

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: - (1958)

Heft: 1314

Artikel: The swiss ambassador with the philatelists

Autor: [s.n.]

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-687343>

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: 05.02.2026

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

THE SWISS AMBASSADOR WITH THE
PHILATELISTS.



F. STREIT.
President :
London Swiss Philatelic Society.

For the first time since the foundation of the London Swiss Philatelic Society in 1943 the diplomatic representative of the Swiss Confederation, accredited to the Court of St. James, has attended the traditional annual luncheon, which took place at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7, on Saturday, February 8th.

The community of collectors of all kinds of articles is vast, amongst them we find queer people who specialise in such trivial things as matchboxes, door-knobs, hairpins, cigar-bands, spectacle cases, used bus-tickets, etc.

Stamp collectors are, without a doubt, more numerous than any others, and they could hardly be called "queer"; at least, I found the members of the Swiss Philatelic Society quite normal and rational. As I mentioned on a previous occasion, my acquaintance with stamps is limited to the process of licking them; having done so on the very morning of the luncheon I was glad of having the opportunity though of licking instead one or two *apéritives* during the cocktail party which preceded the luncheon.

The Society has for many years now held its luncheon at the Glendower Hotel, partly because both the host and hostess, Mr. & Mrs. A. Schmid, are

Sleep Serene....

Drink

OVALTINE
THE WORLD'S BEST NIGHTCAP

members and keen collectors, and partly because the *cuisine* of the Glendower has a great reputation in the Colony, which I am sure accounted for the large attendance.

And what a luncheon it was! There was *Potage aux Légumes*, followed by *Filet de Sole Frit, Sauce Tartare*, and as pièce de résistance the reputed "Bärnerplatte" and "Sauerkraut", or *Poulet Rôti, Coupe Glacée aux fruits, Fromage et biscuits* and *Café*.

To make it "go down" easier, *Macon blanc, Neuchâtel, Johannisberg, Beaujolais, Châteauneuf du Pape* and *Volnay* were served.

The well chosen *Menu* and the choice vintages had a stimulating effect, and I expected at any moment that the company would burst into song in order to give vent to their appreciation for all the good things which had been provided for them.

Shortly before coffee was served, the President, Mr. F. Streit, proposed the customary *Toasts* to H.M. the Queen and Switzerland.

Mr. Streit, after a short *résumé* of the activities of the Society during the past year, extended a warm and cordial welcome to the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker, saying how pleased and honoured the members were to have such distinguished visitors at this annual family party; he also voiced his pleasure at having amongst the company Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer", and Mrs. Stauffer, Monsieur M. Luy, 1st Secretary of Embassy, and Miss Winifred Wright, Secretary of the Civil Service Philatelic Society.

Concluding his address he thanked Mr. A. Schmid

NOW!

MAGGI

SWISS

SOUPS

(in sachets)

MAGGI Swiss — the Continental soups which appeal to British tastes — are now in foil sachets, both in Britain and in many parts of the Continent. MAGGI soups are prepared to recipes by famous Continental chefs and the ingredients are the world's best. For really international success serve MAGGI Swiss soups today.



1/6

4-6
HELPINGS
FROM ONE
SACHET

TEN EXCITING VARIETIES
MUSHROOM · PEA & HAM · TOMATO · OXTAIL
SPRING VEGETABLE · ROMANY · ONION
ASPARAGUS · CAULIFLOWER · CHICKEN NOODLE

First Choice on the Continent!

and Mrs. Schmid and family for having looked after, so generously and well, the more material wants of the participants.

The Swiss Ambassador, who on rising received a spontaneous reception, thanked the President, also on behalf of Madame Daeniker, for having been given an opportunity of meeting the Philatelists; he referred very humorously to former visits to the Glendower Hotel, which he said proved to be equally "profitable".

Madame Daeniker, in the regrettable absence of Mrs. Streit — owing to illness — then presented the silver challenge cup to this year's winner, Miss A. Grünberg, a charming little lady, who blushingly came forward to receive this much coveted trophy. If I am not mistaken this cup has adorned her mantelpiece on previous occasions. A small replica of the cup went to Mr. Jack Beken, the runner up. Both recipients acknowledged the presentation with a few words.

As happens to so many Swiss Societies in this country, the annual accounts usually close with a balance on the "wrong side", and to "make things even" a tombola with attractive prizes is introduced, thus enabling the Treasurer to recover from past sleepless nights.

When some years ago I attended for the first time this annual gathering, I was fortunate enough to win no less than three prizes, but I am grieved to say that ever since nothing has come my way again, but fortunately the Ambassador and Madame Daeniker have now shared this "beginners' luck", and I sincerely hope that it will not forsake them on future occasions.

Generosity is one of the virtues of the London Swiss Philatelic Society, which has a fair sprinkling of English members, so they hold every year an auction of stamps for the benefit of some charities.

Mrs. Uehlinger, ably assisted by her husband, was entrusted with the task of emptying the pockets of the revellers. With remarkable endurance they succeeded — whilst tea was served — in collecting the amount of £12.12s., which will go in equal parts to the Swiss Benevolent Society and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Mr. O. Roethlisberger, on behalf of the Swiss Benevolent

Society, thanked the President for the generous donation.

In concluding this report I wish to repeat the sentence which I used on a former occasion, namely: "If anyone wants good comradeship, a fine luncheon, and a hearty laugh, then I would advise my compatriots to join without delay the

LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY."

ST.



The sparkling fun of snow and sun

Summer Programme

NOW READY

Conducted or
Individual travel
SWITZERLAND
AUSTRIA
ITALY
GERMANY
YUGOSLAVIA



Affiliated to Schweizer Reisekasse

Agents for
BRITISH (Continental), AUSTRIAN, BELGIAN, DUTCH,
FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN & SWISS
RAILWAYS, S.M.T. COACH SERVICES & ALL AIR LINES

London Office

POPULARIS TOURS, 6, ROYAL ARCADE, OLD BOND ST.,
LONDON, W.I.

Nearest Tube Stations, Piccadilly & Green Park.

Tel.: HYDe Pk 1352/3
No. 25 & Piccadilly Buses.

Please tell your British friends that they can enjoy the winter in Switzerland. Whether they are winter sports enthusiasts, or whether they are just there to rest and relax in the health-giving Alpine climate, they will find joy and fun galore in any of Switzerland's 150 sparkling winter resorts. There are hotels to suit every taste and pocket. Further information is available from The Swiss National Tourist Office, 458/459, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Switzerland