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Association Joseph Bovet

Fribourgeois du dehors

Fondée en 1957

To our Friends of the Canton of Fribourg living abroad

The «Association Joseph Bovet» was founded in the priest's souvenir room at the Musée Gruérien in Bulle on 22nd September 1957. The founders were 13 Fribourg societies. Today, the Association numbers 37 societies spread throughout the whole of Switzerland. It has about 6000 members, as well as a Society of Fribourg Friends Abroad whose aim is to unite all Fribourg men and women resident outside Switzerland.

As individual member of this society, you will receive information concerning the organization. On your holidays or occasional stay in Switzerland you can get in touch with your President. He will be pleased to receive and to get to know you. An initial article which appeared in 1977, resulted in 33 applications for membership from all parts of the world. We hope that this appeal, too, will bring in many enquiries regarding contact with our Association.

On 14th September 1978, a new postage stamp of 20 cts was issued by the PTT. On that occasion, we published an envelope with a block of four or of two stamps, cancelled on the day of issue.

Should you like to receive one or more of these envelopes, you may order them from our President at Fr.4.- per envelope with

four stamps, Fr.2.- per envelope with two stamps plus postage. The money is earmarked for the Holiday Camp Fund.

On Sunday, 7th October 1979, we celebrated in simple yet dignified manner the 100th birthday of Abbé Bovet, the Fribourg troubadour and model of our «Association Joseph Bovet».

A Mass in conjunction with the Parish of Vaulruz united us in the courtyard of the Castle. At the end of the service, we fixed a commemorative plaque on the base of the Bovet-Grivet fountain. Father Sallin, priest of Vaulruz, consecrated it.

After a communal meal and the song «Le vieux Chalet», the beautiful day drew to a close, and every participant took away with him an unforgettable memory.

Should you be in Switzerland on one of the following dates, we'd like to invite you to join us and to pass a few pleasant hours with your Fribourg friends from abroad.

The Association has fixed the following dates:

Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th August: Day of the Fribourgeois from inside Switzerland and abroad at «Grün 80», Swiss exhibition on horticulture and landscaping, covering 46 ha.



Abbé Joseph Bovet 1879-1951

In 1981, we shall celebrate the 500th anniversary of Fribourg's entry into the Confederation.

Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st June will be the official days of the Fribourgeois from other parts of Switzerland and abroad. We trust there will be considerable participation by our compatriots from outside Switzerland; amongst the visitors will be a delegation of Fribourgeois descendants from Nova Friburgo, Brazil.

Please help to increase the membership of Fribourg citizens from abroad of the «Association Joseph Bovet». Apply to your President, and we shall welcome you with open arms.

Yours truly
Association Joseph Bovet (AJB)
Raymond Perroud
President AJB
Roggenburgstrasse 29
4055 Basle, Switzerland

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The art of loving in the French-speaking part of Switzerland by Yves Giraud

A most pleasant book which reflects the way the Swiss court their beloved. With the help of anecdotes, poetry and quotations by several authors and chroniclers such as O. de Grandson, J. Calvin, J.-J. Rousseau, Verner etc, one discovers the often misunderstood ways of our ancestors.

The anthology is richly illustrated by charming, amusing and even flippant pic-

tures. Never before has the reader had an opportunity of seeing such a book.

French text. Format 23×21.5 cm. 160 pages, with 24 coloured illustrations and 50 in black and white. Price Fr.60.-. Office du Livre SA, Route du Villars 101, CP 1061, 1701 Fribourg, Switzerland or from the ASS.

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«Schweiz»

Alpine country in the heart of Europe. A beautiful, richly illustrated book, containing numerous geographical, industrial, climatic maps and charts etc. It was designed by François Jeanneret, specialist in geography, botany and geology, and Walter Umber, well-known photographer, together with Franz auf der Maur, former assistant at the Berne Geological and Natural History Museum. German text. 256 pages, 106 colour photos. Format 24×31 cm. Price SFr.88.-, from Verlag Kuemmerli and Frey, Hallerstrasse 6-10, 3001 Berne or the ASS.

The Novels of Max Frisch

The novels of the famous Swiss writer have been translated into English by Michael Buttler. Format 22.3×14.2 cm. Price approximately Fr.18.-. Edition Oswald Wolff (Publishers) Ltd, 52 Manchester Street, London W1M GDR or from the ASS.

The Theatre of Friedrich Dürrenmatt

Translated into English by Kenneth S. Whitton. The Swiss author Friedrich Dürrenmatt has been one of the most important person-

alities of the German theatre for more than three decades. The translator had personal conversations with the famous playwright in Neuchâtel. These and extracts from his work have been recorded in this book. Format 22.3×14.2 cm. Price approximately Fr.20.-. Edition Oswald Wolff (Publishers) Ltd, 52 Manchester Street, London W1M GDR or from the ASS.

