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Paddle steamers on Lake Lucerne

A second springtime for SS Uri

Five huge paddle steamers, majestic veterans of the good old days, plough through the waters of Lake Lucerne summer after summer. They transport hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world to the historic sites of Lake Uri – Rütli meadow, Tell's Chapel, the entrance to the "Way of Switzerland". These ships have been saved from the scrap-heap by a public appeal. And so the biggest paddle fleet in the world steams towards eternity. For the pleasure of children young and old alike.

Matchlessly elegant SS Uri, the oldest steamship in Switzerland, was

built in 1901 and is about to take a rest. She is due to be completely overhauled and will be given new boilers. But the powerful engines with their huge connecting rods, together with the stylish Baroque lounge with its laughing cherubs, are good for another hundred years.

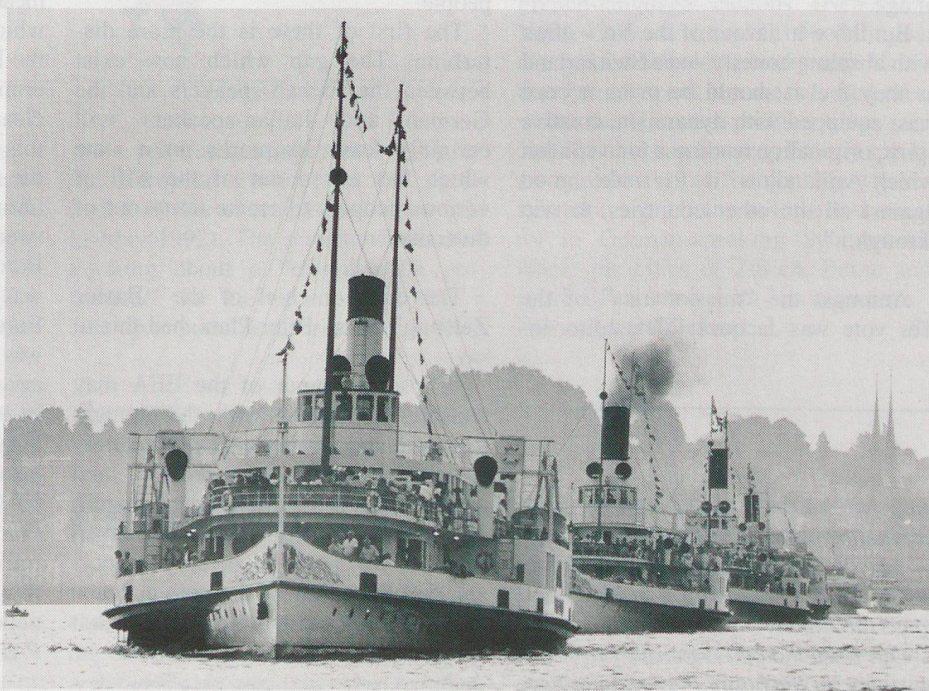
The salvation of these great veterans was possible only because of the energetic campaign waged by steamer lovers, who have gathered more than ten million Swiss francs over the years. They have decided to donate a third of the cost of renovating SS Uri, which will reach almost six million francs.

Contributors will be rewarded with free passes for steamer trips (excellent gifts for visiting Swiss Abroad, as well as friends and relations at home), invitations to join the "old-maiden voyage" and inscription on a "stone of honour" (for those contributing more than Sfr. 1,000.-). They will one day tell their grandchildren how they saved the brave old steamships from destruction.

Martin Merki ■

More information about SS Uri is available from: The Friends of Steam navigation, P.O.Box 2944, CH-6002 Lucerne (see also below left).

A picture unique in the world on Lake Lucerne: A review of the best-kept paddle steamer fleet. SS Uri, built in 1901, is the oldest of them all. She is now being completely overhauled and will be good for many more decades. (Photo: Lorenz Fischer)



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Yes, the oldest Swiss steamer must be saved.

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