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Place of the Swiss Abroad

Sticking with "Monolith"

Despite money problems, the design concept of the Place of the Swiss Abroad is being maintained over the medium term.

The Place of the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen, Canton Schwyz, was opened in 1991 as the triumphant climax of the "Way of Switzerland". In summer it is a pleasant park and has become one of the most popular resorts in central Switzerland.

The fund-raising campaign for the purchase of the plot was accompanied by a competition for the long-term design of the Place. Victory went to the "Monolith"

project by Cuno Brullmann, a Swiss architect who lives in France (see Swiss Review 2/91). From 3 to 5 million Swiss francs will be needed to realise the project – according to the degree of elaboration.

Nowadays raising such a sum presents no mean problem. So the Council of the Foundation has decided to maintain the Place as it is for the time being. But the "Monolith" project is still on the cards. A campaign to raise the money needed will be launched as soon as the economic climate is thought to be sufficiently promising.

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There are a few places left for the SSA ski camp from April 1–10 at Grimentz, Canton Valais.

This is a time of good snow conditions and skiing in the sunshine! Young people between 15 and 25 should register as soon as possible at:

*Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Youth Service
Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Bern 16*

Attention! Summer camp's dates

July 10–23, 1994 and July 25–August 6, 1994 in Tenero TI

Friends' Association

Help to help!

At this year's General Meeting the Friends of the Organisation for the Swiss Abroad (OSA) were pleased to report

New life members

Hansueli Amman, CH
Fred Ch. Bailly, E
Ursula Ditchburn, GB
Albert Eberhard, P
Francesco Maurer, CH
Gérard Salzmann, Morocco
Nelly Scott-Niederberger, GB

a satisfactory increase in contributions. But if they are to help the OSA in its varied field of operations effectively the number of members and contributions still has far to go. So do join the Friends' Association. Further information may be obtained from:

*Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad
Alpenstrasse 26
CH-3000 Bern 16*

Property Trustee Service

Filling an important gap

Many Swiss Abroad feel a distinct need to receive advice on property matters. This emerges from the initial experiences of the SSA's Property Trustee Service.

In the last few months mortgage rates in Switzerland have dropped dramatically. For first mortgages they are now at 5.5% or even lower, and the downward trend continues. Demand for residential property (single family houses and apartments) has also risen substantially – which affects prices. This means that potential buyers and sellers are both faced with good prospects – although there are still big regional differences.

With its network of competent specialists covering all parts of Switzerland, the SSA's Property Trustee Service can now provide you

with optimum advice on this subject. Please address requests to:

*Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad
Legal Service
Alpenstrasse 26
CH-3000 Berne 16*

Friends of the Organisation for the Swiss Abroad

- Please send me more information about the Friends of the OSA
- I would like to join the Friends of the OSA
- as an individual member (Sfr. 20.– per year)
- as a company member (Sfr. 100.– per year)
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Please return this form to: Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16, Fax: 41 31 351 61 50. Many thanks for your interest. Membership contributions may be made to our Swiss National Giro (postal cheque) account no. 30–10580–7 in Berne.

AJAS

Vocational school-leaving certificate

At last: The vocational school-leaving certificate is being introduced in Switzerland. If you would like to know more, apply to:

*AJAS
Alpenstrasse 26
CH-3000 Bern 16*