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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KING PAUL

On the day of the Funeral in Greece, a Memorial Service for King Paul of the Hellenes was held in Berne. The representative of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Ecumenical Council in Geneva, Bishop Eilianos, officiated, assisted by the three Greek Orthodox priests of Lausanne, Zurich and St. Gall.

The Federal Council was represented by the President of the Confederation and Federal Councillors Chaudet and Wahlen, Federal Chancellor Dr. Osar, as well as Ambassador Micheli, Secretary-General of the Federal Political Department, and Minister Serra, Chief of Protocol.

The Federal Council was officially represented at the Funeral in Athens by the Swiss Ambassador in Greece.

The President of the Confederation, Federal Councillor von Moos, sent a telegram of condolence to King Constantin on the death of his father, and the Swiss Foreign Minister, Federal Councillor Wahlen, accompanied by Ambassador Micheli and Minister Serra of the Federal Political Department, paid an official visit of condolence to the Greek Ambassador in Berne, Monsieur Triantaphyllakos.

[A.T.S.]

RADIO AND TELEVISION IN SWITZERLAND

On 1st January 1964, there were 366,129 TV. viewers in Switzerland. During the month of January the number has gone up to 376,887 — Zurich alone registered 1,700 more viewers, Basle 1,181 and Geneva 1,174.

Of the total number of viewers, 270,433 are in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, 87,023 in the French-speaking part and 19,431 in the Ticino.

At the end of January, there were 1,584,154 wireless licences in Switzerland. About a quarter of these were telephone-radio licences and 34,806 belonged to rediffusion listeners.

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FEDERAL REVENUES

In 1963, federal revenue reached a new record amount of Fr.3,646,945,000.—, though this is only a slight increase over 1962 compared with the appreciable increase each previous year.

Revenue resulted from the following items (in million francs):

	1963	1962
Turnover tax	1,001.66	895.53
Import customs duties	908.40	893.01
Fuel duties	412.19	322.27
Defence tax	301.66	602.02
Stamp duty	242.59	231.94
Anticipated (withholding) tax ...	240.88	238.86
Tobacco tax	152.13	136.09
Customs tax increase on fuel	111.93	51.83
Tobacco import duty	91.59	81.88
Military service substitute tax	30.53	26.21
Beer tax	24.71	23.80
Luxury tax	0.07	0.20
Various taxes and duties	120.54	124.90

Customs duties showed a new record figure of Fr.1,537,590,000.— as against Fr.1,362,394,000.— in 1962.

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DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

Samuel Fisch (66), Kreuzlingen, music teacher.

Ernest Honegger (72), Zurich, musician, organist and director of music.

Hermann Hertel (67), Montreux, 'cellist and conductor.

Jose Belloni (64), Roncate (Mendrisiotto), sculptor, for many years in France and Tunisia.

Emil Thomann-Braun (82), Brienz, well-known wood sculptor.

Dr. Karl Stark (62), Zurich, Director of the Apologetical Institute of the Swiss Roman Catholic People's Association.

Msgr. Bernhard Sprecher (69), Taenikon/Aadorf (Thurgau), clerical writer.

Chaplain Alexander Salzmann (92), Grengiol (Valais), the senior Valais priest who was active in various parishes for sixty-seven years.

Abbé Joseph Francey (90), Sion, for sixty-two years priest of Vissoie; one of the well-known personalities of the Valais.

Gebhard Frei (76), Berne, former director of the Berner Oberland Bahnen.

Paul Blancpain (93), Fribourg, head of the brewery "Cardinal", initiator of the funicular in Fribourg, automobile pioneer and philanthropist, especially in the Protestant parish of the town.

Henri Humbert (79), La Chaux-de-Fonds, industrialist and for many years President of the Neuchâtel Reformed Church.

Carl Eggerling-Jaeger (74), publisher, politician and mountaineer.

Egon Stamm (56), Schleithem, publisher of the "Schleithemer Boten".

Jules Farine (55), Berne, lawyer, since 1934 head of the intercantonal drug and medicine control.

Dr. Walter Zumstein (74), Berne, lawyer.

Dr. Charles Urech (61), Neuchâtel, director of the Swiss Chemists' College since 1951.

Ernst Ryf (60), Zurich, director of the information centre for Swiss agricultural products.

Jacques Pfister-Erb (73), St. Gall, head of Pfister-Papier A.G. in Zurich.

Adolf Fuchs-Schuhmacher (73), Lucerne, for twenty-five years in charge of catering on the Lake of Lucerne boats.

Among the victims of the Laconia disaster there were two Swiss, Albert Treier (72), from Couvet, resident in Paris, and Frédy Brodard (20) from Pont-la-Ville, a ship's steward.

Among the centenarians who have recently died are:

Maria Grimm-Pfeilschiffer (100), Zurich.

Franz Baumgartner (100), Zurich.

Marie Bodenmann (100), St. Gall, former teacher in the Canton of Aargau, the oldest inhabitant of St. Gall.

Franz Doerig-Doerig (100), Appenzell, a former carpenter, the oldest inhabitant of Innerrhoden.

Eduard Schlup-Zimmerli (102), Bueren, the oldest inhabitant of the "Lake District".

Elise Wirth (102), Niederuzwil (St. Gallen), from Winterthur.

Hedwig Sallmann-Adolph (103), Basle, oldest inhabitant of the town.

Marie Grob-Suter (106), Amriswil (Thurgau), the oldest inhabitant of Switzerland.

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