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The 66th Comptoir Suisse
will take place at the Palais de
Beaulieu in Lausanne

from 7th to 22nd September 1985

This year, Tunisia will be the guest of honour at this big Swiss economic show, as well as the two Cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Land. As a region of a neighbouring country, the Bretagne will be presented, and the special show is devoted to the television services of Western Switzerland.

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Results of the Competition

The competition organized by the Solidarity Fund, which was published in the December 1984 issue of this periodical, was very successful.

By the qualifying date, we had received 1504 answers from 66 countries. Unfortunately, many answers arrived too late.

We should like to thank our compatriots abroad for their interest and the enthusiasm evident in their participation.

706 people sent the correct answers which had to be as follows:

1. William Tell
2. Madame Tussaud (Marie)
3. Murten
4. Le Corbusier
5. 1958
6. Bellinzona
7. St. Peter
8. Geneva
9. Grande-Dixence or Lac des Dix
10. Basle
11. Dürrenmatt (Friedrich)
12. Tarasp
13. Giacometti (Alberto)
14. Herzog (Hans)

The most frequent mistake we found, was in the answer concerning General Herzog. Many participants confused him with Dufour. One person participant actually managed to get 13 wrong answers out of 14, followed by two more with 12 mistakes each. These three compatriots will receive a consolation prize – a book on Switzerland!

The number of compatriots who asked for documentation regarding the Solidarity Fund was

790.

The **first prize** went to Mrs Marie Louise Rueck from Norrköping in Sweden, whose estimated number was 792. Congratulations!

We wish her a pleasant trip to Switzerland and enjoyable holidays in the Ticino.

The **second prize**, a stay of one week in Interlaken during the Assembly of Swiss Abroad in 1985, as well as an admission card to this event, went to Hildegard Kavanagh from Marondera, Zimbabwe. We are looking forward to welcoming our compatriot in August.

The **third prize** was won by Mrs Marcelle Welthagen from Kalamund, Australia, a three-day stay at Crans-Montana (Valais) and a free travel voucher in Switzerland.

The other happy winners are:

4th prize: Mrs Ida Haenni from Wittelsheim, France: a week at Adelboden.

5th prize: Mr Alfred Wenger from Hemptinne, Belgium: a return flight Zurich–Geneva.

6th prize: Mrs Renata Janner-Zoppi from Malden, Netherlands: an elegant gold-plated quartz watch with moonphases.

7th prize: Mrs Julie Cometta from Rhode Island, USA: a large musical box.

8th prize: Mr Gilles Robadey from Mirabeau, France: a week-end at Grindelwald.

9th prize: Mrs Irene Frosolone from Niagara Falls, New York, USA: a week-end at Engelberg.

10th prize: Mr Joseph P. Schwitter from Albuquerque, New Mexico: a lovely musical box.

Additional prizes:

A quartz watch each:

11. Marcel Georges Rist from Kamakura City, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan
12. Robert Mettler from Essen, Germany
13. Ursula Giger Pace from St. Sauveur, Que., Canada
14. Martha Hertkopt from Solingen, Germany
15. Alfred Gottfried Bruder from Kensington, South Africa

A pendant in the shape of a silver bar:

16. Kay Moody Winzenried from Dallas, Texas, USA
17. Jean Freymond from Maynooth, Ontario, Canada
18. Danielle Boesch from Strasbourg, France
19. Max Bissegger from Surrey, Canada
20. Bertie Wizla-Caduff from Lens, France
21. Jeannette Gilbert from Brussels, Belgium
22. Hanna Mittmeijer-Roy from Zeist, Netherlands
23. Ruth Meier from Ilomantsi, Finland
24. Jean Studer from Rosny-s-Bois, France
25. Elisabeth Billeter from Braunschweig, Germany

A richly illustrated book on Switzerland:

26. Elfriede Mc Donald from Demarest, USA
27. Franz-Xaver Kaufmann from Bielefeld, Germany
28. Daniel Schmutz from Vienna, Austria
29. Hanna Burckardt from Wiesbaden, Germany
30. Gabrielle Weigand-Matthey from Nuremberg, Germany
31. Arturo Truninger from Demarest, New York, USA
32. Alena Peterson from Pleasant Bay, N.S., Canada
33. Christoph Mauracher from Victoria, B.C., Canada
34. Alain Dollfus from Paris, France
35. Walter Angst from Silver Spring, MD, USA
36. Jean Laville from Troyes, France
37. Viviane Mulet from Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, USA
38. Hans Heinrich Schälchlin from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
39. Père Basile Grolimund from Daphni Aghiou Orous, Mt. Athens, Greece
40. Karin Frohlich from Alpine, New York, USA
41. Doris Wieler from Jerusalem, Israel
42. Aquinata Buschauer from Königstein, Germany
43. Anita Bigosinski from Alpine, New York, USA
44. Marie Theres Pearson from London, England
45. Mathilde Aeschbach from Austin, Texas, USA

