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RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

- Alfred Blailé (89), Neuchâtel, painter, President of the Association of Swiss Painters, Sculptors and Architects; well-known for difficult restorations; for many years member of the Federal Art Commission.
- Franz Burch (89), Schwandi/Sarnen, well-known politician; member of the Cantonal Council from 1922 to 1939; *Oberrichter* for many years; from 1939 to 1944 *Regierungsrat*; for 16 years member of the Executive Committee of the "Schweiz. Braunviehzuchtverband".
- Fritz Landolt (75), Naefels, for 25 years member of the Glarus *Landrat*, before being elected *Regierungsrat* in 1945; *Oberrichter* for 16 years.
- Ernest Trembley (95), Geneva, from 1903 to 1953 in Cairo as engineer in important position; several times delegated by the Federal Council to negotiate with Egyptian authorities at a time when Switzerland had no relations with Egypt; the formation of a Swiss Chamber of Commerce and the Evangelical Church in Cairo are due to him.
- Prof. Dr. Hans Graf (68), Waedenswil, well-known Lecturer on veterinary pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Zurich; for ten years at the "Tierärztliche Hochschule" in Berlin.
- Pasteur Janvier (57), Sion, Minister of the town's hospital.
- Ernst Marfurt (40), Basle, Sub-Manager of the Basle Transport Insurance Company.
- Dr. Jakob Mueller (72), Frauenfeld, lawyer and Councillor of States for the Thurgau since 1951.
- Dr. Leo Mueller (84), Basle, for eighteen years Director of the "Verband Schweizerischer Konsumvereine", after having been in the VSK Lucerne from 1907 to 1916 and in the agricultural department of the national organisation until he was put in charge in 1934.
- Louis Jaccottet (84), Bayonne (France), well-known engineer concerned with the construction of the Loetschberg and Hauenstein tunnels and on returning from working in Rumania, France, Italy and USSR, he was engaged in Lausanne on the Grande-Dixence barrage.
- Anton R. Badrutt (80), Lugano, well-known St. Moritz personality; Manager of the Kulm Hotel after fifteen years successful hotel-keeping in Egypt. (General Manager of the Upper Egyptian Hotel Association.)
- Dr. Werner Wieser (54), Basle; Police Captain in Basle Police Force since 1946, after service with the Federal Department in Berne.
- Prof. Maurice Roch (89), Geneva, well-known medical specialist and Professor at Geneva University whose Rector he was from 1932; died following a traffic accident.
- Jean Mussard (78), Lugano, ETH engineer and one of the great pioneers in the car assembly industry; Public Relations Manager of General Motors in Bienne; one of the initiators of the "peace agreement" in the metal industry; author.
- Colonel Oskar Schenker (76), Berne, former Commandant of *Waffenplatz* Berne.
- Pfarr-Resignat Gallus Staubli (74), Wil/St. Gall, for twenty years Dean of the *Priesterkapitel* Untertoggenburg; since 1943 member of the Administration Council.

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SWISSAIR NEWS

Swissair's accounts for 1966 show a rise in net profit to Fr.22,652,000.— (£1,870,000) from Fr.18,614,000.— (£1,533,000) in 1965. Total revenue advanced to approximately 700 million francs (£57.8 million) from 633.3 m. francs (£52.2m.) in the previous year.

In view of the current aircraft procurement programme Swissair's increase in the company's share capital is to be made from 175m. to 218.75 m. francs.

The increase will be effected by a rights issue of 125,000 new bearer shares of 350 francs (nominal) each, in the proportion of one new share for every four old registered shares held. Hitherto Swissair's capital has consisted only of registered shares. A banking consortium has underwritten the issue and will offer the new shares to registered holders from 5th to 18th May at Fr.400.— per share.

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Since 1st April, British United Airways handle all Swissair services operated from and to Gatwick Airport London. Swissair passengers will therefore be able to check in at the BUA Terminal at Victoria Station and use the terminal's facilities in general.

The new arrangements also include non-scheduled Swissair services using the airport and the airline's cargo handling at Gatwick.

Swissair is operating night flights to Basle, Geneva and Zurich from Gatwick, with a peak frequency of 17 flights weekly in each direction.

British European Airways continue to handle all Swissair flights at Heathrow as hitherto.

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A new joint Swissair/BEA all-cargo service is operated three times weekly in each direction between Manchester and Zurich. Subject to Government approval, flights will leave Manchester at 05.20 on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and Zurich at 23.35 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Like the six-times weekly all-cargo service operated jointly by BEA and Swissair between London and Zurich/Basle, The new service will be flown by DC-4 freighters on lease from Balair. They have a capacity of 8½ tons.

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The Spanish charter carrier Spantax S.A. has concluded an agreement with Swissair under which the latter carries out all maintenance and overhaul work on Spantax' Convair 990 Coronado EC-BJC.

The main overhauls are carried out at Swissair's engineering base at Zurich Airport. Swissair engineers will also perform the line checks at destinations served, mainly in Europe, including London and Manchester from April.

Spantax is the fifth airline at present using Swissair's technical services. The Zurich engineering base also overhauls the Coronados of the Lebanese carrier LIA, the Caravelles of Austrian Airlines, the DC-7C engines of SAS and the DC-9 engines of KLM.

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