

**Zeitschrift:** Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Herausgeber:** Swiss Society of New Zealand  
**Band:** 58 (1992)  
**Heft:** [9]  
  
**Artikel:** At long last sense prevails on the Rigi  
**Autor:** [s.n.]  
**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-945194>

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

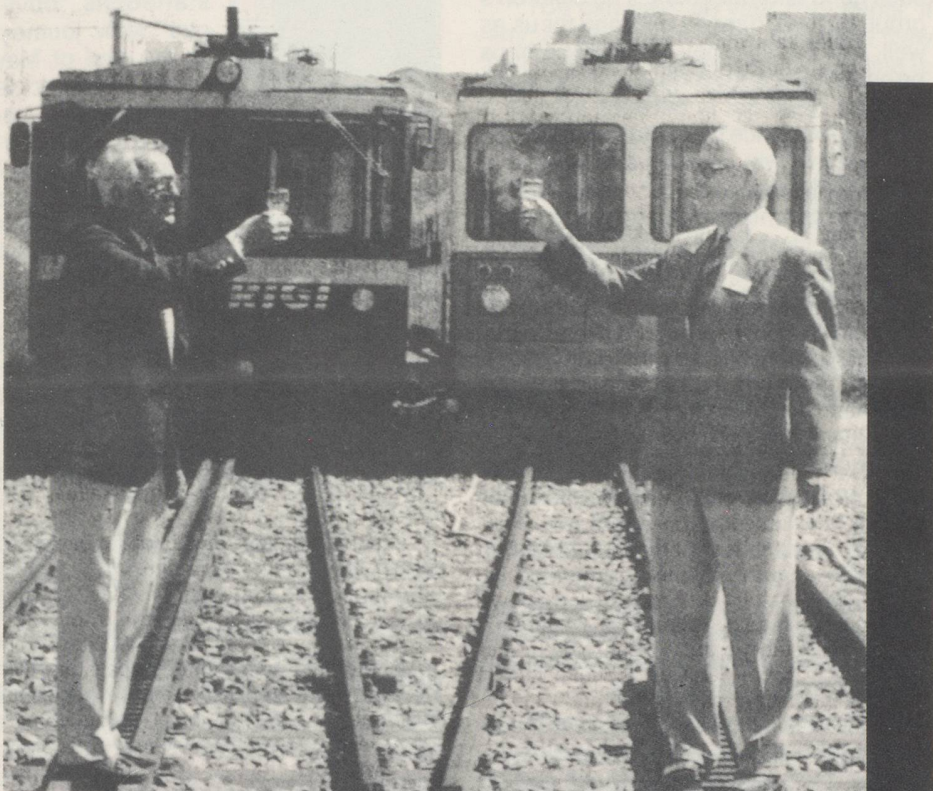
**Download PDF:** 08.08.2025

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**

## AT LONG LAST SENSE PREVAILS ON THE RIGI

After over 100 years of operating their separate railway lines, the Boards of Directors of the ARB (Arth-Rigi-Bahn) and the VRB (Vitznau-Rigibahn-Gesellschaft) have at long last decided to amalgamate, a move that should bring sizeable savings to both railway lines which, for years, were embroiled in a tough competitive battle with one another.

This picture shows the inauguration of the first ever rail connection between the two lines at Rigi-Staffel from where both lines used to run parallel to one another to the summit.



## NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

### GOTTHARD, MORE POPULAR THAN EVER

The Gotthard tunnel is attracting more and more traffic, 5.77 million vehicles in fact in 1991 against 5.69 million in 1990. Strangely enough more vehicles travelled North than South: 2.93 million against 2.84 million. Every day of the year, some 15,800 vehicles travelled through the tunnel.

### GENEVA'S NEW "METRO"

After Zurich, Geneva will also have its own Underground. The canton will spend over a billion Swiss Francs over the next 12 years to build an underground railway line right through the centre of the city and underneath the lake.

For a canton with just over 300,000 inhabitants, it is a huge undertaking. But at least it is expected that this new transport system will eventually reduce the pressure on the famous Pont du Mont Blanc, the main artery across the harbour which quite often is totally congested.

### THE SWISS LOVE CATS

According to a recent survey, almost every second household in Switzerland

owns an animal. Tallying more than a million, the cats are by far the favourite pets. In second position are birds, primarily budgies. In every tenth household lives a dog.

Two-thirds of cat owners admit that their pets are allowed to roam throughout the whole apartment. Dogs are not so lucky. More than half of the dog owners do not allow their pets on their beds or chairs. Most dogs are small, just on 5 kg, the most popular being the basset hound.

### INSURANCE FEVER

The Swiss is the highest insured person in the world, with an average annual premium of CHF3743 - beating by a large margin the Japanese and the Americans. But do not believe that his is simply because the Swiss are very prudent. It is rather through ignorance that they double or even triple their insurance covers, because with so many different types of insurances to choose from, it is difficult to know what you are insured against or whether you are covered at all. The insurance field has become a jungle where the ordinary citizens have great difficulties in finding their way.

## THE WINE PRESS

Bethlehem, Tauranga.

Colleen and Henri  
Limacher's

## WINE BOUTIQUE & LIQUOR STORE

Main Waihi Road,  
Bethlehem, Tauranga.  
PHONE 576 2522

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Here are the first two enterprising Swiss firms who have taken the plunge and decided to accept our offer to advertise their services in the Helvetia. We trust that many more in the months to come will follow the lead.

### FRED & PETER WEHRLI, MASTER BUILDERS

For building your new home or modernising your existing dwelling. Specialists in redesigning kitchens and bathrooms. Plans + specifications can be provided.

Tel 04 479 3485 Wellington.

### SPILLMAN SENIOR LTD.

All types of Vehicles Serviced and Repaired. All associated Services available incl. Electronic Tuning, Fuel Injection, WOF Clutch and Brake, Exhaust, Transmission, etc. Quotes-Advice.

Ph. 09 634-4600 Auckland.

## WE OFFER THE BEST FARES FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM

## SWITZERLAND

plus:

FAST, FRIENDLY AND  
EFFICIENT SERVICE

Phone or write in  
English/French/German to:  
HEINZ SIGERIST

*Travelair*  
International Ltd.

PO Box 37-335 Parnell, Auckland  
Phone: 64-9-377 3285 or 309 4500  
Fax: 64-9-302 1099