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Swiss Neutrality

by Edgar Bonjour. The original work by Professor Edgar Bonjour consists of nine volumes in German. Not all of these have been trans-

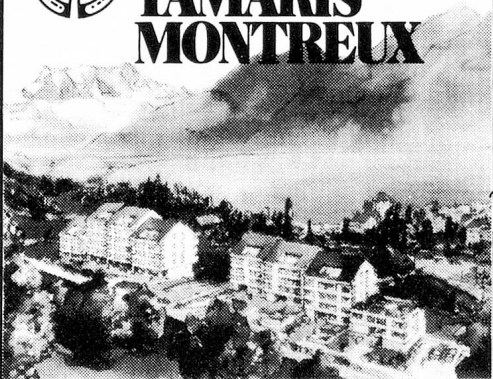
lated. The present epoch seems to be an opportune moment to publish the «Synthesis» of the history of Swiss neutrality. This new work answers an often expressed wish both in Switzerland and abroad for a book which is simple to read, yet indispensable for those who want to know what the concept of neutrality means to all Swiss and their neighbours far and wide. The translation of this work was done by the former Federal Chancellor Charles Oser. Format 16×22.5 cm, 240 pages, Price Fr.24.-. Edition A La Baconnière, 2001 Neuchâtel, Switzerland or from the ASS.

«La fenomeno Svislando»

The book is published by the Swiss Esperanto Society, supported by the Co-ordination Commission for the Presence of Switzerland Abroad. The author of *La fenomeno Svislando* is Arthur Baur, Editor-in-Chief of the «Landbote» in Winterthur and chronicler of Esperanto on «Radio Switzerland International.» An extraordinary country is presented to extraordinary readers. 12×19 cm, 144 pages. Please apply to the Swiss Consulates or Embassies or to local Esperanto Organizations. Sales as long as stocks last.



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The Rules of the Game in a Democratic Society

Author: Heinz Wettstein. Publisher: Swiss UNESCO Commission/Pro Juventute.

It is often in a youth group where one makes one's first acquaintance with practical democracy. It is therefore most important that the leader of youth groups has at his disposal basic documentation in order to make use of democratic principles. The brochure which has recently been published by the Swiss National UNESCO Commission and Pro Juventute, shows examples which can be put into practice in schools, youth groups, community centres or youth leisure organizations. The author wrote the brochure based on his experiences made at seminars for youth leaders, organized by the Swiss National UNESCO Commission. He has analysed and enlarged them.

This brochure is obtainable from Verlag Pro Juventute, Seefeldstrasse 8, Postfach, 8002 Zurich. Price Fr.2.50.

«Ländlermusik»

The author, Rico Peter, used to be an active «Ländler» musician. In his book he first

traces the origin of the name and the character of the music and then introduces in amusing and popular manner the music and the people who make it. The book – the first volume in a planned encyclopaedia of Swiss folk music in three volumes – makes a valuable contribution towards understanding and preserving this cultural heritage. The text is in German, 383 pages, richly illustrated, partly by very old photographs. The format is 14.5×21.5 cm, and the price is SFr.24.–. AT-Verlag, Aarau/Switzerland or from the ASS.

Swiss Alps

Unforgettable pictures will allow you to discover the most fascinating Swiss mountains. Bound volume, large format 23×27 cm, with coloured cover, 258 pages and text in three languages: German, French and English.

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Editions 24 Heures, 39 avenue de la Gare, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Schweizer Armee 80

This is the successor to the previous favourite pocket-book for the soldier. It contains useful information regarding

security policy of Switzerland, means of combat of the army, infrastructure and logistics, modern equipment, rights and duties of the soldier etc.

German text (publication in French is to follow shortly)

356 pages. Richly illustrated with coloured and black and white pictures.

Format 16×11 cm.

Price: SFr.12.80.

Ed. Huber & Co, AG, 8500 Frauenfeld, Switzerland or from the ASS.

«The Rabbit Island»

The graphic artist Joerg Mueller and the writer Juerg Steiner have worked together on this picture book which has already brought them several international awards. It is about freedom and resistance, but also about adaptation and integration. Two attractive little rabbits present the story. The book can be highly recommended; it is realistic and honest, suitable for all children from the age of 6. In German, French, English, Japanese, Dutch, Flemish, Norwegian, Danish and Swedish. 32 pages, format 24×31.5 cm, price SFr.18.80. From Verlag Sauerlaender, Laurenzvorstadt 89, 5001 Aarau, Switzerland or the ASS.

Switzerland's Medals at the Recent Olympic Games in Moscow

Jürg Röthlisberger, aged 25, from Zurich and resident at Adliswil, gold medal in judo, category «up to 86 kg». In Montreal, four years ago, he was awarded the bronze medal in the same event.

Robert Dill-Bundi, aged 22, Valaisan, resident at Chippis, gold medal in individual pursuit.

Warm congratulations to these two brilliant winners.

