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Demonstration in front of the atomic power plant in Gösigen (photo: Keystone).

Guido Winterberg (photo: A. Blatter)

The First of August (photo: H. Stucki)

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A Jubilee of Encounter and Communion

CH 91 and the Path of Switzerland

In 1991 the Swiss Confederation celebrates its 700th year of existence. By then, rather more than 25 years will have passed since the last National Exhibition, the «Expo 1964», in Lausanne. Jubilee celebrations and National Exhibition at one and the same time, notwithstanding, CH 91 wants to be both a retrospective and a glimpse of the future in one. The preparatory work for this occasion of encounter and communion is already well advanced.

CH 91 also wants to continue two traditions: that of jubilee celebrations and that of national exhibitions. Both traditions will be combined in a fourfold overall concept, with new substance and contemporary form, presented as follows:

- Celebration of the «700 Years Confederation» jubilee in the valley of Schwyz
- Thematic events in Central Switzerland
- Country-wide activities
- The Path of Switzerland round the lake of Uri

The country-wide activities and the events in the five Central-Swiss cantons – Uri, Schwyz, Obwalden, Nidwalden and Zug – are to be organized on a thematic pattern. They mirror basic human needs such as «Freedom and Order», «Food and Production», «Houses and Homeland», «Work and Trade» and so forth. Complementary events on the same themes will also be organized throughout Switzerland.

Who is organizing CH 91?

The CH 91 Foundation has been established to co-ordinate all plans and to hold the concept and thematic arrangement together. The Foundation has at its disposal financial resources accruing from the support of the Confederation, the original cantons and from other cantons and institutions. Everyone – private persons, en-

terprises, associations etc. – is invited to contribute, each within the bounds of his or her possibilities. «Arbeitskompass», a brochure giving information on the various possibilities for participation, is obtainable from the *Direktion CH 91, Baarerstr. 23, 6304 Zug (tel. 042/233191)*.

Path of Switzerland

The Path of Switzerland, a 35-kilometre-long natural scenic path round the lake of Uri, is the symbol of federalism. Each canton will be represented by a section of the path, the length being calculated according to the number of inhabitants; symbolically, therefore, five millimetres is attributed to each inhabitant of Switzerland. The Central-Swiss cantons start the path at the Rütli and the other cantons follow in the order of their admission into the Confederation. The path comes to an end with the canton of Jura, in Brunnen. The greater part of the Path of Switzerland can be traversed only on foot, and it leads the walker through the incomparably beautiful, historically rich and originally unspoiled scenery of Switzerland. CH 91 has plans for a place on the Path of Switzerland for the Swiss abroad. It is hoped that this will offer a platform for our people who live away from the homeland. The site will probably be Brunnen. ●

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