

# Swiss achievement in the fight to Thwart Forgers

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**HARVEY DOUGLAS †**

The death occurred on the 24th January, at the age of 56 of Mr. Harvey Douglas, Manager of the Zurich Group of Companies operating in the British Isles.

On leaving Manchester Grammar School, Mr. Douglas received his early training with the Atlas, operating for that company for many years in Germany. After the war he joined the Friends Provident and Century and remained with them until taking up his appointment with the Zurich in 1956. During the war he served in Intelligence with the rank of Major.

As an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute he was an enthusiastic and keen supporter of Institute affairs. His interests were wide-ranging and he was a past President of the Insurance Orchestral Society of London, music being one of his chief hobbies. He was a keen fisherman and golfer and took an active part in local affairs.

A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church, Northchurch, Berkampstead, on Friday, 4th February at 3 p.m. It was attended by the deceased's family and personal friends. There were also present or represented amongst the very large gathering Directors of the Zurich Group of Companies from both Switzerland and the United Kingdom, members of the United Kingdom Executive and Staff, and many friends from Insurance Companies and Brokers, the Police and Commerce.

**SWISS CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The new year 1966 started in a particularly happy way for the children of the Swiss Colony, for it was once again the Annual Christmas Party held as usual at the Victoria Hall. About one hundred children enjoyed the traditional programme which consisted of an opening prayer by Pasteur A Nicod and the showing of religious slides. The children were then entertained by a conjurer, which seemed to be appreciated by all. After this, some comic films were shown. Tea and Father Christmas with his gifts for each child brought the party to a close.

Our thanks go to all those whose generosity made this occasion possible. Also very many thanks to the helpers who gave their time to make the afternoon such a success.

*J.Zw.*

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**STOP PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have just heard with deep regret of the death of **Mr. Robert Brand** and **Mr. Arnold C. Stahelin**. Obituaries will follow in the next issue.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE**

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 25th February. We shall be glad to receive reports and articles not later than Wednesday, 16th February. Short news items only can be accepted after that date.

## **Nouvelle Société Helvétique**

**London Group**

**OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday, 17th February 1966, 7.45 p.m., at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3.**

Dr. H. J. ALEXANDER

Founder and Executive Vice-President of the

**PESTALOZZI CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**

(Sedlescombe, Battle, Sussex)

Member of the Council of the Swiss Pestalozzi Foundation, Joint General-Secretary of the Fédération Internationale des Communautés d'Enfants, and President of its U.K. Section

will give a talk in English (with slides) on

**"THE PESTALOZZI MOVEMENT IN OUR TIME"**

*All Swiss and their friends are welcome*

**A NEW MAP OF SWITZERLAND**

The Federal Office of Topography in Berne has just published a new 1:500,000 map of Switzerland on a single sheet. This new map measuring 78 x 57 cm. is printed on syntosil paper, a specially strong material resistant to damp, tearing and stains, and capable of being folded and unfolded an indefinite number of times without fraying. Beautifully printed in thirteen colours with contour lines for every 200 m., the new map gives an extremely clear picture of the relief of the country. Covering an area of 240 miles from east to west, and 150 miles from north to south, it shows the whole of Switzerland and large parts of the neighbouring countries. This achievement of the Swiss Federal Office of Topography joins the fine series of maps which have built up the reputation of Swiss cartography, such as for example the maps of Switzerland on a scale of 1:50,000 and 1:25,000.

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**SWISS ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIGHT TO THWART FORGERS**

A Swiss paper mill in Zurich working in co-operation with a famous British banknote printing firm has succeeded in producing a special type of paper for valuable documents, which it is completely impossible to forge. Even the cleverest attempt by scratching or chemical means to efface inscriptions made on the new "Sécursil" paper, whether in ink or pencil-ink, by ball-point pen, typewriter or printing, leaves traces which are immediately recognizable to the naked eye. In addition "Sécursil" paper is extraordinarily fast to light and ageing and can be printed without any difficulty with magnetic inks. Used for passports, cheques, banknotes and other valuable documents, it makes forgeries quite impossible and cannot help but meet with considerable success throughout the world.

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