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 EST<HTML><PRE><I>.c The Associated Press</I></PRE></HTML> By CLARE NULLIS Associated Press Writer
 GENEVA (AP) -- Accusations that Switzerland cooperated with theNazis in World War II and a recent upsurge in
 anti-Semitism havestunned the Swiss and spurred them into action to repair theirnation's battered image.
 Officially neutral in the war, Switzerland long has prideditself for its humanitarian traditions and tolerance. But
 charges that the Swiss only managed to stay out of the warby laundering gold looted by the Nazis and by
 forcing back tens ofthousands of Jewish refugees have stung the Alpine country. Director Markus Imhoof,
 whose 1981 film ``The Boat is Full"criticized Swiss refugee policy during the war, said the backlashmay be a
 needed correction. ``It hurts me when Switzerland is criticized, but maybe itsimage was too good," Imhoof
 said. ``The image of a model pupil and a paradise was cultivated bySwitzerland and abroad. And it's simply not
 true." Imhoof is among more than 100 academics and artists who signed apetition demanding that
 Switzerland and its people admit themistakes of the past and face up to their moral obligations towardJewish
 groups. Phone lines have been jammed with support for the manifestosince it appeared in newspapers Friday.
 School children are collecting donations for a compensation fundfor needy Jews whose families lost
 everything in World War II. Church groups hope thousands will show up at a silentdemonstration this week in
 solidarity with victims of the Holocaustand against anti-Semitism. And Switzerland's new president has tried to
 make amends forperceived anti-Jewish remarks of his predecessor by condemning theHolocaust as a
 ``monstrous, unspeakable wrong." ``We strictly reject every form of anti-Semitism in thiscountry," Arnold
 Koller said Friday after meeting Israeli leaderBenjamin Netanyahu in the Alpine resort of Davos. Foreign
 Minister Flavio Cotti repeated the message to Netanyahuon Saturday, stressing that Switzerland is serious
 about fulldisclosure of its treatment of Jewish assets and other issuesrelated to the Nazi era in neighboring
 Germany. Swiss banks and Jewish groups have set up an international panelto search for Jewish assets: Jewish
 groups say there may be as muchas \$7 billion. The banks argue the total is only a fraction of thatamount. The
 government hopes its recent steps will mend relations withJewish groups. The vice president of the Swiss
 Federation of HebrewCongregations agreed. ``We hope we are turning a corner," Thomas Lyssy said.
 ``Thereare more and more positive initiatives now." Swiss officials have had to make up for displays of bad
 graceand incredible public gaffes. In December, outgoing President Jean-Pascal Delamuraz caused astorm by
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