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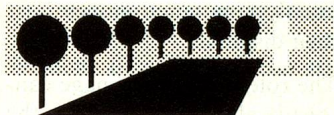


1941 and 1991

Enduring works

Did you know that the Swiss abroad made a visible contribution already on the occasion of the 650th birthday of the Swiss Confederation? In connection with the project of the Fifth Switzerland for the 700-year celebration in 1991, important developments are expected in September 1988.

The Place of the Swiss Abroad, which is the central contribution of the Fifth Switzerland to the 700th birthday of the Confederation, is part of the «Path of Switzerland» around the Lake of Uri, and should symbolize the ties of the Swiss abroad to their homeland. It should also remain a permanent institution accessible to the public, and



serve later as a meeting place. (See also *Swiss Review* 1/88 and 2/88.)

It is not the first time that the Swiss abroad commemorate their homeland on the occasion of an anniversary. On the 650th

birthday of Switzerland they made a contribution which has survived the years. In the war year 1941 they donated to Switzerland the impressive sculpture «A Monument to Defense Readiness», that huge composition of a soldier by sculptor Hans Brandenberger, which stands today in front of the Archives of the Federal Charters in Schwyz – in the immediate vicinity of the future Place of the Swiss Abroad in Brunnen.

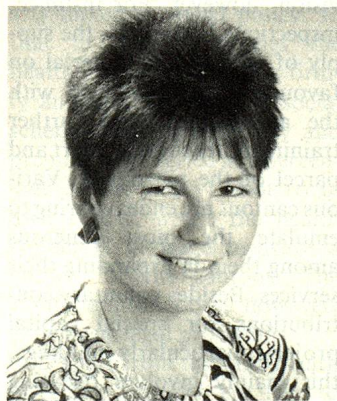
Decisive developments

In September 1988 decisive developments will be imminent: The peninsula in the Bay of Brunnen should become the possession of the Foundation for the Place of the Swiss Abroad at the end of the month. The fund-raising drive continues

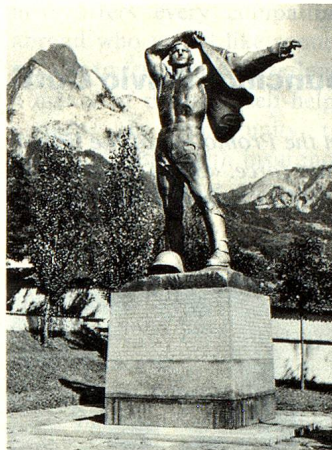
one details entailed in first organising and then helping to mount a four-day congress. Nathalie Lauper bore the stress with equanimity.

The management of the congress of Näfels is «only» another job for the versatile, multilingual secretary of the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad. The credit for the SSA Film Service, for looking after the Swiss clubs, coping with a full measure of correspondence and, above all, for the great amount of administrative work in connection with the «Swiss Review» she finds time to handle, also goes to Nathalie Lauper. Spare time activities? High up on the list are jogging, literature and music on the flute – for the moment without any public appearances but with solo performances during the lunch hour in the office. JM

«Miss Näfels 1988»

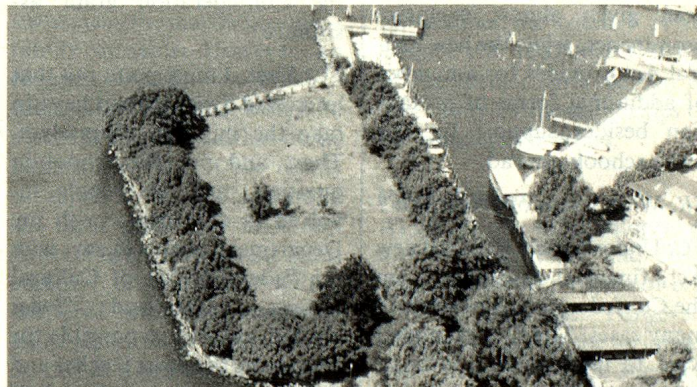


Nathalie Lauper would have thoroughly deserved to win this title – had it existed. It is mainly thanks to her great efforts that, once again, many of our fellow-citizens from all over the world were able to enjoy this year's Assembly of the Swiss Abroad, held in Näfels from 1st to 4th September. It is no easy task to think about the thousand and



War («Monument to Defense Readiness», 1941, Schwyz)

with a goal of around 3 million Swiss francs (1.5 million purchase price and 1.5 million design costs). Because of the early deadline for going to press we cannot give any details, unfortunately, about the financial status of the approximately 20



... and Peace (Place of the Swiss Abroad, a precinct of encounter, 1991, photos: Kartenverlag Schwyz/SSA)

fund-raising accounts scattered around the whole world. All the Swiss associations will be given the full details sometime during the autumn. The Commission

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to all donors. Donations are still very much appreciated. The central fund-raising account number in Switzerland is:

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Alpenstrasse 26
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of the Swiss Abroad and the Foundation for the Place of the Swiss Abroad will discuss further steps at the beginning of September.

The Place of the Swiss Abroad is now part of the Federal Council's concept for the celebration. It is presented in the chapter «Enduring Works» in the Message of the 1st of June 1988.

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