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Overcoming the past

"Burdens of the past" SR 2/2000



I was delighted at the unbiased way in which the article on "The burdens of the past" discussed the blame which can be laid even at the door of more

recent Swiss history. Just as every human is open to blame at some time in his or her lifetime, so too are nations. The mistake is not to admit it.

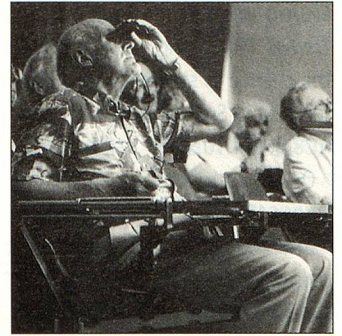
But that is exactly what the four readers' letters in SR 4/2000 do! They obviously cannot tolerate the thought that Switzerland, like other nations, is not whiter than white. Who can seriously argue that Switzerland has not brought grievous blame upon itself with respect to German Jews?

Christian Theile, Germany

Further education

"Learning: a lifelong task" SR 4/2000

As a retired engineer of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology it was with much concern that I read the article by Mr. Jacques Neiryndck. The article is thought-provoking and very disturbing, as it reflects accurately the age prejudice prevalent in much of industry and business. This has a profoundly negative effect on the work marketplace for older people, at a time when the population is getting older and the services of older people are be-



coming increasingly necessary. The age prejudice is an attitude which must be combated at all levels, by the individuals concerned, by businesses and by governments.

John E. Steinmann, UK

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