A musical box in the shape of a Swiss chalet:

46. Elisabeth Wunderli from Papua, New Guinea
47. Nicolas de la Cruz from Bariloche, Argentine
48. Adrian Beer from Madrid, Spain
49. Jocelyne Schmidt from Seevetal, Germany
50. Mary Geiser from Cte Compton, P. Q., Canada
51. Charles Elsener from Nevers, France
52. Klaus Haberland from Hamburg, Germany
53. Hans Rudolf Billeter from Braunschweig, Germany
54. Eva A. Bollinger from San Rafael, CA, USA
55. Hans Müller from Barcelona, Spain

A beautiful china plate:

56. Hans Hodel from Surrey, BC, Canada
57. Geneviève Dionne from Sudbury, MA, USA
58. Max Herrmann from Ostercappeln, Germany

60. Jean Metzger from St. Maurice-Colombier, France

A Swatch watch:

61. Klaus-Peter Huber, Ottawa, ONT., Canada
62. Aloysio Janner from Malden, Netherlands
63. Henry Chramoy from Savyon, Israel
64. Ines Hanly from Balboa Island, CA., USA
65. René Lawrence from London, England
66. Isabel Schmidt from Quilmes, Argentine
67. Anna-Maria Janner from Malden, Netherlands
68. Luise Gaballa from Heliopolis, Kairo, Egypt
69. Marc Robert-Nicoud from Longueuil, QUE, Canada
70. Jean-François Laville from Troyes, France
71. Hans Gremlich from Soest, Germany
72. Claude Berthoud from Kamuela, HI, USA
73. Elisa Braunschweiler from Tampara, Finland
74. Simone Navarro from Mill Valley, CA, USA
75. Sharon Lynette Erny from Mildura, Australia

A Swiss army knife:

76. Frédéric Laville from La Chapelle St. Luc, France
77. Jean Nordmann from Pessac, France
78. Marie-Helene Jöllinger from Leoben, Austria
79. Verena Geiges-Zweifel from Starfen/Brgg., Germany
80. Claudette Stulz from Pennsauken, New York, USA
81. Marjorie Delemont from Mc Henry, Illinois, USA
82. Margaretha Ruff from Petaluma, CA., USA
83. Gertrud H. Endig from Los Angeles, CA., USA
84. Nicole Lechat from Johannesburg, South Africa
85. Marcelo Lavallaz from Martinez, Argentina
86. Bigna Nguyen-Grieder from Lambersart, France
87. Emanuel Rey from Thornleigh, Australia
88. Kathrin Wittwer from Essen, Germany
89. Hugo G. Guggenheim from Silver-Spring, MO., USA
90. Carmen Gamper de Alemann from Buenos Aires, Argentina

A small musical box:

91. Dora Riniker from Swan View, Australia

92. Susanne Gerling-Keel from Sao Leopoldo Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
93. Ben Wyss from Boulder Colo., USA
94. Olga Arnet from Kiama-Downs, Australia
95. Marie-Anna Robadey from Paris, France
96. Elisabeth Drevikovsky from Lugarno, Australia
97. Dominique Mollet from Yaoundé, Kameroun
98. Franz Brandenburg from London, England
99. Luisa Janner from Malden, Netherlands
100. Marcela Gattiker from Buenos Aires, Argentina

An amusing game for the whole family:

