**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:** - (1968)

**Heft:** 1552

Rubrik: Anglo-Swiss Society

### 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:** 26.11.2025

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

hospitals. Some were able to stay at the Swiss Hostel until they were well enough to return home. The Welfare Office providing the ticket and making the necessary travel arrangements. There were a few cases of pregnancy and most of the girls were helped to return to Switzerland. Parents and Swiss authorities sometimes have difficulty in accepting the underprivileged situation of young foreign girls who become pregnant in England. The chances for any unmarried mothers to get help from the putative father are very slight in this country, but the foreign girl who has to leave England because she is pregnant has no possibility whatsoever of taking action. Claims can be brought only if a girl is domiciled in England and only after the child is born. By then, most girls have left the country.

Ten Swiss girls were refused permission to land and these were helped by Mrs. Ellis. Seven girls were caught shop-lifting and had to pay heavy fines. Five girls found to be in moral danger agreed to return to Switzerland. As in 1966 there was no evidence of drugs being a specific

danger to Swiss girls.

Financial assistance was given to 42 girls but repay-

ment was very good.

Several journalists wrote articles about Swiss girls in Great Britain and gave short reports on the activities of the Welfare Office. The "Télévision Suisse" in Geneva made another film on Au Pairs and the BBC showed part of the film made earlier by a Swiss German team and

interviewed the social worker on this subject.

The report concluded with an expression of gratitude for their assistance and co-operation to the Swiss Embassy, particularly to Consul E. Tosio and Vice-Consul Ch. Abegglen, to Miss H. Siegrist who welcomed the girls at the Swiss Hostel, and looked after them, the Ministers of the Swiss Churches in London, the Swiss Benevolent Society, the aforementioned English organisations i.e. the British Vigilance Association, the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, the Aliens Police Registration Office, the Immigration Officers, Police Inspectors, social workers, doctors and nurses, understanding employers and friendly families who came to the rescue of stranded Swiss girls, as well as to the many Swiss girls who were such good friends and went to great lengths to help other girls in need.

The Committee of the Welfare Office for 1968

consists of the following members:

Mrs. M. H. Ellis, M.B.E., President; Mr. J. Zimmermann, Vice-President, representing Swiss Benevolent Society; Mrs. O. Grob, Vice-President; Mrs. R. Thomas, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. H. Knoll, Hon. Secretary; Mrs. E. Käufeler, representing "Pro Filia"; Mrs. E. Cottet, representing Swiss Hostel; Monsieur F. Ansermoz, Swiss Embassy; The Rev. Father P. Bossard, Swiss Catholic Mission; Pfarrer M. Dietler, Swiss Church; Pasteur A. Nicod, Swiss Church.

## WELFARE OFFICE FOR SWISS GIRLS IN GREAT BRITAIN

(For Information, Advice or Help)

11 Belsize Grove, London N.W.3.
(Nearest Underground Station: Belsize Park)

Telephone: PRImrose 4260

RECEPTION HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

#### ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY IN GREAT BRITAIN

# Annual Meeting and Reception for Swiss Parliamentary Delegation:

The President of the Anglo-Swiss Society, Lord Selkirk, chaired it's Annual General Meeting on 22nd July, at the Dorchester Hotel. The usual business was transacted. The fact that membership had increased, was commented on favourably, and the Officers and Executive Committee would continue their efforts in this direction. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selkirk, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., A.F.C., Q.C., is supported by Sir Clifford Norton, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., at Vice-President, by Captain T. D. R. Richardson, O.B.E., as Hon. Treasurer, and by Col. H. S. Townend, O.B.E., and Monsieur P. Stauffer as Hon. Secretaries.

Following the A.G.M., the Society gave a Reception in honour of the Swiss Parliamentary Delegation in London from 16th to 24th July. A British Delegation had been in Switzerland in 1955, and this was the return visit at the invitation of the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Chancellor. Apart from visits to both Chambers, the Swiss parliamentarians were shown an agricultural research establishment, a R.A.F. station and an atomic research centre.

The delegation was headed by the President of the National Council, Dr. H. Conzett (BGB, Zurich). The other members were National Councillors Dr. P. Freymond (Rad. Vaud), W. Hagmann (K.Chr. St. Gall), Dr. A. Muheim (Soc. Lucerne), and the Councillors of States Dr. E. Amstad (K.Chr. Nidwalden) and W. Jauslin (Rad. Baselland).

Some 80 members and friends attended the party, among them the Swiss Ambassador and Madame R. Keller, as well as Consul F. Adams.

MM.

#### **OBITUARY**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Baerlocher of 9 Perryn Road, East Acton, W.3. His death at the age of 90, took place in May, and belatedly, but sincerely, we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Baerlocher. She and her husband would have had their 56th wedding anniversary on 14th August. Mr. Baerlocher had been a staunch supported of the N.S.H.

Another faithful old reader would have had his 78th birthday this month, Mr. Siro Alberti, of 15 Spring Gardens, Malvern Link, Worcs. It is with deep regret that we have to announce his death on 27th July after a long and painful illness. He had been a member of the Unione Ticinese when living in London. We send our sincere condolences to Mrs. Dorothy Alberti in her bereavement.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We wish to thank the following subscribers for sending donations in addition to their subscriptions and/or for taking out or renewing gift subscriptions for friends or old-age pensioners:

Mrs. E. Cottet, Mrs. M. M. England, Miss D. Gerber (St. Imier), Mrs. F. Jones, Miss E. Stamm, Mrs. M. G. Wix, Monsieur R. Zellweger (Kinshasa, Congo), and Messrs. E. P. Banderet, V. L. Bataillart, R. E. Baumann, M. Merian, G. N. Ross, E. Schaerer, F. E. Zollinger.

We are most grateful for their kind and welcome

support.