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Editorial

The old year is gone, the new has begun and the transition did no harm! - The year 2000 holds the same hidden promises for you and me that every new year has ever contained since mankind has divided time into measurable slots.

- Soon we will have difficulty remembering what day of the week New Year's day 2000 fell upon. - Soon I will wonder if it was 'Y2K' or '2YK' we called the 'bug' that was to strike at computers and all computer-controlled 'inventions'!

And what about all those New Year's resolutions that have been made?

- If they should bring us success, then we might well remember that success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which we have overcome while trying to succeed.

- If we expect more happiness to come our way during this the first year of the new Century, we may well remember that happiness is never found on its own, but is a by-product of 'living and giving'.

It has been defined as a state of mind, or a quality of the heart, an attribute of the soul. And I like especially the following description; Happiness is a perfume that you can't pour out on others without spilling a few drops on yourself!

So let's not be worried, those of us

who made no New Year's resolutions, let's remember that even a smile of friendliness can be rewarding. And smiling is possible in any language!

To put it simply; the happiness we get out of life is in direct proportion to the happiness we give to others.

- But then, you probably have known that all along and it remains for me but to wish you many occasions to give of yourself during the year 2000!

Editor.

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*The new Swiss Federal
President for the year
2000*

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**A condensed review
of main-events of the past
Century in Switzerland**
as broadcast by Swiss Radio
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When the first world war erupted in 1914 Switzerland had to defend its neutrality and independence. Foreign visitors and workers left.

There was a general strike immediately after the war in 1918. War-time-mobilisation of the then-un-paid Swiss citizen's army had drastically cut incomes, while food-prices had more than doubled. Social tensions became evident with some people finding it hard to obtain daily food, or getting enough money to pay for rent and necessities of life.