

**Zeitschrift:** The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

**Herausgeber:** Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

**Band:** - (1950)

**Heft:** 1136

**Rubrik:** Unione Ticinese tea-dance

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

**Download PDF:** 15.09.2025

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**

## UNIONE TICINESE TEA-DANCE.

On Sunday, 14th May, 1950, the Unione Ticinese held another most successful Tea Dance, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, at which approximately 500 people were present.

The festivities commenced at 4 p.m., an excellent tea being served an hour later, then after a suitable interval in which we had time to sit back and contemplate the enjoyable fare of which we had partaken, Mr. Carlo Berti, the popular President of the Unione Ticinese, addressed the gathering. He extended a sincere welcome to all present, and most especially to the Secretary of the Legation, Dott. Guido Lepori, and his charming wife, who attended on behalf of the Swiss Minister. Mr. Berti ended his address by wishing everyone a most enjoyable evening, and (amidst much laughter) with the reminder that if anyone present voiced a complaint at 10 p.m. that the evening had passed too quickly, they should only blame themselves for not arriving at 4 o'clock promptly!

Signor Lepori, who then took Mr. Berti's place on the platform, replied with true eloquence — thanking the President and Unione Ticinese for welcoming him and Signora Lepori, in their midst. He gave a special message to the younger members of the many Ticinese in London, telling them that they should learn to love their mother country, its valleys, its lakes, its alps — the Canton of Ticino — from whence in days gone by, originated famous architects, and in the present time, skilled administrators, men with initiative — then could it truly be said that even amongst the Ticinese in Great Britain this wonderful tradition will always be upheld. Signor Lepori's words of address were received with long and loud applause.

The Cabaret which followed, proved to be an admirable choice, the commencing artiste being a young Neapolitan singer from the Opera St. Carlo, Signorina Adele Solitri, who rendered three delightful songs. The first was an aria from *Cavalleria Rusticana*. "Cuore Ingrato" which she chose for her next song, was executed with great feeling and quality, and was warmly applauded, as also her finale, a Neapolitan aria, "Il Pescatore di Posillipo".

The next item on the Cabaret was Billy Ellis, the Blind Boy, already well known for his broadcasts on

Radio Luxembourg, who gave an excellent performance on his Accordion. He chose for his first piece, "Trieste Overture", followed by "Dizzy Fingers" and finally a delightful rendering of "Dark Eyes".

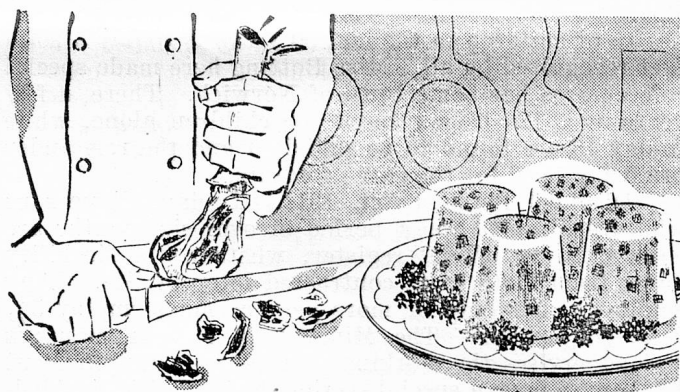
Last, but by no means least, the Corale Ticinese, under their conductor Mr. P. De Maria. They made a charming group in their colourful costumes, and their lively singing of various Ticinese songs, including "Lassé passà la Leva", "Il Cacciatore del Bosco", "Cuccù", all recalled nostalgic memories for those of us living so far from our beloved Ticino! Few could resist joining in their last number, "O Ticino, dolcissimo giardino . . ."

After the Cabaret the more energetic of us again joined the merry throng on the dance floor, and either leisurely waltzed, or with more gusto, whirled to the Rumba or the Samba to our heart's content — thanks to the artistry of Mr. Harry Vardon and his Band.

A beautiful China tea set (export only?) was raffled during the evening, and how I envied the very lucky Gentleman who won this lovely prize!

All too soon the evening drew to a close — but we had all thoroughly enjoyed every moment, and it was with happy memories of a day well spent, in the company of old friends and compatriots, that we reluctantly made our farewells. Incidentally, Mr. Berti tells me that it is hoped to hold the next dance on the 1st October, 1950 — so take due note of the date!

I.B.



## How to make ends *meat* ....

There's no question of not knowing what to do with those scraps of meat left over from the joint. Scarcity has sharpened our ingenuity, and one of the most satisfactory ways of making the most of fish, flesh or fowl left-overs is to dress them up with Aspic. Maggi's Beef Extract Jelly offers a variety of ways of converting left-overs into attractive and economical supplementary Aspic dishes.

**MAGGI'S** FREE TESTING SAMPLE *Recipes and a generous sample of Maggi's Beef Extract Jelly will be sent on request*

## Beef Extract Jelly

THE NESTLÉ COMPANY, LTD. HAYES, MIDDLESEX. Telephone: Hayes 3811

## SWISS BANK CORPORATION,

(A Company limited by Shares incorporated in Switzerland)

99, GRESHAM STREET, E.C.2.

and 11c, REGENT STREET, S.W. 1.

Capital and Reserves s.f. 205,000,000

NEW YORK AGENCY  
15 NASSAU STREET.

All Descriptions of Banking and  
Foreign Exchange Business Transacted