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# Swiss events in retrospect

## 27th October

In an aircraft disaster in Mexico, six Swiss people were killed, amongst them Mr Paul Gerber, delegate to the Commission of the Swiss Abroad.

## 28th October

A pleasant surprise: The Federal Office for Insurance announced that premiums for third-party liability insurance for cars would be lower by 6.2% in 1975.

## 3rd November

In the 21st competition «Diamond International Awards», the jeweller Guebelin received his sixth Oscar, namely with the attractive bracelet «Delphien» which is worn below the elbow.

The beautiful Castle of Cressier-sur-Morat was destroyed by fire. It was the home of Gonzague de Reynold. The damage was considerable.

## 6th November

The prize of «The Town of Sion» was awarded to Maurice Zermatten for his collected literary works.

## 7th November

The Federal Commission for the Investigation of Air Accidents announced that the air disaster of Hochwald, which caused 104 deaths on 10th April 1973, was due to unfavourable atmospheric conditions, technical shortcomings in the radio equipment of the aircraft and lack of co-operation amongst the crew.

## 12th November

It was learned from the last publication of figures issued by the Federal Office for Statistics that the number of births in Switzerland in the first half of 1974 had gone back considerably, i.e. by 1962 compared to the previous year.

In a friendly football match, Switzerland beat Portugal 3:0 at the Wankdorf Stadium in Berne in front of 12 800 spectators.

## 14th November

The paper «L'ordre professionnel» reported that expenditure by sickness insurances had gone up by 210% for medical treatment, by 259% for drugs and by 599% (six-fold) for hospital treatment between 1960 and 1972. This was due to the general increase in prices and wages.

## 15th November

The Boxer Fritz Chervet, ex-European Fly-weight Champion, beat his Spanish opponent Mariano Garcia in Geneva.

## 17th November

In the football championships of the National League A, Zurich became autumn champions on the 13th day. At the end of the season, the order of teams looks as follows: 1. Zurich, 2. Winterthur, 3. Sion, 4. Basle, 5. Servette, 6. Lausanne.

A representative of the Swiss watch industry announced that about 20 million fake Swiss wat-

ches had been made in Hong Kong in a year. Most of them had been sold in Asiatic countries.

## 18th November

The Swiss author Georges Borgeaud was awarded the «Théophraste Renaudot» 1974 Prize for his novel «Le voyage à l'étranger».

## 19th November

The Foundation «Pro Helvetia» which protects and promotes Swiss culture, announced that its financial difficulties had deteriorated so badly recently that its whole work is threatened.

Thanks to the campaign for the preservation of the largest boat in the Lake of Geneva fleet, the «Helvetia» will sail on the lake next summer.

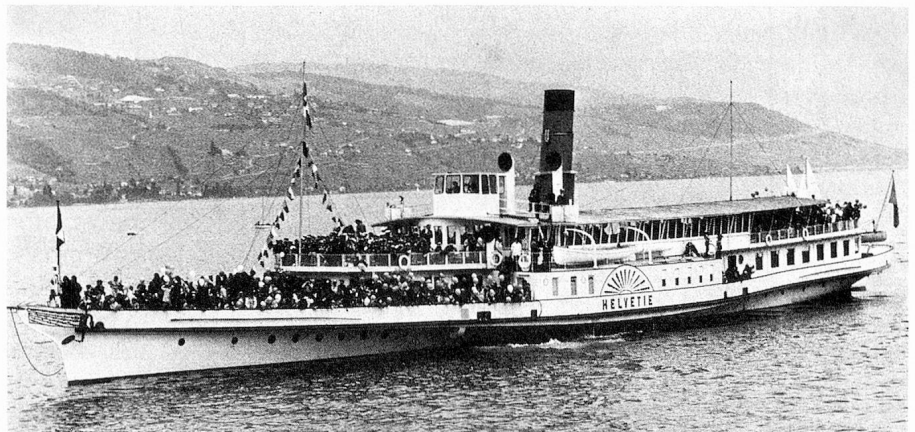
## 20th November

In order to support the Swiss franc, the Federal Council decided to levy a commission of 3% per quarter on foreign capital deposited in Switzerland. This was done retrospectively to 31st October.

## 21st November

The Swiss composer Frank Martin died unexpectedly at a nursing home in Naarden, Netherlands. He was 84.

Photo Maeder





Frank Martin †

### 27th November

In Geneva, 7000 international employees staged a strike during a morning to protest against the fate of retired employees in international public services, whose pensions were losing in value due to inflation and the fall in the dollar.

### 28th November

In Paris, Switzerland ratified the European Convention on Human Rights, and thus took a step of considerable political importance in the bringing about of a Europe based on the rule of Law.

### 30th November

The Swiss football team was beaten by Turkey 1:2 in the preliminary round for the European championships. The match took place in Izmir.

### 1st December

Dr. Roland Doerig from Zurich was awarded the Grand Prix at the Inventors' fair in Geneva for his apparatus for conserving and transporting living organs.

### 2nd December

The former Federal Councillor Max Weber, decisively responsible for modern Swiss history, died in Berne at the age of 77.

### 8th December

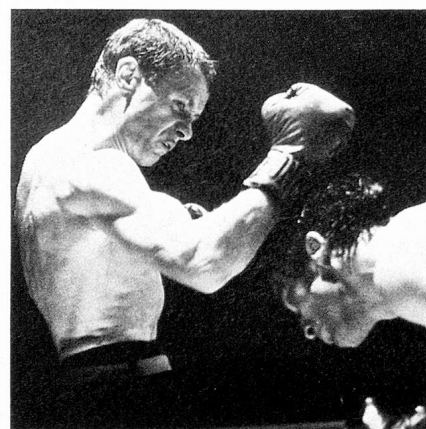
An unpleasant day of federal plebiscites, ending in a triumph of rejections. (See page 7.)

### 9th December

Once more, a Swiss author is awarded a literary prize. Claude Delarue from Geneva received the «Prix Hermes» for his novel «La lagune».

### 16th December

The members of the Federation of Swiss Sports Journalists decided on the sports personalities of the year. The racing driver Clay Re-



Fritz Chervet in action. (Keystone)

gazzoni and the skier Lise-Marie Morerod from Les Diablerets were chosen for most important personal achievements.

### 26th December

The boxing competition at the Wankdorf Stadium in Berne ended in victory for the «Buehler-Team»; Fritz Chervet, Max Hebeisen, Eric Nussbaum and Armin Rindlisbacher all defeated their opponents.

### 29th December

Two second-hand buses had been bought in Zurich and began to operate in Zermatt, much to the annoyance of opponents to motor traffic in the famous winter resort.

## The Canton of Zug

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The Zug Country lies in the transition zone between the Midlands and the Pre-Alps, at the beginning

of Central Switzerland. Its landscape is rich in variety: The Lakes of Zug and Aegeri, extensive woods and hills with relaxing hiking areas such as the Gottschalkenberg, the Zugerberg, the Rossberg with its protected surroundings of the landslide above Goldau in 1806. At the centre of the pretty villages lies the medieval yet very enlightened lakeside-town of Zug. It was awarded the standard of