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crease from \$10 to \$20 per year with a minimum of 8 issues of the *Helvetia*. This new sub is for the current year. **Please be prepared to get a mild tap from our treasurer Ruth, who is trying to keep our books in balance.** The meeting was closed at 4.50 pm with the remarks for next year's meeting which will be hosted in Taranaki.

Thank you all for the good time, excellent food and good companionship. See you again at the latest in Taranaki in 1994.

COMING EVENTS:

July 10, Fritz Adams Cup, 7.30 pm

July 31, National Day Celebration

August 1, Bonfire at the Beach

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, 31 July, 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse. We will start the evening with a glass of *Glühwein*, followed by a cold and warm buffet dinner. During the evening there will be a Tombola and later the presentation of the medals for the Society's competitions. Please bring your own drinks. Price for members \$22.00, for non-members \$25.00. Please make your bookings by Monday, 26 July. Phone Monika on 478-5649

BONFIRE AT THE BEACH

Sunday, 1st August, 6 pm. We will meet at the children's playground on Petone Beach (opposite Jessie Street). We will provide you with hot drinks, sausages and buns. Lampions for the children are available. If the weather is doubtful, phone Maya after 3 pm/ Ph. 479-7503

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Paul Scherrer and Peta Lintonon** their engagement.

Happy Birthday: **Jürg Stucki**, 50 years old on the 26th July 1993.

HANS MESSMER

Ruth, Bernard and family wish to sincerely thank all friends for their love, kind messages of support and sympathy and for the beautiful flowers. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgment.



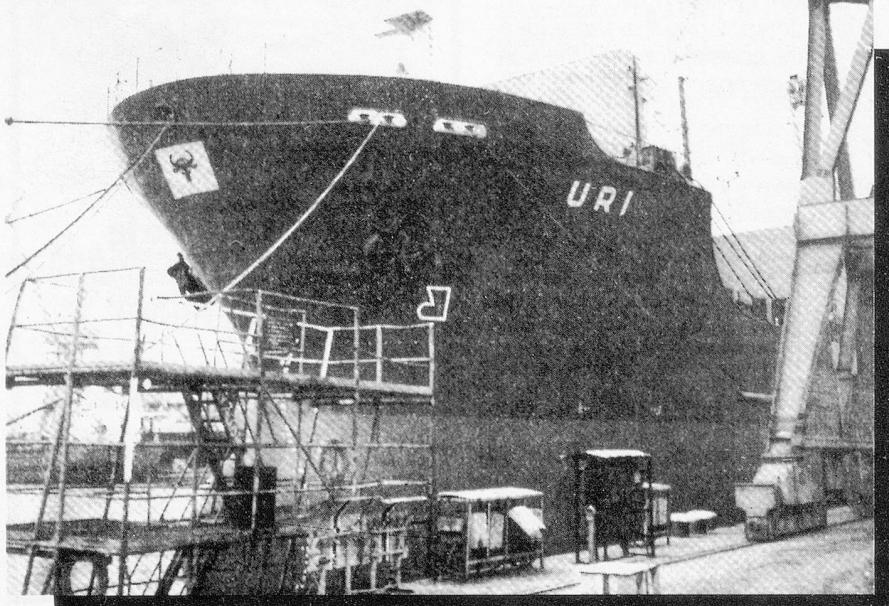
RUBBERMEN AT KNIE

During its next season, the Swiss circus KNIE will present a new duo, the CHARKOV BROTHERS from Estonia. As a promotional stunt, they perform here one of their spectacular acts right on top of a bridge railing in Zurich, overlooked by the "Münster" in the background.

BIGGER SWISS NAVY

Here is a photo to stop all Swiss Navy jokes. With the bulk carrier "URI", the Swiss merchant navy is back to a total of 23 ships with a total tonnage of 620,864 tons. The "URI" has a crew of 17 of which 3 are Swiss, including the captain, and 14 are Russians. The official language on board is apparently English.

The picture shows the bulk carrier "URI" in the Shipbuilding and Repair Works of Danzig.



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According to a survey concerning average annual working hours of industrial workers, it appears that, not surprisingly, the Japanese are well ahead of the rest of the world. But what is most astonishing is that the expected hard working Germans are at the bottom of the list. See for yourself.

Japan 2165 hours. USA 1847 hours. Switzerland 1773 hours. UK 1635 hours. Belgium 1631 hours. Italy 1625 hours. France 1611 hours. Austria 1595 hours. Sweden 1560 hours. The Netherlands 1545 hours. Germany 1506 hours.