

Danish state visit to Switzerland

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DANISH STATE VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark paid a State Visit to Switzerland. They arrived in Basle early on Monday, 13th September. Their Majesties were welcomed by the Swiss Foreign Minister, Federal Councillor Wahlen, the Chief of Protocol Monsieur Wetterwald, and members of the Basle Government, and their ladies. The Danish Ambassador to Switzerland, Madame Bodil Begtrup, and the Swiss Ambassador to Denmark, Monsieur Bernath, as well as Divisional Commander Hanslin, were also present. The party later left Basle by special train for Berne. The President of the Confederation, Federal Councillor Tschudi, and his wife welcomed the royal visitors at Berne-Kehrsatz station. With them were members of the Bernese Government, the Federal Chancellor and others.

A Reception took place at the Federal country estate "Lohn", followed by a visit to the Federal Palace. Unfortunately, owing to bad rain, the traditional drive in open landaus had to be cancelled, and the party travelled to the Houses of Parliament in nine limousines. A salute of twenty-one shots was fired from the Kleinen Schanze as the royal visitors arrived at the Bundesplatz. A mounted guard of honour (Eidgenössische Bereiterschwadron) presented arms, and President Tschudi and his wife received Their Majesties on the steps of the Federal Palace. After the Danish national anthem, the King inspected a guard of honour (Infantry recruits). The inside of the Palace had been transformed into a magnificent flower garden. All the members of the Federal Council were present at the official reception in the lobby of the National Council Hall. The President of the Confederation welcomed Their Majesties, and the King, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, replied.

Later that morning, the Swiss Federal President, the Foreign Minister and the Federal Chancellor reciprocated the official visit at the residence of the Royal couple at the "Lohn" estate, and the traditional gifts were presented.

In the afternoon, the King and Queen gave a reception for the Danish community in Switzerland. Three hundred guests attended the gathering at the Kursaal. Later that afternoon, foreign diplomats accredited in Switzerland were presented to Their Majesties.

In the evening, the Federal Council gave a banquet at the Historical Museum. The cold trout, oxtail soup, saddle of venison and *soufflé* were accompanied by a wine from Federal Councillor Chaudet's vinyard ("Rivaz le Grillon"). The President of the Confederation gave the toast of Their Majesties to which the King replied. Both speakers again referred to the close relationship between the two peoples. King Frederik also mentioned the valuable education the royal daughters had received during their studies in Switzerland.

On the second day of the State Visit, the two Foreign Ministers had discussions, the Queen drove to the Buergenstock in the company of Federal Councillor Schaffner and his wife, and President Tschudi accompanied King Frederik on an excursion to the Grimsel district and the Upper Valais. On the return journey from Brig to Kandersteg, His Majesty drove the modern AE 4/4 engine of the BLS railway. The weather on the second day could not have been better.

The Federal Council was entertained by the Danish King and Queen at a dinner at a hotel in Berne the same evening. Three Danish chefs had prepared the special meal.

That concluded the State Visit, and Their Majesties left Berne for Geneva the next day. A banquet at the

"Château du Parc de la Grange" was offered to the royal visitors by the Geneva authorities before they left Switzerland.

During and after the royal visit, "Danish Weeks" were held in Berne, and special exhibitions were arranged.

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The undermentioned disappeared or absent person or anyone able to provide information in respect of the same is hereby publicly requested to report his whereabouts within the period named below, failing which the disappeared or absent person shall be declared presumed deceased.

(Art. 35-38, ZGB)

District Court of Brugg

Gottfrey Charles **Zürcher-Weber**, b.1928, son of Gottfried and Lavinia *née* Percival, citizen of Trachselwald/BE, last known address at Schinznach-Bad, absent since 1956.

Deadline for reporting to the District Court of Brugg: 18th September 1966.

*District Court
Brugg*

RECENT DEATHS

On 27th August, the famous Swiss architect Le Corbusier was drowned while swimming off Roquebrune on the French Riviera. He was known the world over as an outstanding, if controversial architectural figure. Charles Edouard Jeanneret-Gris, as his real name was, hailed from La Chaux-de-Fonds where he was born in 1887. He settled in Paris in 1917. Until 1928 his work was signed Jeanneret; after this date he used the pseudonym Le Corbusier. He was the rare combination of painter and architect. The foundation of his work in both fields was the conception of space. During the 'thirties, he designed buildings all over the world. After the war he was on the board of consultants for the design of the Secretariat building of the United Nations. During the fifties he was engaged in building Chandigarh, capital city of the Punjab. He won first prize in the 1927 international competition for the design of the Palace of the League of Nations in Geneva, but his plan was not used. Among his many honours are honorary degrees from the Universities of Cambridge, Columbia and Zurich, and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; the French Legion of Honour and a special gold medal for distinguished service, which he received from Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

Founder of the avant-garde magazine "L'Esprit Nouveau" in 1920, he has also written a number of books including the six-volume "Oeuvre Complète".

His death has been given world-wide cover. Many English papers published prominent obituaries. The Federal Council was represented by the Swiss Ambassador to France at the Memorial Service in Paris.

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The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

Albert Minder (86), Burgdorf, author and painter of repute; well-known Socialist in his younger years.

Dr. Robert Jucker (56), Basle, lawyer; for many years Secretary of the Basle Section "Autogewerbeverband" and "Fuhrhalterverband" Basle.

Hans Wohnlich (64), Bischofszell, former teacher and since 1942 Bezirksstatthalter.