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Unsere Eidgenossenschaft

Wer macht was wann wo wie in Bern?

by Jean Ryniker/Fernand Rausser
Mondo Publishers, 1984

190 pages, numerous illustrations throughout coloured, SFr. 41.-

This book contains page by page what its quite ambitious sub-title promises. The author, Jean Ryniker, government house journalist for the Tribune of Geneva, has succeeded in capturing the most important fundamentals of our political system and its workings, in an easily compre-

hensible text, which has also held its ground in the German and Italian translations. The accompanying photographs of Fernand Rausser, freelance photographer in Bern, and the diverse explanatory charts are equally excellent.

May this work find its way into the homes of as many Swiss families abroad as possible!

Vingt-six fois la Suisse

by Fritz-René Allemann

Publishers L'Aire/Ex Libris, 1985

460 pages, brochure, SFr. 29.-

This work, already previously discussed in our quarterly journal, whose original title was «25mal die Schweiz», found such a strong echo that one can be happy to be able to publish it now in an enhanced French edition. This publication has been made possible through contributions from the Oertli-Stiftung, Pro Helvetia, Ex Libris and from the Cantons.

Mächte und Kräfte des 20. Jahrhunderts

by Walther Hofer

Publisher Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 1985

264 pages, brochure, SFr. 28.-

To introduce the author of these masterly reviews of the many highly explosive aspects of the history of the 20th Century is like carrying coals to Newcastle. It refers not only to one of the most renowned historians of the present day but also to the President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad.

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