

**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:** - (1966)  
**Heft:** 1492  
  
**Artikel:** A paradise of toys  
**Autor:** [s.n.]  
**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-688664>

### **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:** 31.07.2025

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



## NEW HOTEL FACILITIES IN FOUR CITIES

During the past year, the number of available hotel beds in Zurich, Basle, Geneva and Lausanne has been increased by at least 1,500 due to the construction of new hotels and expansion of existing facilities. There are three noteworthy changes in Zurich and vicinity: A new wing of the *Dolder Grand Hotel*, with 100 luxurious rooms and suites; the newly completed *Seehotel Meierhof* at Horgen, on the shores of Lake Zurich, which can accommodate a maximum of 280 guests and features such refinements as an indoor swimming pool with infra-red sunlamp terrace. TV in all rooms, an elegant rooftop restaurant called "Rôtisserie l'Horizon", and a shopping arcade; and finally, "Europe's most exclusive small hotel", the forty-bed *Hotel Kindli*, located in a fifteenth-century patrician house in Zurich's old quarter. In Basle, two new openings have taken place: the sixty-bed *Hotel Bernina* and the twenty-four-bed *Rex*, both of them "garni" hotels (that is, where only breakfast is served). Geneva's hotel assortment has been enriched by several first-class houses, including the splendid *Ambassador* (140 beds) on the Quai des Bergues along the river Rhone, and two new hotels on the Rue de Berne, not far from the Cornavin Station and Air Terminal, the *Hôtel de Berne* (130 beds) and the *Windsor* (100), as well as the more modest, middle-class *Rivoli* (104 beds). Lausanne's most glittering new inn is the *Hôtel Continental* (180 beds), across from the main station, featuring several restaurants of different categories. In Lausanne-Ouchy, *La Résidence* (90 beds) has been reopened after a thorough renovation and a change of name, and a few hundred yards higher up in the centre of the town, rises the enlarged *Central* with 100 additional beds. A project for an additional 300-bed hotel in Lausanne is now being discussed.

[S.N.T.O.]

## A PARADISE OF TOYS

With 23 branches in all parts of Switzerland, the firm of Franz Carl Weber ranks as the country's leading toy manufacturer and distributor. In direct connection with its seventy-fifth anniversary in 1956, the company, which is still headed by a direct descendant of the founder, came up with the idea of creating a standing collection of old toys. Now, nine years later, the concept has been realized. In what were former attic rooms of the five-storey main Weber building on Zurich's Bahnhofstrasse, there has been opened what the local press called "the city's most charming the late eighteenth, the nineteenth and early twentieth century museum". Twenty-eight showcases display toys from centuries, arranged thematically. Central to the exhibition is a copy of the first illustrated catalogue issued by Franz Carl Weber back in 1891. The first thing which greets a visitor to this paradise of toys is a group of still functioning, splendidly painted steam engines, model cars, ships and miniature versions of some of the earliest railways. There are various example of French and English "magic lanterns", forerunners of modern home-movies and television. And, as survivors of the passing years, there are splendid dolls in precious, hand-sewn costumes, with artistic coiffures and adorable porcelain faces.

[S.N.T.O.]

'YOUNG IDEA'  
SHOES

by Bally of Switzerland

at the BALLY BOUTIQUE

132 King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3



FOR *Your*  
WORLD  
TRANSPORT  
(ANYTHING - ANYWHERE)



Ask /  
first!  
WORLD TRANSPORT

**WORLD TRANSPORT**

20/22 EMERSON STREET  
LONDON S.E.1.

AIRPORT OFFICES:  
LONDON BIRMINGHAM SOUTHEND  
MANCHESTER YEADON GATWICK

Tel: WATerloo 6996 . Telex: 28401 London

**AGENCY LIMITED**

Specialized Regular Groupage Services  
GREAT BRITAIN - SWITZERLAND and ITALY  
and VICE VERSA

BRANCHES: BASLE · MANCHESTER · BRADFORD · BIRMINGHAM · HULL · SHEFFIELD · LIVERPOOL  
LEICESTER · STOKE