101. Manuel de la Cruz from Bariloche, Argentina
102. Hans Oesterle from Tripoli, Libya
103. Birgit Wyss from Boulder, Colo., USA
104. Emma Seiler from Johannesburg, South Africa
105. Margretha Rockensuess from Kassel, Germany
106. Hans-Otto Grob from Neuental, Germany
107. Johannes Grob from Neuental, Germany
108. Annemarie Müller from Mississauga, ONT., Canada
109. Mogli Frederick Lenz from Leeds, Yorkshire, England
110. Kaoru Erismann from Amagasaki, Japan
111. Stéphane Albert Tyč from Harvard University, Cambridge Mass., USA
112. Felix Schmid from Manchester, England
113. Urs Lustenberger from Yaoundé, Kameroun
114. Rosmarie Szollar from Bludenz, Austria
115. Susanne Wegmann from Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia
116. Sonia Lena Merkel from Sao Paulo, Brazil.
117. Mary Hug from Smithers B.C., Canada
118. Peter Hausermann from Gladstone, Australia
119. Stéphanie Billeter from Braunschweig, Germany
120. Charlotte Kuelzer from Cambridge, MA, USA
121. Yvonne Hirsch from Wittelsheim, France
122. Denise Karlen from Neuilly sur Seine, France
123. Oscar Albert from Olivos, Argentina
124. Chantal Oubre from Orgon, France
125. Karl Luthard from Los Altos, CA., USA

Result of the Competition for the Pupils of Swiss Schools Abroad

The competition of the Solidarity Fund was also open to all the pupils of the Swiss schools abroad.

Unfortunately a number of schools could not take part in the competition within the time allowed for various reasons, specially due to difficulties with the

postal and customs authorities. In spite of these problems we received 717 answers by 15th April 1985. Of these, 647 were absolutely correct. (You will find the right answers on the previous page).

The answer to the additional question was **647**.

It is due to the following organizations that the competition prizes could be awarded. On behalf of the Swiss abroad, we should like to express sincere thanks for their support and generosity:

*Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad
Organization of Swiss Abroad
Auxiliary Committee of the Swiss Schools Abroad
Swiss National Tourist Office
Tourist Offices of the Ticino, Interlaken, Crans-Montana, Adelboden, Grindelwald, Engelberg
Swissair
Swiss Credit Bank (small silver bars)
ETA Company Grenchen (Swatch watches)
General Management of the PTT (postage stamps)*

In addition, every winner will also receive a T-shirt with the logo of «5th Switzerland.»

The **first prize** went to Antonio Lazaro from Madrid, Spain, who won a watch and a silver-plated ballpen.

The **second prize**, a silver-plated ballpen and a beautifully illustrated book on Switzerland, went to Jean-Michel Santiago Tettamanti from Madrid, Spain.

The **third prize** was won by Martha Lucia Santana from Bogota, Columbia: a silver-plated ballpen and an instructive and amusing game on Switzerland.

We wish to thank all participants and congratulate the winners. As promised, 300 pupils will receive

the following prizes: watches, silver-plated ballpens, games, records, books and Swiss stamps.

