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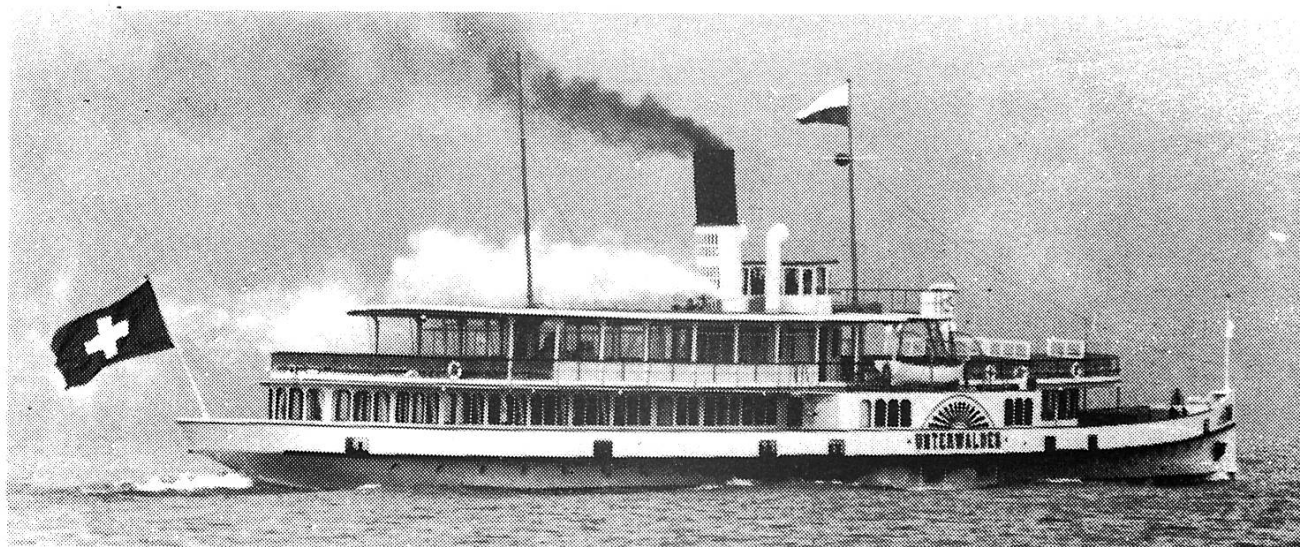
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## NEWS FROM LAKE LUZERN By Giles Della Gana

Unterwalden, the S.G.V.'s paddle steamer of 1902, withdrawn in 1977, returned to service on Lake Luzern last summer. In August I was fortunate enough to be able to travel aboard her from Weggis, via Vitznau, back to Luzern on the midday sailing that she operated through the summer as a sort of 'Thank You' to the local people who had helped save her.

So comprehensive and skillful has been the restoration work that I felt that I was on a new vessel rather than one over eighty years old. Most striking was the first class dining saloon with its Rococo decoration and splendid parquet floor. The second class saloon has bent-wood chairs and gleaming brass rails. The deck seating has been replaced using what might be called proper materials, no nasty plastic here! It goes without saying that her fresh paintwork sparkles. On the day I travelled the steamer was 'dressed overall', with the flag of Canton Unterwalden flying from her jack-staff.

With the return of the paddle steamer the S.G.V. might have had two vessels named Unterwalden. The second, 58.4 metres long, 11.3 meters wide, powered by two Saurer SDR diesels and built by the S.G.V., entered service on 1st. May 1976. This 'problem' has been overcome by the renaming of the motor-ship "Europa" by Mr. Marcelino Oreja on the 5th. May 1985. Europa is a name new to the Lake of Luzern fleet and is regarded as a festive of European unity.



*Damfer Unterwalden. Photo S.G.V.*

Looking forward to the coming summer on the lake, I am advised that the advertised steamer sailings will be worked as follows:-

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>SAILING</u>	<u>LUZERN</u>	<u>FLUELEN</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>SAILING</u>	<u>FLUELEN</u>	<u>LUZERN</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
GALLIA	No. 7	09.00	11.40	(1	No. 18	11.45	14.50	(1
UNTERWALDEN	No. 9	09.30	12.50	(2	No. 20	13.00	16.20	(2
STADT LUZERN	No. 13	11.30	14.45		No. 26	14.54	18.20	
SCHILLER	No. 17	13.20	16.12	(3	No. 28	16.20	19.30	(3

1) Daily - June, July & August. Sundays - September. Other times Motor-ship. 2) Sundays only. Other Times Motor Ship. 3) Daily - July & August. Otherwise Sundays. Other Times Motor-ship.

The URI will operate the 13.00 hrs. sailing from Luzern to Alpnachatad and the 14.42 return (sailings 73 and 76) daily during July and August and on Sundays at other times. This year why not come 'paddle-gricing' !