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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

Brasted,
August 2nd, 1948.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Your columns have recently brought interesting news regarding the London Colony in a general way.

I fail to understand them, because I have not been aware of anything being amiss with the continued smooth working of its activities. The reason may well be, that I have never stood right inside the inner circle, which is perhaps my fault. I will follow the activities of the "new broom" with interest and good wishes.

In the second place, we have had articles about "Auslandschweizer" affairs and their relationship with the N.S.H. and the Home Government. There was above all a comprehensively long report by Dr. H. W. Egli in the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung".

I confess, that here again I was non-plussed, because I thought that we had long ago arrived at a passable *modus vivendi*. I knew, of course, that we were trying to abolish the military tax, as I had, myself, published (some years ago) an article about it in the "Swiss Observer".

If we continue to press for this abolition I would be glad, but for the rest, I ignore what more we are in need of. Let us concentrate upon this important question and not weaken our forces by other, to me, obscure discussions.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. Eberli.

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Swiss House,
35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
5th August, 1948.

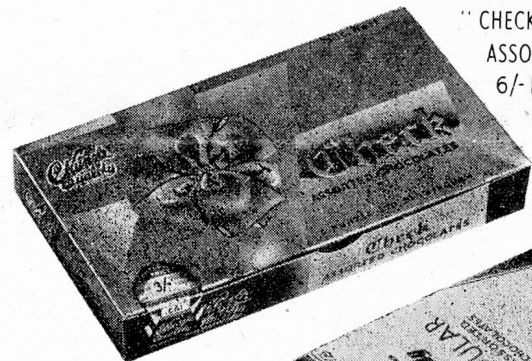
The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Dear Mr. Stauffer,

As you say, news does reach one in round-about ways. I have read in the last issue of the Swiss Observer that according to the *Daily Telegraph* the Swiss Mercantile Society gave a dinner party at the Trocadero Restaurant. I am afraid, however, that your correspondent did not get the facts quite right. As readers of the *Swiss Observer* know, it was the *Council* of the S.M.S. that held its 100th meeting at the Trocadero Restaurant and indulged in an excellent dinner instead of contenting itself with the usual sandwiches before dealing with its business.

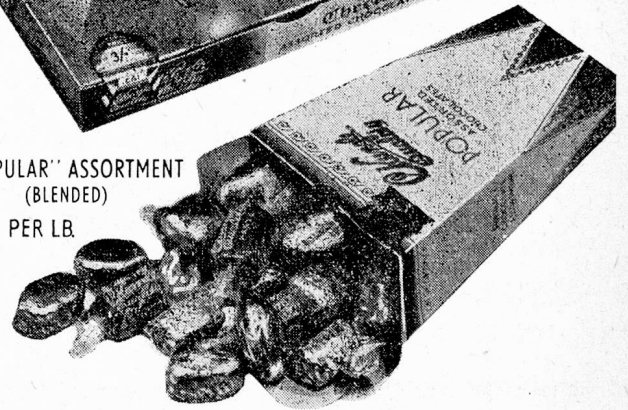
I would assure you that we in the Swiss Mercantile Society have not the slightest intention of changing our Official Organ of publicity and we trust that you will allow us space in the Swiss Observer in the same generous way as you have always done in the past for our announcements of forthcoming events and reports. Nor shall we fail in our duty to send the customary circulars to all our members whenever occasion arises.

Yours sincerely,
W. Meier,
President, Swiss Mercantile Society.



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