The other winners are:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| 4. Perret-Gentil Ingrid, Bogota | 50. Tommaso Paolo, Milan | 96. Gonzales Sergio, Bogota | 140. Chaparro Mauricio, Bogota |
| 5. Gonzalez Andriana, Bogota | 51. Vega Mariangela, Bogota | 97. Sciorille Géraldine, Bogota | 141. Parra Andres, Bogota |
| 6. Ulloa Claudia Patricia, Bogota | 52. Mare Lucia, Bogota | 98. Querutin Cristina, Bogota | 142. Escobar Marciana, Bogota |
| 7. Galliath Carlos, Bogota | 53. Juan Camilo, Bogota | 99. Morales Maria Camila, Bogota | 143. Contreras Marcela, Bogota |
| 8. Plaza Alberto, Madrid | 54. Pelaez Camilo, Bogota | 100. Almansa Ma. Teresa, Bogota | 144. Farcia Oscar, Bogota |
| 9. Pinol Juan-Ramon, Bogota | 55. Bernal Francisco, Bogota | 101. Kunzli Ralf, Bogota | 145. De la Torre Carlos, Bogota |
| 10. Espinosa Marcela, Bogota | 56. Wiesner Maria Camila, Bogota | 102. Sotelo Jorge, Bogota | 146. Rivera Angela, Bogota |
| 11. Martinez Jimena, Bogota | 57. Correal Juan Mauricia, Bogota | 103. Monici Marco Claudio, Bogota | 147. Gomez Alvaro Andres, Bogota |
| 12. Diaz Dario, Bogota | 58. Arango Francisco, Bogota | 104. Blanco Paola, Bogota | 148. Jacome José Alejandro, Bogota |
| 13. Politi Sandra, Bogota | 59. Maron Juliana, Bogota | 105. Iglesias Edgardo, Bogota | 149. Mejia Felipe, Bogota |
| 14. Mooser Michael, Mexico | 60. Ortiz Maria del Rosario, Bogota | 106. Hernandez Sandra, Bogota | 150. Caycedo Adriana, Bogota |
| 15. Boesch Pierre, Bogota | 61. Meier Eric, Mexico | 107. Bejarano Mary Alexandra, Bogota | 151. Jiménez Natalia, Bogota |
| 16. Restrepo Juliana, Bogota | 62. Espinosa Alejandro, Bogota | 108. Trujillo Ana Maria, Bogota | 152. Luque Juan Pablo, Bogota |
| 17. Pinamonti Dirk, Milan | 63. Mantilla Martha, Bogota | 109. Versuryvel Felipe, Bogota | 153. Zürcher Claude, Bogota |
| 18. Rossi Maxi, Milan | 64. Gonzalez Alejandro, Bogota | 110. Mejia José Manuel, Bogota | 154. Pelaez Ana Maria, Bogota |
| 19. Antonini Claudio, Milan | 65. Garavito Lorenzo, Bogota | 111. Galvis Lina Maria, Bogota | 155. Gaviria Carlos, Bogota |
| 20. Upegui Angelo, Bogota | 66. Devis Luis Enrique, Bogota | 112. Fernandez Carlos, Bogota | 156. Ibanez Rodrigo, Bogota |
| 21. Sciuto Angiola, Milan | 67. Lazano Ana Maria, Bogota | 113. Barrios Laura, Bogota | 157. Lopez Ma. Claudia, Bogota |
| 22. Fonnegra Nathalia, Bogota | 68. Luque Ma. Margarita, Bogota | 114. Gutiérrez Guadalupe, Bogota | 158. Anciniegas Silvia, Bogota |
| 23. Artaria Christian, Milan | 69. Posada Miguel, Bogota | 115. Bravo Luis Carlos, Bogota | 159. Plaza Muria, Bogota |
| 24. Medina Eduardo, Bogota | 70. Suescin Mauricio, Bogota | 116. Largacha Juanita, Bogota | 160. Cortes Andres Felipe, Bogota |
| 25. De Oliveira Claudia, Bogota | 71. Bottagisio Véronique, Bogota | 117. Villate Eduardo, Bogota | 161. Borrero Alejandro, Bogota |
| 26. Diaz Maria Fernanda, Bogota | 72. Heeb Stephan, Bogota | 118. Röthlisberger Monica, Bogota | 162. Acevedo Alejandro, Bogota |
| 27. Gomez Pablo, Bogota | 73. Eichmann Alain, Bogota | 119. Orojco Ma. Catalina, Bogota | 163. Verstraete Matthieu, Bogota |
| 28. Hoyos Carlos, Bogota | 74. Gallo Paola, Bogota | 120. Montaya Maria Paula, Bogota | 164. Ortega Claudia, Bogota |
| 29. Cadena Felipe, Bogota | 75. Gomez Cristina, Bogota | 121. Pablo Rojas, Bogota | 165. Viquerat Pascale, Bogota |
| 30. Varon Natalia, Bogota | 76. Carrizosa Alejandro, Bogota | 122. Martinez Maria Lucia, Bogota | 166. Marquez Lina, Bogota |
| 31. Navarro Olga, Bogota | 77. Escobar Andres, Bogota | 123. Sanchez Maria Paula, Bogota | 167. Politi Francesca, Bogota |
| 32. De Oliveira Claudia, Bogota | 78. Noormann Anamaria, Bogota | 124. Lira Claudia, Bogota | 168. Zerda Jaanita, Bogota |
| 33. Herazo Sandra, Bogota | 79. Bernhard Marta, Bogota | 125. Rodriguez Amalita, Bogota | 169. Perea Natalia, Bogota |
| 34. Guggisberg Alex, Milan | 80. Marti Carol, Bogota | 126. Contreras Juan, Bogota | 170. Aroldi Christian, Bogota |
| 35. Guye Vivianne, Bogota | 81. Posada Andres, Bogota | 127. Pulido Diana, Bogota | 171. Schoch Yves, Mexico |
| 36. Hegg Danilo, Milan | 82. Vélez Sergio Alejandro, Bogota | 128. Gaviria José, Bogota | 172. Largacha Mauricio, Bogota |
| 37. Alfonso Léon, Bogota | 83. Zürcher Nicolas, Bogota | 129. Leyva Felipe, Bogota | 173. Santiago Vallejo, Madrid |
| 38. Alessia Abello, Bogota | 84. Caballero Susana, Bogota | 130. Correa Diego, Bogota | 174. Salazar Camila, Bogota |
| 39. Jacober Ivan, Milan | 85. Benninghoff Federico, Bogota | 131. Sanchez Andres Felipe, Bogota | 175. Ortega Maria Clara, Bogota |
| 40. Castellanos Paula, Bogota | 86. Diaz Ana Maria, Bogota | 132. Garcia Ignacio, Bogota | 176. Lötscher Helena, Bogota |
| 41. Orsi Alessandro, Milan | 87. Siegle Gong-Joo, Mexico | 133. Gomez Sebastian, Bogota | 177. Scioville Luis Fernando, Bogota |
| 42. Burgi Luigi, Milan | 88. Villamarin Sandra, Bogota | 134. Sotelo Miguel Angel, Bogota | 178. Ramirez Carlos, Bogota |
| 43. Restelli Cinzia, Milan | 89. Nieto Genoveva, Bogota | 135. Pinol Antonio, Bogota | 179. Laverde Juan Carlos, Bogota |
| 44. Bertoní Chiara, Milan | 90. Valenzuela Cristina, Bogota | 136. Fernandez Vanessa, Bogota | 180. De la Pena Oliver, Mexico |
| 45. Ferrari Maria Paula, Milan | 91. Ananda Alberto, Bogota | 137. Sarmiento Ana Maria, Bogota | 181. Moser Laura, Bogota |
| 46. Censi Elisabetta, Milan | 92. Ibanez Ana Maria, Bogota | 138. Amore Juanita, Bogota | 182. Fajardo Mauricio, Bogota |
| 47. Lopez Lina Maria, Bogota | 93. Piedrohita Lina, Bogota | 139. Carvajal Carolina, Bogota | 183. Kreie Katja, Bogota |
| 48. Fantín Davide, Milan | 94. Aciatizabal Natalia, Bogota | | |
| 49. Biressi Giovanni, Milan | 95. Audriguez Juan Camilo, Bogota | | |

