

# Recent deaths in Switzerland

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### RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

- Dr. med. Carlo Gianella (62), Lucerne, in charge of the *Frauenklinik* of the Lucerne Cantonal Hospital from 1937 till 1961.
- Karl Pistorius (68), Zurich, for many years popular tenor at the Zurich Opera House.
- Prof. D. phil. Willi Nef (89), St. Gall, teacher of German at the Cantonal School from 1907 to 1936; Lecturer at St. Gall University and author.
- Dr. Erich Tilgenkamp (68), Zurich, well-known balloon pilot, expert on aviation and travel writer; actively concerned in Prof Piccard's flights into the stratosphere; commentator on Swiss TV.
- Sutan Sjahrir, Zurich, first Prime Minister of Indonesia; lived in Switzerland since last summer and died in the Cantonal Hospital of Zurich.
- Albert Rheinwald (85), Geneva, author; one of the founders of the Geneva Society of Authors; member of the Swiss *Schriftstellerverein* and the "Société Européenne de Culture"; Lecturer at the "Ecole des Beaux Arts".
- Charles Blanc-Gatti (77), Riex (Vaud), painter, known as "Peintre des Sons".
- Charles Olivier (93), Bienne, President of the Swiss Retailers' Association and many other similar organisations; concerned in the formation of the "Gruppe Handel des Schweizerischen Gewerbeverbandes" and the consumers' magazine "Pro".
- Heinrich Berchtold (84), Moenchaltorf (Zurich), well-known wood sculptor.
- Eduard Amstad (89), Beckenried (Nidwalden), cheese wholeseller; member of the *Obergericht* and its President for some time; one of the founders of the aerial cableway Beckenried-Klewenalp.
- Dr. Otto Duebi (81), Solothurn, Managing-Director of "Sphinxwerke A.G.", Solothurn.
- Karl Knechtle (62), Appenzell, former *Landammann*; joined the Cantonal Government as *Zuegherr* (in charge of military matters) in 1947; *Armleutsaekelmeister* from 1953 and *Landammann* from 1961; member of the Bank Commission of the Innerrhoden Cantonal Bank.
- Ernest Béguin (88), Neuchâtel, one-time Councillor of State which he presided, also President of the Council of States and the Board of the SBB, as well as of the Liberal/Democratic Party of Switzerland; member of the Government for twenty years and of the Council of States from 1921 to 1942.
- Hans Marsilius Purrmann (86), Basle, well-known painter of German origin, but who lived at Montagnola.
- Albert Servaes (83), Lucerne, eminent painter of Flemish origin.
- Edouard Getaz (57), Vevey, since 1947 Chairman and Director of the firm Getaz-Romand-Ecoffey s.a. (over 100 years old); member of several Swiss economic organisations and of the board of the Lausanne/Ouchy funicular railway.
- Fridolin Stoeri (81), Basle, well-known, rather original figure in Basle politics during the 'thirties and 'forties.
- Robert Vorpe (66), Saint Imier, since 1930 at the watch-makers' and mechanics' college at St. Imier, whose Principal he became in 1947.
- Ernest Colliard (63), Geneva, in charge of District VI of the Swiss Customs Administration.
- Dr. iur. Otto Eisner (74), Zurich lawyer, emigrated to Switzerland in 1933; legal adviser in the "Fides-Treuhand-Vereinigung" in Zurich; expert on compensation

cases on which subject he wrote extensively in the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" and the "Schweizerische Juristenzeitung".

- Prof. Roger Secrétan (73), Lausanne, lawyer and expert on international law; for 35 years in the service of Lausanne University; author; since 1961 Honorary Professor of Lausanne University.
- Siegfried Hofstetter (95), Lucerne, the oldest inhabitant and citizen of Lucerne; a former tailor and later in charge of a tourist organisation.
- Paul Redard (78), Berne, former Chief of Section at the *Oberzolldirektion*; author of "Manuel pour l'Etude Méthodique des Principales Racines Gréco-Latines".
- Pfr. Peter Gredig (67), Basle, originally from the Grisons; from 1946 Minister at the Basle "Bürgerspital".

[A.T.S.]

### PESTALOZZI VILLAGE JUBILEE

On Sunday, 8th May, the Swiss Pestalozzi Children's Village celebrated its twentieth anniversary. The foundation stone had been laid on 28th April 1946. Today, the "village of peace" consists of several buildings and houses over 200 children from all parts of the world. Nearly eight hundred children have spent vital years in this international centre founded by the Swiss architect Walter Corti.

The founder and many personalities from Swiss public life attended the anniversary celebration to which the children themselves contributed by musical and other performances.

Dr. Corti said that unfortunately, ideologies still counted for more than human beings. Religions and Parties and other doctrines kept people apart. At the Pestalozzi Village, however, man was put above ideologies, and the endeavour was for a community of peace, freedom and friendship.

The Village newspaper "Freundschaft", written, edited and produced by the children themselves, was published as a special jubilee issue. It carried the coloured flags of the nations represented at the Village on the front page, surrounding their symbol, the ladybird on a four-leaved clover. The magazine, the sixtieth issue, contained contributions from grateful former inmates who have gone out into the world trying to follow the principles set by the Pestalozzi Village.

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