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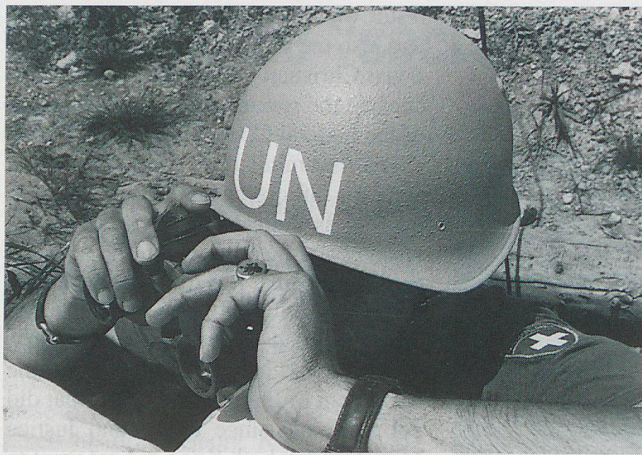
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Aspect of a new security policy or disregard for Christian teaching and the popular will? Opinions diverge sharply on deployment of Swiss blue helmets. (Photo: Keystone)

Praise and criticism

Thanks very much for an excellent SR 1/93 and particularly the map 'Swiss throughout the World'. I have been living here in America's Wild West for 40 years, but this is the first time that I've felt a real link with that great family, the Fifth Switzerland all over the world.
M.B. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, USA

Very good was the women's number SR 3/93; please carry on! Something's really happening!
Paul Dorn, Hamburg, Germany

Congratulations and thanks to the whole Swiss Review team. I've been reading the magazine for years, and it enables me to keep in touch with the country's problems.
A. Chevalier, Garches, France

Thank you very much for sending me Swiss Review. I just received my first copy – I read the articles with great interest. It brings me closer to my country, I am grateful for that too.
R. Zeman, Bangor, USA

I received Swiss Review for the first time, I must say overall it was enjoyable. I specially enjoyed the article 'Perfectionism not appropriate' (no 6/92), I always have agreed with that statement. Since Switzerland has so many 'cantons' and languages, it would be nice to see more articles focused on the geographical aspect of the country. On the negative side, I was surprised to see many spelling mistakes. Also it would be good to reduce the many political articles.
Ch. Kisely, Toronto, Canada

With the introduction of voting rights for the Swiss Abroad (see also Official News), Swiss Review has been given the specific task of providing political information. But it still has to cover other fields. Drastic budget cuts by the federal government have forced us to reduce the number of editions from eight to five a year. This means that we must sometimes devote a lot of space to important political problems in order to supply voters abroad with the basic information they need.
The Editors

Swiss blue helmets?

I read your December issue with disgust. I am referring to your article "Armed peacekeepers on the way". The Swiss people clearly voted No when asked to join the United Nations. Now the government is trying to get in through the back door. I am violently opposed to the idea of putting Swiss armed troops at the disposal of the United Nations.
F.H. Stuckert, Bright, Australia

AnsWER to Bishop Pierre Mamie (SR 3/93): After visiting the Bosnian war zone you met no Swiss amongst the UN troops. And you now ask: "Why not?" But the answer is quite clear and obvious: Because the Swiss are Christians and live according to the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, in which it is said: "Thou shalt not kill! For every drop of blood shed, I will call you to account! Love your enemies! Do good to them who hate you! All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword! Love one another, as I have loved you!" From this the Swiss can be well aware that there is no such thing as keeping peace or making peace by force of arms, and that readiness to kill alone is un-Christian.
Christo Obreschkow, Michelrieth, Germany

Federal Council vote recommendations

The Swiss Abroad have been able to vote since the beginning of 1993. I think this is great progress, but I have just one complaint. The voting documents include a leaflet giving the arguments for and against. What upsets me and in fact my whole family is that the last page features recommendations by the Federal Council and parliament. I am sure there must be thousands of voters who don't bother too much about the content of the leaflet and simply say: We'll vote the way the Federal Council and parliament suggest.
S. Schlepphege, Straubenhardt, Germany

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