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This issue contains one of the three fine papers given at the annual meeting of the SAHS, held in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 1995, at the Embassy of Switzerland. The essay of the American cultural historian Professor H. Dwight Page of the University of Memphis, Tennessee, details the numerous and complex issues posed by the European Union to the Swiss polity. Ambassador Carlo Jagmetti attended the session and offered a thoughtful and appreciative response. Readers interested in Swiss affairs viewed within a European context will especially value Professor Page's incisive analysis.

The review essay of Marion S. Miller, Professor of European History and Culture at the University of Illinois at Chicago, features two recent works relating to Swiss culture with empathetic expertise. Dr. Laura Villiger, Zurich, whose own fine study of Mari Sandoz' literary work is sent out with this issue to the members of the SAHS, carefully assesses a recent study of the Swiss writer Gertrud Leutenegger.

To these expert contributors our special thanks, and to all a joyful holiday

*Leo Schelbert, Editor*