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On my last trip to Switzerland, I went to Brunnen to look at the "Auslandschweizer-Platz". I came across a prominent poster displaying these two characters from Taranaki making propaganda for their cheeses and sausages respectively. I am sure they will recognise themselves and one is a very prominent member of the Taranaki Swiss club! And yes, I did walk a piece of the "Weg der Schweiz". Any compatriot or friend of Switzerland who visits the homeland can have my recipe for a very nice day in the heart of Switzerland without exertion: make your way to Brunnen. Have a coffee at the lakeside restaurant and enjoy the view. Proceed to the Auslandschweizer-Platz and look at the history of the Swiss Abroad around the world, all displayed on posters. Take the boat to Treib and from there the cable car (Treib-Seelisberg Bahn) to Seelisberg. From here walk to the Rutliwiese, stand near the flag and take a photo of yourself with the Grosse and Kleine Mythen across the Urnersee as an impressive background. It was "Föhn" and the view was very clear when I was there. While standing on the Rutliwiese, think back on the history of Switzerland. Walk downhill to the Rutli boat station and take the boat to Bauen and then an easy walk to the Tellsplatte and to Isleten (about an hour). On the way you pass various round "Gedenksteine" which denote the cantons that financed the particular stretches of the "Weg". Now you take the boat across the lake to

Sisikon and treat yourself to a well earned lunch (no problem finding a good food place and watering hole!). Take the boat back to Brunnen and go your own way from here. Or in my case, I took another boat to Luzern and walked across the restored Kappelbrücke, window shopped around the old city part and then across the Quaybrücke to the railway station.

This is now a very nice new station and very "user-friendly". Go to the pleasant restaurant and have a "Rösti mit Bratwurst" and 3 dl of Dole wine before taking the train back to Zurich. Have a very nice day - I enjoyed it immensely!
André Schleicher

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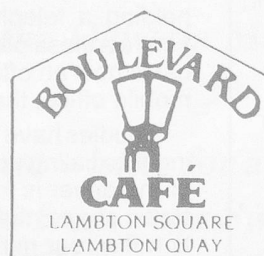
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