184. **Quintero** Jose, Bogota
 185. **Mejia** Juan Pablo, Bogota
 186. **Vollono** Valeria, Bogota
 187. **Tobon** Paula, Bogota
 188. **Cotrino** Andres, Bogota
 189. **Paredes** Juan, Bogota
 190. **Röthlisberger** Alexandra, Bogota
 191. **Canasco** Carlos, Mexico
 192. **Vilalta** Nikolaus, Mexico
 193. **Straub** Barbara, Mexico
 194. **Garcia Moreno** Astrid, Mexico
 195. **Mendoza** Luisa Fca, Bogota
 196. **Pacheco** Andrea, Bogota
 197. **Gomez** Claudia, Bogota
 198. **Posada** Angela, Bogota
 199. **Villamizar** Alejandra, Bogota
 200. **Gutierrez** José Pompilio, Bogota
 201. **Camacho** Roberto, Bogota
 202. **Gustavo** Adolfo, Bogota
 203. **Urdareta** Guillermo, Bogota
 204. **Coplace** Priscille, Bogota
 205. **Deletra** John, Bogota
 206. **Amore** Claudia, Bogota
 207. **Kuster** Maja Luzinde, Bogota
 208. **Pena** Zimena, Bogota
 209. **Rico** Adriana, Bogota
 210. **Lopez** Rafael, Bogota
 211. **Nino** Jimena, Bogota
 212. **Grigalivnas** Linas, Bogota
 213. **Koller** Johann, Bogota
 214. **Carrillo** Adriana, Bogota
 215. **Serrano** Nicolas, Bogota
 216. **Calderori** Andres, Bogota
 217. **Higuera** Juan Sebastian, Bogota
 218. **Moure** Benjamin, Bogota
 219. **Jumenez** Andres, Bogota
 220. **Wind** Mariana, Mexico
 221. **Lopez** Marcela, Bogota
 222. **Escobar** Natalia, Bogota
 223. **Matallana** Ana Maria, Bogota
 224. **Arango** Luis Enrique, Bogota
 225. **Pinilla** Jorge Arturo, Bogota
 226. **Bhatti** Luresch, Mexico
 227. **Boker** Andres, Mexico
 228. **Decaillet** Sylvie, Bogota
 229. **Pabon** Mauricio, Bogota
 230. **Williams** Jorge, Bogota
 231. **Santiago** Riler, Bogota
 232. **Bönegi** Cesar, Mexico
 233. **Monici** Paula Daniela, Bogota
 234. **Garcia** Sandra, Bogota
 235. **Willy** Augusto, Bogota
 236. **Santiago** Bravo, Bogota
 237. **Garanito** Juan Pablo, Bogota
 238. **Schultze** Juan Francisco, Bogota
 239. **Camargo** César Alejandro, Bogota
 240. **Röthlisberger** Diego Garcia, Bogota
 241. **Garcia** Josué, Mexico
 242. **Bateman** Anamaria, Bogota
 243. **Zavala** Arturo, Mexico
 244. **Borda** Maria Fernanda, Bogota
 245. **Torre** Paola, Bogota
 246. **Galuis** Mauricio, Bogota
 247. **Medina** Alberto, Bogota
 248. **Mendoza** Maria Fernanda, Bogota
 249. **Varon** Ximena, Bogota
 250. **Alvarez** Irene, Mexico
 251. **La Rota** Cristina, Bogota
 252. **Coral** Juan Carlos, Bogota
 253. **Glauninger** Andreas, Bangkok
 254. **Saladin** Patrick, Bangkok
 255. **Witt** Carolina, Bangkok
 256. **Velasco** Sandra, Bogota
 257. **Schurter** Marcela, Bogota
 258. **Gonzales** Ana Maria, Bogota
 259. **Volpers** Walter, Mexico
 260. **Sorachet** Uraiphan, Bangkok
 261. **Malo** Mauricio, Mexico
 262. **Caceres** Jorge, Bogota
 263. **Williams** Mario, Bogota
 264. **Diaz** Liliana, Bogota
 265. **Salamanca** Bernardo, Bogota
 266. **Botero** Catalina, Bogota
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 278. **Forero** Carolina, Bogota
 279. **Rutishauser** Sabine, Madrid
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 286. **Umona** Nicolas, Bogota
 287. **Christoph** Ninja, Bangkok
 288. **Laverde** Carolina, Bogota
 289. **Ressel** Dirk, Bogota
 290. **Kessler** Daniela, Mexico
 291. **Von Allmen** Alexandra, Mexico
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 294. **Müller** Roland, Bangkok
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 298. **Lippuner** Nicole, Bogota
 299. **Mendoza** Alejandra, Bogota
 300. **Borrero** Catalina, Bogota

