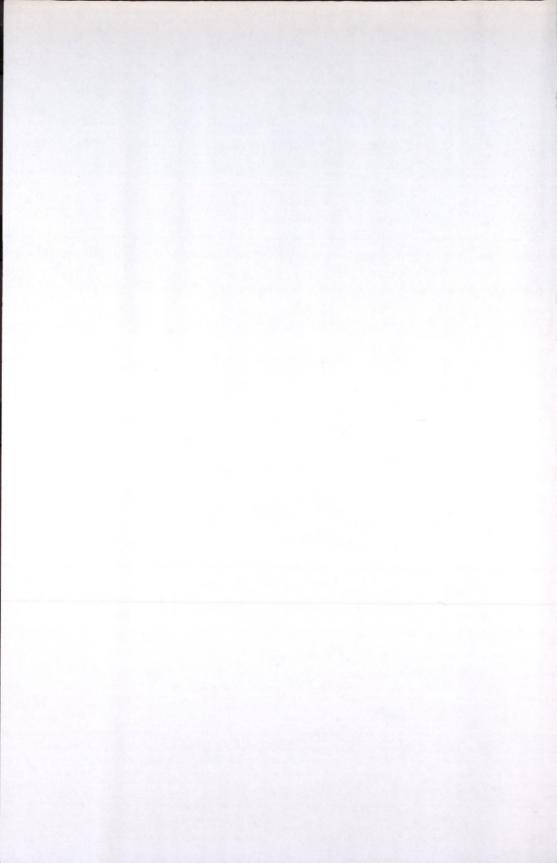
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On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Society for German-American Studies, we are pleased and honored to dedicate this issue of the *Yearbook* to the commemoration of the seven hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Swiss Confederation in 1291. It is appropriate that German-American studies focus on the numerous and significant connections which link Switzerland and immigrants from Switzerland to the cultural and political development of North America.

We would like to express our appreciation to the special editor for this *Yearbook*, our colleague Leo Schelbert of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who conceived the idea for a Swiss-American issue. He invited scholarly contributions from Switzerland and the United States, set the thematic parameters, and made the final arrangement of "The United States and Switzerland: Aspects of an Enmeshment."

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We congratulate the Swiss as well as those Americans of Swiss descent on this anniversary of their democratic heritage.

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