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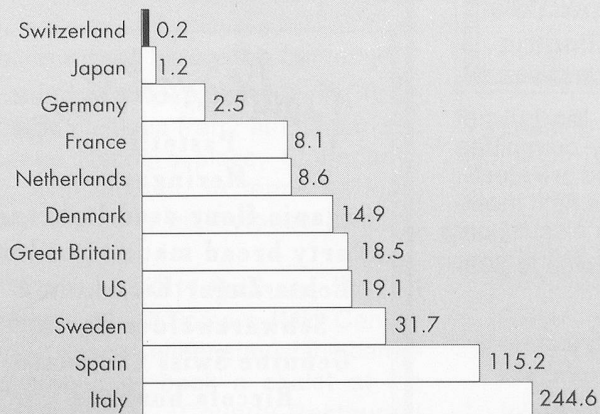
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## EDUCATION

### Number of days lost to strikes per year

(per 1,000 population, 1992)

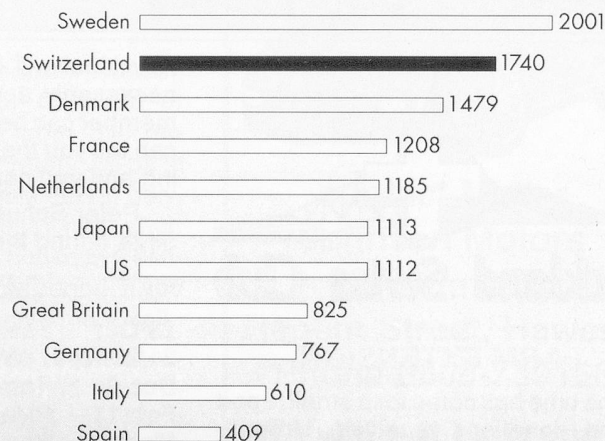


At least, thanks to all the bureaucrats, Sweden has been able to beat Switzerland in this field. Once again, siesta in Spain seems to be more to the taste there than education. We wonder where New Zealand would fit in here? Somewhere between Italy and Spain perhaps? The position of Germany comes a bit as a surprise. Does this mean that the Germans educate themselves without government assistance???

## STRIKES

### Government expenses for education

(in US dollars per capita, 1991)



The picture is crystal clear: the Swiss work, the Italians strike and the rest of Europe is somewhere in between. What about New Zealand? A few years ago, we would have been right at the bottom of the table, well below Italy, with the number of days lost so large that it would not have fitted into the above table. Where does New Zealand fit into this table today? Frankly, we have no idea....

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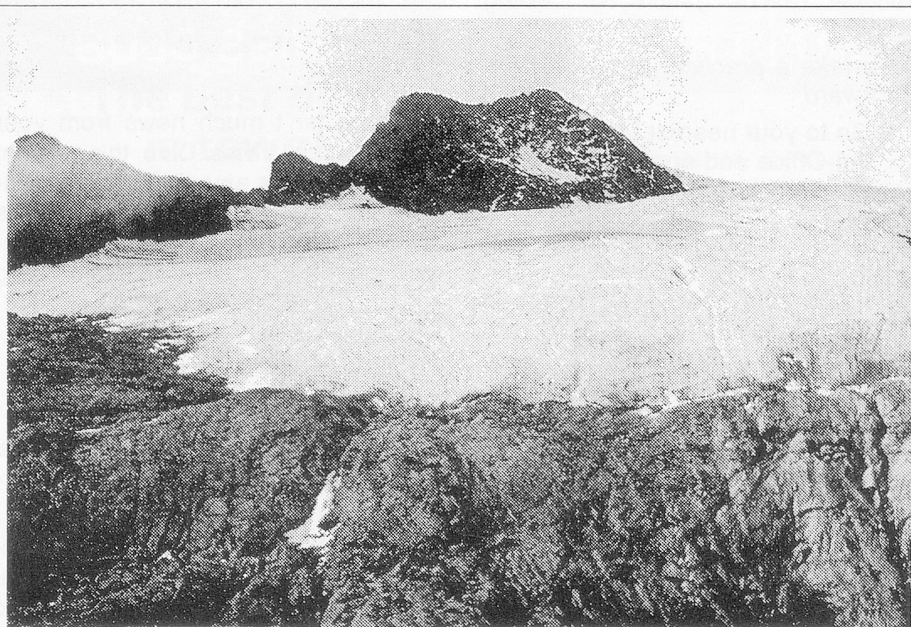
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## SWISS GLACIERS STILL RECEDING

The year 1994 was no exception, in fact it will go down as one of the years which registered one of the largest glacier retreat. During the 115 years since glaciers have been studied and their movements registered, only 33 years have been counted in total during which the glaciers have either stayed put or have slightly advanced. In fact, over these 115 years, the average yearly length lost by all glaciers was 7 metres.

### NOTE TO SECRETARIES

Next issue of the Helvetia magazine: NOVEMBER 1995. All contributions must be in by 15 October. Many thanks for your kind cooperation.