

**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:** - (1959)  
**Heft:** 1348  
  
**Rubrik:** City Swiss Club

### **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:** 13.08.2025

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

**MOUNTAINEERING ACCIDENTS**

The periodical "Die Alpen" has just published statistics of mountaineering accidents according to which 83 accidents occurred in summer 1958, costing 66 lives, and causing injuries to 47 persons. During winter 1958/59, 23 accidents were reported, causing the death of 15 persons, whilst 15 people were injured.

Recently several accidents have occurred. A guideless party of three mountaineers was observed on the summit of the Nadelhorn (4,330m). As the party did not return to the Mischabel hut in the evening, a rescue party was organised, who found the three mountaineers on the Hohballen glacier having fallen down 800m over the Nadelgrat. Werner Schmiriger (39) electro-technician of Lucerne, was found dead, and his two brothers Dr. jur. Xaver Schmiriger, "Landschreiber" of Schwyz, and Benedict Pater Odilo Schmiriger, Prior of the Engelberg Abbey, were found injured. The dead and the two injured were taken to Saas-Fee.

Three Bernese alpinists, Alfred Zürcher (47), Otto Allemann (58), and Mrs. Marie Allemann (55), lost their lives on the ascent of the Aletschhorn.

Willy Brand (34) of Berne was killed whilst ascending the Balmhorn (3711m). His brother René Brand (25) was injured and was taken to the hospital at Frutigen.

Dr. med. Dietrich Staehelin (41) of Zug, and his daughter Lisbeth (8) lost their lives on the descent from the Piz Calandari (Ct. Grisons).

M. Claude Demelière (20) of Geneva was killed on an ascent to the Dent Blanc. [A.T.S.]

\* \* \*

**VARIOUS.**

The collection made this year in Switzerland for refugees and displaced persons in various foreign

countries brought in the amount of 866,000.—francs. [A.T.S.]

The "Balair" A.G. of Basle have recently undertaken their first long distance flight (20,000m.) to Johannesburg. [A.T.S.]

\* \*

The 60 million francs loan at 3½ per cent of the Grande Dixence S.A. has been oversubscribed and allocations had to be reduced. [A.T.S.]

**PERSONAL.**

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Paul Haberstick, Managing Director of the Acme Transport Co. Ltd., of "Acme House", Whitecross Street, London, E.C.1, who on Wednesday, September 9th 1959, celebrated his 60th birthday.

We send our sincere congratulations to Mr. E. Buchi, Swiss Consul in Manchester, on his promotion to the rank of Consul General, and his transfer to San Francisco.

**CITY SWISS CLUB.**

At the Meeting on Tuesday, September 8th 1959, it was decided that the 95th Annual Banquet & Ball of the City Swiss Club will take place on Friday, November 20th at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE.**

Our next issue will be published on Friday, October 16th 1959.

# SWISS BANK CORPORATION

(A company limited by shares incorporated in Switzerland)



1872

In SWITZERLAND there are offices in Basle, Geneva, Zurich and all the principal centres.

In LONDON the City Office is situated at 99, Gresham Street, E.C.2, and there is a WEST END BRANCH, specially equipped for the convenience of visitors, at 11c, Regent Street, S.W.1, close to Piccadilly Circus.

In NEW YORK there is an Agency at 15, Nassau Street, and a Branch at 10 West 49th Street.

In CANADA the Bank is represented by the Swiss Corporation for Canadian Investments at 360, St. James Street West, Montreal.

**CAPITAL AND RESERVES — S.Frs.293,000,000**

**TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES AND ALL  
BANKING BUSINESS.**

