

Congratulations... : the Mullers are doing it!

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Europe was a Swiss who graduated in 1874 (Marie Heim-Voegtlin). We have women university professors, scientists, business managers, artists, authors, musicians, conductors, ministers of the Church, lawyers and civil servants, doctors and women members of the armed forces. Women sit on commissions of experts dealing with all manner of subjects from health to social insurance, from orphan care to film censorship, from price control to defence. They are justices of the peace and labour advisors. There are women members of the International Red Cross Committee, and here we remember their tremendous part during the war. Of the 2400 Swiss helpers in the Prisoners of War Organisation in Geneva, most were women workers.

There is a small village in the Canton of Berne, Limpach, where a few years ago (possibly it is still the same today), the Commune Clerk and the Commune Treasurer were women, the verger was a woman, the post mistress, and the woman who delivers the mail; the local cobbler's, the building contractor's, one of the finest farms in the district and the dairy — all run by women! Let anyone say that the Swiss woman is not capable! It is not a sign of primitive reaction if she feels she wants to be better informed before taking on political responsibilities, but she is learning and gaining experience. Progress is slow, and there is no doubt that she will get the right to vote before long.

She is no political outcast and she is certainly not to be pitied. Her position is a secure one. The moment of reaching her full political maturity will fall in a vital period of the new space era. The Swiss woman will then have an enviable position. For she will have more power and responsibility than women anywhere else in the world.—M.M.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

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☆ FROM TARANAKI comes the news that Brian Muller, of Eltham, has again been chosen as an All Black to tour South Africa this year. Of Swiss descent and a member of the Taranaki Club, Brian, a giant of a man weighing over 18 stone, was also selected to tour with the 1967 All Blacks to the British Isles and France.

☆ FROM AUCKLAND Roland Muller, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur W. Muller, 325 Hillsborough Road, Mt. Roskill, is achieving top marks in the sheet metal trade. He was awarded the coveted Challenge Trophy for the highest points in the trade certificate examinations recently.