

# Letter from Switzerland

Objekttyp: **Group**

Zeitschrift: **The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK**

Band (Jahr): - **(1978)**

Heft 1738

PDF erstellt am: **03.05.2024**

## **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Inhalten der Zeitschriften. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern.

Die auf der Plattform e-periodica veröffentlichten Dokumente stehen für nicht-kommerzielle Zwecke in Lehre und Forschung sowie für die private Nutzung frei zur Verfügung. Einzelne Dateien oder Ausdrucke aus diesem Angebot können zusammen mit diesen Nutzungsbedingungen und den korrekten Herkunftsbezeichnungen weitergegeben werden.

Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. Die systematische Speicherung von Teilen des elektronischen Angebots auf anderen Servern bedarf ebenfalls des schriftlichen Einverständnisses der Rechteinhaber.

## **Haftungsausschluss**

Alle Angaben erfolgen ohne Gewähr für Vollständigkeit oder Richtigkeit. Es wird keine Haftung übernommen für Schäden durch die Verwendung von Informationen aus diesem Online-Angebot oder durch das Fehlen von Informationen. Dies gilt auch für Inhalte Dritter, die über dieses Angebot zugänglich sind.

Ein Dienst der *ETH-Bibliothek*  
ETH Zürich, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich, Schweiz, [www.library.ethz.ch](http://www.library.ethz.ch)

<http://www.e-periodica.ch>

# Letter from Switzerland

BY GOTTFRIED KELLER

Switzerland has two new magistrates to succeed Messrs. Brugger and Graber in the Federal Council. Their election in the Federal Chambers on 7th December went through so smoothly – it had been well prepared and programmed beforehand within the governmental political parties – that the actual happening in the Federal Palace has been dubbed the non-event of the year. The outcome, however, is satisfactory in every way, since the two elected politicians are known to be personalities of high standing and total integrity. They are Mr. Fritz Honegger (60) of Rüschlikon-Zürich, President of the Liberal-Democratic Party of Switzerland, and Mr. Pierre Aubert (50), lawyer, from La Chaux-de-Fonds and member of the Social-Democratic Party. They have both served in the second chamber of the Federal Parliament, the Council of States, for a number of years, after having occupied executive positions first in their boroughs and then in their respective cantons. As Messrs. Brugger and Graber will be vacating their seats on 31st

January 1978, the two new magistrates will take office on 1st February. The distribution of the Departments falls into the competence of the newly constituted Federal Council as such. At the moment of writing it is not, as yet, known whether there is going to be a “revirement” or not, or, in other words, who will be in charge of Public Economy and who of Foreign Affairs from 1978 onwards.

From the very moment when Mr. Brugger's plan to retire became known, his Zürichoï successor was as good as elected. The Canton of Zürich enjoys the traditional right – like the Canton of Berne – to send a representative into the highest executive in Berne and it has never been contested that it was up to the Liberal-Democratic Party to nominate him. Thus Mr. Honegger has had the smoothest possible passage. Amongst the Social-Democrats things went a little less sleekly, because at first four potential candidates were talked about and some even nominated by their local party organisations: Mr. Canonica, a Ticinese

living in Zürich, Mr. Meyland from Neuchâtel, Mr. Felber, Mayor of Le Locle, and finally Mr. Aubert. Mr. Meylan soon retired from the contest and Mr. Aubert won the nomination in a series of secret ballots.

The Federal Council – and indeed the Confederation – will be presided over by Mr. Willy Ritschard in 1978. Having scraped into the Federal Council four years ago by only two votes over the absolute majority, he has now become the most popular magistrate in the country. His naturalness, his earthiness and his absolute frankness have largely contributed to this.

## GENEVA – NEW HOTEL SERVICE

The Geneva Hotel Association has created a new hotel information and booking service inside Geneva-Cornavin railway station. The newly installed machine gives immediate information on the availability of accommodation, and by pressing a button the visitor will be connected direct by telephone with the hotel of his choice.

## SOLIDARITY HELPS YOU TO HELP YOURSELF

Forethought is better than welfare. So save, and safeguard your livelihood, with the Solidarity Fund of the Swiss Abroad.

(Gutenbergstrasse 6, CH-3011 Berne)



1872

# SWISS BANK CORPORATION

are pleased to announce the opening, on 1st February, 1978, of their

## Representative Office for Scotland

at 66 Hanover Street, Edinburgh EH2 1HH

Telephone: 031-225 9186/7 Telex: 72567

Resident Representative: Emil Dietlicher

Assistant Representative: Alan G. Stewart

SOCIETE DE BANQUE SUISSE SCHWEIZERISCHER BANKVEREIN  
SOCIETA DI BANCA SVIZZERA

Offices throughout Switzerland, in London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco,  
Bahrain, Singapore and Tokyo.