missionary in Columbia; from 1925 to 1955 in charge of the *Theologen-Konvikt* "Salesianum" in Fribourg; since 1955 *Regens* at the Convent "Leiden Christi" at Gonten/Appenzell.

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### SWISS ALUMINIUM FOR A SWEDISH FERRY-BOAT

The new ferry-boat "Skane", built for the Swedish government to ferry rail traffic between Trelleborg and Sassnitz is the second largest of its category in the world. It has a displacement of 6,534 gross tons and is practically 500 feet long. For the superstructure of the new boat, which is entirely in aluminium, Aluisse delivered 81 tons of aluminium sheeting 5 to 8 mm. thick and measuring approximately 6 ft. 7 in. by 26 ft. 3 in. If the 46 tons of semi-finished aluminium which was also supplied for the other metal structure is also taken into consideration, it will be noted that this ferry-boat contains some 127 tons of Swiss-made aluminium.

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