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## Helvetia Calendar

June 15 -- Monthly meeting, 8 p.m., Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J. Program: Display of flight covers by Walter Reimann. Guests welcome.

## Rosenberg Nominated President

Aaron Rosenberg for president was the lead-off nomination submitted by the three-member nominating committee at the May meeting. Others nominated for 1971-72 offices were Walter Reimann, vice president, Albert Adams, secretary, and George Wettach, treasurer.

The members tabled the report for action at the June meeting after Walter Reimann, the only nominating committee member present, presented an oral report. The other committee members are Stephen Pomex and Lou Weinhofer.

Subsequently Steve reported by phone that the committee is recommending that the society appoint rather than elect a librarian. For this reason the committee nominated no one for librarian.

In recent years the elected president has also appointed members as trustees, BEPEX and APS representatives, newsletter editor, and chairmen of programs, membership, awards and publicity. At the May meeting the nominating committee also recommended an additional chairman for translations.

Immediately after the nominations Aaron informed the society that he does not wish to run for president. Unless another member is willing to serve, the society will enter the 1971-72 year without a president.

## News Briefs

Ben Wood reported at the May meeting that BEPEX is seeking ways to make its annual club competition more competitive, in view of the fact that Helvetia has won the award for five years in a row.

Stamp Collecting Weekly's April 22 issue is devoted to the 25th anniversary of the Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain. The English magazine contains eight articles on various aspects of Swiss philately, plus an opening article on the society with photographs of its founder, president and secretary-editor. Those wishing copies of the special issue can write the editor, Kenneth F. Chapman, at Stamp Collecting Ltd., 42 Maiden Lane, London, WC2E 7LL, England.

The third part of Steve Pomex's "Forgery Detection" article will appear in the next issue of this newsletter in September. Steve did not have time to write the final part before leaving early in June for a three-month hitch-hiking trip to the West Coast.

A Touch of Trivia by Steve Pomex

One of today's most pertinent issues is "environment." We speak of salvaging, not wasting, and recycling.



The Swiss in 1942 had a somewhat similar problem, although their's was more of an economic strain. Pitted in the middle of fighting nations, Switzerland was faced with a great shortage of raw materials.

They used stamps, as one of the great modes of propaganda, to get their idea across. The slogan on the stamps was "To pull through, salvage used materials." The stamps were printed in German, French and Italian.