Baba Maggi – the doctor of the tropical forest

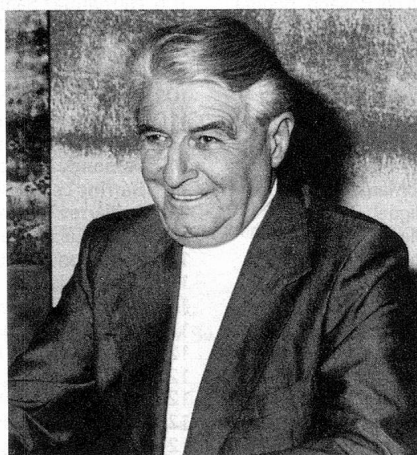
It all began over 36 years ago ...

Almost a fairy-tale.

Giuseppe Maggi was the son of an engineer who taught him a different handicraft or trade every summer holiday; after a happy childhood in the Ticino and effortless studies in Lausanne and Paris, as well as a few years of practical work in the Canton of Neuchâtel and the Ticino, Maggi suddenly felt the call to go to Africa – as he confessed later, he wanted to see the Kilimandjaro.

Thus he has been in Tanganyika since 1948 as doctor and director of a hospital in the service of the Mission of White Brethren. He got to know the black continent and above all its inhabitants, and this became quite a passion. He also had to face all kinds of sicknesses, those from Europe as well as tropical diseases.

Quick action became vital. There was only one thing that mattered to him: to keep thousands of



people from a dark and certain death. In 1952, he left Tanganyika and went to the Cameroons. There, in the heart of the tropical forest, near Duala, he started work of which nobody ever heard. He built a hospital with his own hands, the first of a long row. In fact, no sooner had he finished one and made it operational, he handed it over to the

local diocese and moved on. Year by year he went on, further north, in stages of 150–200 km, and everywhere he left new hospitals and emergency stations. After St. André it was Omwan in 1956, next Tokombéré in 1959. He might possibly have remained there were it not for a hard blow fate dealt him which later turned out to be a bit of luck for him – a big fire destroyed his work, his house, everything except his glasses!

This dramatic night meant a turning-point in the life of Giuseppe Maggi. The news of the fire spread throughout Europe and also to Switzerland. Several charitable organizations got involved and collected money. Dr. Maggi rebuilt the hospital of Tokombéré, better than before. Since then he has not been alone, his name became known and he knew that help was there for him.