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EINGEREICHTE VOLKSINITIATIVEN UND IHR SCHICKSAL

Continuation of the list of people's initiatives (see Helvetia February and March issues). As mentioned in our past two issues, to preserve accuracy, we are publishing this list in the German language since a translation into English would often not reflect the exact meaning of the German wording.

Erklärungen:

- A: In der Volksabstimmung angenommen
 V: In der Volksabstimmung verworfen
 Z: Zurückgezogen.
 N: Nicht zustande gekommen
 U: Ungültig erklärt
 G: Gegenentwurf der Bundesversammlung
 GA: Gegenentwurf der Bundesversammlung angenommen
 GV: Gegenentwurf der Bundesversammlung verworfen

Nr Eingereicht	Titel	Erlidigung Jahr	Resultat
171 1987	Für eine autobahnfreie Landschaft zwischen Murten und Yverdon	1990	V
172 1987	Für ein autobahnfreies Knonauer Amt	1990	V
173 1987	Für eine autobahnfreie Aarelandschaft zwischen Biel und Solothurn/Zuchwil	1990	V
174 1987	Für einen autobahnfreien Kanton Jura	1989	Z
175 1987	Überwachung der Preise und Kreditzinsen		
176 1987	Ausstieg aus der Atomenergie	1990	V
177 1989	Volle Freizügigkeit in der beruflichen Vorsorge		
178 1989	Zur Verminderung der Alkoholprobleme		
179 1989	Zur Verminderung der Tabakprobleme		
180 1990	Umweltgerechte und leistungsfähige bäuerliche Landwirtschaft		
181 1990	Schutz des Alpengebietes vor dem Transitverkehr		
182 1990	Für einen arbeitsfreien Bundesfeiertag		
183 1990	Abschaffung der Tierversuche		
184 1990	40 Waffenplätze sind genug - Umweltschutz auch beim Militär		
185 1991	Ausbau von AHV und IV		
186 1991	SOS Schweiz ohne Schnüffelpolizei		

- 187 1991 Bauern und Konsumenten für eine naturnahe Landwirtschaft
 188 1992 Für eine Schweiz ohne Kampfflugzeuge
 189 1992 Für eine vernümpfte Asylpolitik
 190 1992 Für weniger Militärausgaben und mehr Friedenspolitik
 191 1992 Für ein Verbot der Kriegsmaterialausfuhr

Note: Where no dates or results are mentioned, the initiative has not yet been voted on by the citizens.

SUMMARY

The results of these 193 initiatives (including the two which did not have a number) were as follows:

- 8 were accepted without counter-proposals
- 83 were rejected without counter-proposals
- 2 were accepted with counter-proposals rejected
- 6 were rejected but counter-proposals were accepted
- 5 were rejected with counter-proposals being rejected too
- 11 were recalled for the benefit of counter-proposals which were accepted
- 2 were recalled for the benefit of counter-proposals which were also rejected
- 47 were withdrawn without a vote being taken
- 2 were declared invalid
- 21 are still pending
- 3 were written off
- 3 did not get off the ground at all

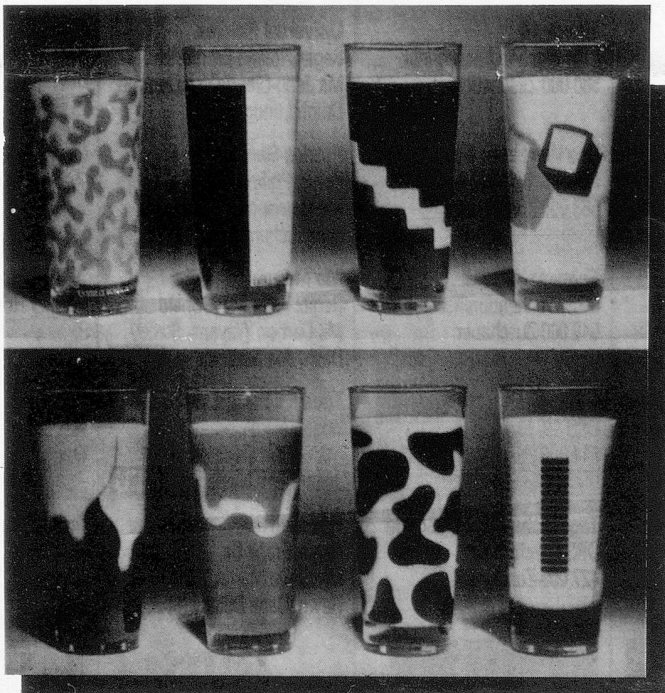
The most interesting fact is that most initiatives (137) were either rejected or withdrawn. *Only 27 were finally accepted in one form or another.*

Initiative No. 36 (Pressefreiheit) holds a record. It stayed in limbo for a full 42 years because it contained no cancellation clause. Since, by 1978, no one was interested in it any more, it was simply written off.

Despite the low acceptance rate, people's initiatives play an important part in Swiss politics since they bring up for general discussion matters of national interest. They also ensure that the Swiss citizens can never claim that they have not been consulted on any important issues concerning their lives.

The Editor trusts that you enjoyed going through these initiatives and that some of them may have revived in you a few good (or perhaps bad) memories from the past.

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