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SPORTS EVENTS.

Tennis.

Switzerland was engaged in a Davis-Cup-Match against Pakistan. The competition was organized by the L.T.C. Montreux and took place on May 2nd/3rd. Switzerland gained a very narrow victory by 3:2, the results of the several competitions being:

Switzerland	Pakistan
Albrecht	v. Alam : 6:1, 6:1, 6:2.
Huonder	v. Ahmed : 2:6, 4:6, 3:6.
Huonder-Albrecht	v. Alam-Ahmed : 7:5, 6:4, 6:4.
Huonder	v. Alam : 6:1, 6:1, 6:2.
Albrecht	v. Ahmed : 1:6, 5:7, 6:1, 6:4, 4:6.

In the second Davis-Cup-Round, Switzerland will meet Sweden in Stockholm. This competition promises to be a very hard fight for the Swiss athletes as Sweden is considered as one of the strongest European teams. It is hoped, however, that the Swiss champion, Jost Spitzer, who did not play against Pakistan will be available against Sweden.

Football.

The Swiss football season is nearing its end. At present only three teams have good prospects of winning the title of Swiss champions, i.e. F.C. Bellinzona, F.C. Bienna and F.C. Lausanne. The situation at the top of the League Table is:

	Games.	Points.
1. Bellinzona	22	31
2. Bienna	22	31
3. Lausanne	22	28

At the bottom of the League four teams are struggling against relegation, i.e.

	Points.
Lugano	18
Basle	18
Zurich	17
Cantonal Neuchâtel	9

The relegation of Cantonal is already definite whilst it is yet undecided which Club will accompany him into the second division.

In a friendly game, Servette (Geneva) beat the famous Hungarian Uypest by 4:3 goals.

Cycling.

The Tour de Romandie organized by the Cyclist Union of Switzerland took place from May 6th to May 9th. It covered four laps. The interest which the public showed towards this competition was surprisingly high. The four-days race was won by Kübler, Switzerland, followed by Goldschmid, Luxembourg, Clemens, Luxembourg, Bresci (Italy) etc. The foreign competitors showed in general a steadier form and more stamina than the Swiss athletes.

Car Racing.

On the 2nd May the best European racers assembled in Geneva for the Grand Prix des Nations, which covered a distance of 240 km. The public attendance of 240 km. The public attendance exceeded 30,000. The very difficult race was won by Farina (Italy) with a Maserati car in 2:23:58.2 hours, corresponding to an average speed of 99 km. Second place occupied the Swiss de Graffenreid with Maserati, followed by Sommer (France), Chaboud (France) etc. It

is the first time for many years that a Swiss competitor was able to gain a second place amongst these famous drivers. De Graffenreid's performance must be considered as one of the best ever shown by a Swiss car driver.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

1st May, 1948.

To the Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Mr. Stauffer,

The Colony has seldom taken leave of a departed friend as spontaneously and as warmly as it did of Mr. Boehringer. It has rarely lost as good a friend and compatriot, a friend both of so many individuals and of the Colony as a whole. And it is acutely aware of it.

Many others, better qualified than myself to speak of him personally, have paid the highest tributes to Paul Boehringer and his work. And you yourself have devoted a very moving obituary in the *Swiss Observer* to the founder and publisher and untiring protector of this newspaper. Permit me to associate myself unreservedly with every appreciative word written of him, his friendship, his fine humanity and his work.

No praise could be too appreciative especially of the way Mr. Boehringer carried out and stuck faithfully to his great conception of what an organ of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain ought to be: an unpretentious link between the Colony and the homeland and within the Colony; a purveyor of essential news from the homeland, a chronicle of all the happenings and doings inside the Colony, a vehicle for the discussion of important problems, a tribune for the free expression of honest opinions. Like you, I have had a period of editing the S.O. under Mr. Boehringer, sen., as publisher. Though it lasted only a year or two, I can say that no newspaper could wish for a more large-minded publisher and protector. Not everyone is in a position to appreciate correctly how much love, devotion, work and financial sacrifice Mr. Boehringer has been putting into the *Swiss Observer* — in company with yourself, let me hasten to add. I should not like to have omitted giving my warmest testimony to this effect, for what it is worth, as a pressman myself, a former editor and always an attentive reader of the *Swiss Observer*. And permit me to add to this my sense of profound indebtedness to Mr. Boehringer from the point of view of President of one of the societies of our Colony — for the creation and unbroken maintenance of our little paper, which with your tolerant co-operation has always proved such a valuable platform to reach our members and friends.

Mr. Boehringer has created his own proudest monument in the *Swiss Observer*. It is comforting to know its in such good hands to continue caring for it as yours, dear Mr. Stauffer, and those of Mr. Boehringer junior. To both of you I extend my warmest condolences for the very great personal loss you have suffered — in the name of the Nouvelle Société Hélvétique, London Group, as well as myself personally.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. EGLI.