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EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Once again, the menfolk of Switzerland have given their decision. For the very last time as sole participants, from now on they must vote together with their women.

They have given away our age-old heritage of bygone days when knights were bold and men were men, of which fact some of us (rightly or wrongly) were rather proud. Those who were in favour will say: "Was lange waehrt wird endlich gut", and those against will say: "Je nu, jezt haend die arme Seele Rue".

There is no doubt our world is changing, men are thinking different and it is perhaps harder for older men like me to change than for the younger generation. The result of this poll which was a complete reversal of the results in 1959, bears this out.

However, if this new setup proves to be to the good and to the welfare of our country, which is and has been my only concern, nobody will be happier and I will bury my hatchet for all times.

Arnold Biland.