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ANGLO-SWISS NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, visited Switzerland at the end of September. She showed keen interest in the International Textile Machinery Exhibition in Basle, and she was entertained by the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce. She also gave a press conference.

On 3rd October, "Little Nellie", an important object in the latest James Bond film "You only live twice", arrived in Switzerland by Swissair freight line. The unusual flying object, a kind of mini-helicopter, was built by Wing-Commander Kenneth Wallis. The inventor demonstrated his machine in several Swiss towns.

The Alexander Spengler Prize was awarded to the London medical practitioner Dr. Ian Gregg at the Second International Symposium on tuberculosis, climate, asthma, bronchitis at Davos early in October.

A banking consortium consisting of the Swiss Bank Corporation, the Swiss Credit Bank and the Union Bank of Switzerland, offered a credit of 450 million Swiss francs to the British Government. This was done in agreement with the Swiss National Bank; the loan is for the duration of one year.

[A.T.S.]

RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland:

Walter Mueller von Kulm (68) Basle, teacher at the Basle Conservatoire for 8 years, followed by an appointment as music teacher at the Teachers' Training College and from 1947 to 1964 Director of the Department Music School and Conservatoire of the Academy of Music; for 15 years conductor of the Basle Bach Choir, for 10 years Editor of the "Schweiz. Musik-paedagogische Blätter"; composer and writer.

Prof. Dr. ing. h.c. Reinhard Straumann (75), Waldenburg/Baselland, well-known industrialist; watch manufacturer who had his own research laboratory; established a new method of evaluating ski jumping; pioneer in the aerodynamic style; his norms for ski-jumps (1927) were included in the contest rules of the International Ski-ing Federation in 1932.

Laurent Aubry, Sainelégier, Clerk of the Court and *Betreibungsbeamte* of the Freiberge district; President of the National Horse Market of Saignelégier.

Pfr. Louis Blanc, Zug, for many years Minister in the large diaspora parish of Baar; President of the Diaspora Federation; in later years, he temporarily looked after the bilingual Swiss Community in Milan.

Samuel Gex (86), Lausanne, Editor of "Feuille d'Avis de Montreux" from 1910-1917; Editorial Secretary of the "Tribune de Lausanne" from 1917 to 1942; author of a comprehensive family register of the Benjamin Constant family.

Dr. med. Bernhard Lang (74), Langenthal, well known as author of medical and social essays; Socialist member in the Large Commune Council; humanist.

Edouard Ganzoni (82), Geneva, journalist, for many years in the Information Service of the League of Nations; Paris correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne" and later of the Agence Télégraphique Suisse in Paris (1945 to 1966); holder of the Order of Commander of the French Legion of Honour.

Karl Schaedler-Frei (90), Einsiedeln, former Cantonal Judge; in the Schwyz Tribunal since 1931.

Alfred Kuster (65), Berne, Federal *Jagdinspektor*, *Adjunkt* of the section for *Jagdwesen des Eidgenössischen Oberforstinspektorats*; died on his last service tour before retiring (Brienzer Rothorn).

Emil Junker (75), Basle, President of the Board of "Kohlenunion Geldner A.G." which he joined as Manager in 1926; member of many organisations concerned with fuel imports, forwarding and navigation; during the last war, he was Vice-President of the Inland Coal Syndicate.

Xaver Arnet (58), Zurich, Cantonal Councillor, for 20 years Secretary of the Christian/Socialist Party of the Canton of Zurich; Commune Councillor from 1946 to 1962; President of the R.C. Community of Zurich-Wiedikon.

Col. Roger Masson (73), Chardonne (from Veytaux), Chief of Information Service of the Swiss Army during World War II; studied military science at the ETH and history at Neuchâtel University; joined the federal service in 1917 as instruction officer; from 1928 to 1930 at the *Ecole Supérieure de Guerre* in Paris under General Giraud; various commands in Switzerland; in 1936, he was appointed Chief of Information in Berne; Commandant of Infantry Regiment 12 in the Ticino in 1940; from 1st March 1942, Brigadier and *Unterstabchef*; for 9 years full-time information chief, having to build up archives and documentation which were lacking; extremely important for Switzerland at that time; he retired in 1948; Honorary Citizen of Chardonne and Member of Honour of the Federation of Information Officers; since 1931 Editor of "Revue Militaire Suisse", and special correspondent on defence of the "Gazette de Lausanne"; member of the Foundation Council of the General Guisan Committee. (Perhaps readers would like to refer to the article "Switzerland's Testing War Years" based on a lecture by Dr. Paul Stauffer, Cultural Attaché at the Swiss Embassy, and published in issue 1523 on 12th May last).

[A.T.S.]

THE PROBLEMS FACING MODERN HOTEL-KEEPING DISCUSSED IN BASLE

IGEHO 67, the Second International Catering and Hotel Exhibition, will be held in Basle from 22nd to 28th November. In view of the increasing importance of the part played by hotels in modern life, the Swiss Hotel Association decided to join the committee of patrons of this exhibition, a step which has been followed by the "Association Internationale de l'Hôtellerie" in Paris. Consequently the scope of IGEHO 67 has been extended to include the hotel trade, and the section devoted to accommodation for tourists and travellers will now be treated just as fully as the catering problems. The overall picture given in Basle of the catering and hotel trade will be most effectively supplemented by a series of conferences, organised during the period of IGEHO. The impressive programme of these conferences will include 41 papers presented by experts from different European countries and dealing with various catering problems such as for example, principles of nutrition, catering for the armed services, emergency supply of food in the case of natural catastrophes, etc. A simultaneous interpreting service will enable delegates to the conferences to follow the discussions in any of the major languages.

[O.S.E.C.]