

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK
Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom
Band: - (1982)
Heft: 1794

Artikel: Mrs Thatcher's two special reasons to say thank you to the Red Cross
Autor: [s.n.]
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-687555>

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: 07.08.2025

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

Send the

**Swiss
Observer** 

**as a gift
to bring
pleasure
for months
to come.**

A subscription to the
Swiss Observer is a
gift that lasts and
lasts.

All you need do is
fill in the form
below and
send it to:

**Swiss Observer,
Europa House,
68 Chester Road,
Hazel Grove,
Stockport SK7 5NY.**

*Please send the next
12 issues of the Swiss
Observer to:*

Name

Address

My name and
address is:

*Please enclose the following
with the first issue:*

**This issue of the Swiss
Observer (and the
following 11 issues)
comes with the best
wishes of:**

*I enclose a cheque for
£6.90 (for an address in the
UK) £7.50 (for Switzerland
or other countries
overseas).*

Mrs Thatcher's two special reasons to say thank you to the Red Cross

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, on a recent private holiday visit to Switzerland, made a special point of calling in on the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, reports **Colin Farmer**.

Mrs Thatcher visited the all-Swiss ICRC at her own request "because I have two very special reasons to thank you."

She told senior Red Cross officials: "Firstly, when we needed you, you came and looked at some of the things that were happening in Northern Ireland during the hunger strikes. And you did wonderful work when we were unfortunately involved in the Falkland Islands conflict."

The Prime Minister said it was "always a matter of honour and privilege" to co-operate with the Red Cross.

"Your reputation is such that what you say is always accepted. You should be proud of working for this unique, wonderful organisation. Its work is vital and admirable, morally right and practically effective."

During her visit Mrs Thatcher announced that the British government would be making a special financial contribution to the ICRC's international programme for political prisoners.

Later the same day Mrs

Thatcher met some of the 400 British scientists working at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, which also has its headquarters in Geneva.

CERN is funded by 13 West European countries, including Switzerland, and employs a permanent staff of 3,500 scientific and administrative personnel.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by her husband Denis, spent 10 days relaxing at

the spacious luxury home on Lake Zug of her close friend Lady Glover-Hürlimann, who has been host to the Thatchers several times in recent years.

Lady Glover-Hürlimann is the widow of Sir Douglas Glover, who was for 17 years Conservative Member of Parliament for the Lancashire constituency of Ormskirk and who died earlier this year. Her first husband was a prominent Swiss businessman.





Above: Mr and Mrs Thatcher tour the CERN nuclear research centre. Between them is Professor John Kingman of Britain.

Above right: Mrs Thatcher holidaying on Lake Zug (from Die Weltwoche).

Right: The Prime Minister is watched by senior officials of the Geneva city and cantonal authorities and the United Nations as she signs the visitors' book. Second from right is Mr Thatcher.

Facing page: The Prime Minister waves to crowds as she leaves the Geneva headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross.



Margaret Thatchers Ferien am Zugersee

Zeichnung: Paul Perret

