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The parliament building in Bern (dome) houses the new Federal Assembly (photo: Michael von Graffenried).  
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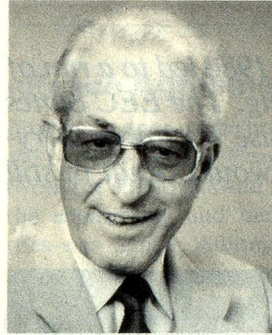
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## Editorial

# Take the opportunity!



*A long-felt wish of the Swiss Abroad comes true: a favourable health insurance scheme for our fellow-citizens abroad who return to Switzerland for good or who stay only a few days or weeks in the homeland.*

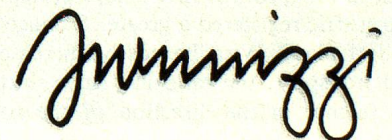
*Many Swiss living abroad have complained that, on their definitive return to Switzerland, the cost of joining a Swiss sickness fund is almost prohibitive, especially for applicants well advanced in years. And the social agreements between*

*Switzerland and various other countries certainly do not enable this yawning gap in our social insurance system to be closed.*

*From 1st January 1988 this will change. For almost 30 years now, the Solidarity Fund for the Swiss Abroad has been performing the task of rendering material rehabilitation assistance to compatriots abroad who have lost their livelihood as a result of political events. Further, members of the Fund benefit from advantageous and secure savings facilities in Switzerland.*

*Now the Solidarity Fund has found a solution which will help to meet the long-cherished wish of the Swiss Abroad for better prospects of joining our sickness insurance system. And it has found an ideal partner in the shape of the Grütli Krankenkasse.*

*On the occasion of the Assembly of the Swiss Abroad in Weinfelden on 22nd August 1987, the President of the Solidarity Fund, Dr. Hans J. Halbheer, and the Manager of the Swiss Grütli Sickness Fund, Rudolf Brühlhart, signed a set of agreements of great importance for the social security of Swiss abroad. The accords allow the members of our Fund admission to the Grütli on as favourable (and affordable) terms and conditions as if they had always been insured in Switzerland (see advertisement on page 10). Take this chance, dear countrymen and countrywomen, which is offered to you exclusively as members of the Solidarity Fund, and join the Fund and the new insurance scheme.*



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