

**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:** - (1970)  
**Heft:** 1590

**Artikel:** Swiss hotel for girls  
**Autor:** Keller, Gottfried / Boehringer, Oscar F.  
**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-687175>

### **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:** 14.12.2025

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

ceuticals plant was located.

The weather was misty and dreary. It was hard to appreciate the beauty of the Manchester surroundings. We passed in front of the toxicology division, a converted mansion in which toxicological tests on products are carried out on behalf of the company's pharmaceuticals and agricultural chemicals divisions the road winds up Edge Hill, a famed beauty spot overlooking the whole of the Cheshire plain. Unfortunately, low clouds prevented us from having any view and a blanket of snow gave a bleak aspect to the landscape.

We arrived at the Pharmaceuticals Division, probably the most modern and functional plant in the Northern Midlands. ICI Pharmaceuticals are only three hundred yards away but the plant although modern as well, appeared less attractive due to a difference in architectural concept. The Geigy plant is all glass and concrete and designed with Swiss ideas. The leading architect came from Basle. British minds also contributed to the erection of the ultra-modern plant which received a Civic Trust Award in 1965 and 1968. The estate has three spaced-out buildings: a gleaming administrative block, a glass-panelled refectory and the production building. 560 people are employed at the Hurdfield Estate.

Time was running short and we had to turn back towards Manchester. The small glimpse I had of Geigy U.K. was enough to convince me of the strength of Swiss capital in this country. (PMB)

#### OBITUARY

We regret to announce the passing away on February 25th of Mr. Erwin Fankhauser at the age of 84. He had been ill for two or three years. Mr. Fankhauser came to this country in 1907 and was employed in the City export firm of Arnhold and Co. In sixty years of stay in England he had never considered becoming a British citizen, but had however chosen to remain in this country for his retirement. He was at one time a regular attendant at the City Swiss Club's gatherings. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

(PMB)

#### ECUMENICAL SERVICES OF THE SWISS CHURCHES

It seems that the short notice about the ecumenical services in the Swiss Observer of 13th March 1970, page 16, has given rise to a misunderstanding and both representatives of the Catholic and the Protestant Swiss Church wish to state clearly that we do not have intercommunion. We think that the time is not yet ripe for that and the authorities of both churches neither encourage nor permit it at present. But we wish to make our members familiar with the prayer and the sacraments of both churches, in order to foster a deeper understanding and respect for each others' cult and to prepare the way for a possible unity in faith. The latter, as we understand, is not our doing, but is the work of Christ and his Holy Spirit.

Rev. M. Dietler  
Fr. P. Bossard

#### SWISS HOSTEL FOR GIRLS

It was an exhausting hot day in mid-June 1966 when Miss Heidi Siegrist took over from Miss Preiswerk the heavy burden of being Warden of the Swiss Hostel for Girls. She left London this Easter week on a cold morning, her travelling bag filled with souvenirs of enjoyable experiences and also with memories filling her heart with sorrow. For how many young girls has she not been a mother, friend, guardian and counsellor? Not even Miss Siegrist knows, but she remembers most of them. For how many of our readers has she not been hostess at the functions of the NSH and those of the Unione Ticinese? All will remember her friendly welcome and her ever-smiling greeting. The Council of Management of the Hostel loses a competent Warden who managed all her duties so confidently and to the satisfaction of all, lodgers and employer as well. For four years Miss Siegrist worked hand in hand with all the Swiss institutions of London and all those who knew her wish her all the best for her personal and professional future in Zug.

The Hostel has once again a new Warden, Mrs. Margrit Brunold. She came to London from Brugg in October 1969 and little did she know then that her destiny would lead her to the

Hostel. But we are all confident that she too will tackle this none too easy task with tact and competence. This worthwhile duty for the benefit of so many young and inexperienced girls can only be compensated with the satisfaction of having given them a home away from home and to have helped them with the first steps in a foreign and strange environment. All our best wishes go to Mrs. Brunold for a happy Wardenship at the Hostel.

(FB)

#### INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The Swiss Observer Advisory Council and the Publisher very much regret having to advise readers that, due to increased costs in postages, paper and printing costs etc., an increase in Subscription Rates is now inevitable.

During the last 19 years of publication there has been only one increase in the Subscription Rate and this took effect in January 1962 when the current rate was established. In the past eight years there have been innumerable increases in postages and other costs of production which have been borne by the Publisher thanks to the generous additional support of many of our readers.

In order to cope with current increases in costs the following revised subscription rates will come into effect with all renewals (that is when your present subscription expires):

United Kingdom	24 issues . .	£2. 8.0
	12 issues . .	£1. 5.0
	6 issues . .	£ 13.0

Switzerland and elsewhere

24 issues	Frs. 25 — or	£2.10.0
12 issues	Frs. 13 — or	£1. 6.0

Despite the many difficulties surrounding the publication of the Swiss Observer, which this year celebrates its Golden Jubilee, we are proud to have maintained an unbroken term of 50 years service to our readers while many of the giants of Fleet Street and elsewhere have disappeared. It is thanks to our past and present unselfish Editors, coupled with the support of Advertisers and our Readers, that has made this possible. We are counting on your continued support and, if we all can encourage new subscribers, it may well

**M A T**

**TRANSPORT LTD**

"Arnold House", 36-41 Holywell Lane,  
LONDON, E.C.2.

Tel. 01-247 6500

Telex. 28404/21453

#### PIONEERS of MODERN TRANSPORT

Specialists in GROUPAGE Services  
to and from Switzerland and most  
other Continental destinations.

Trainferry

TIR Trailers

I.S.O. containers

Lift-units, etc.

ALLIED HOUSES:

BASLE

M.A.T. TRANSPORT A.G., Peter Merian Strasse 50  
PHONE: 351800, TELEX BASLE 62216-MATTRANS

ZURICH

M.A.T. TRANSPORT A.G., Sihlfeldstrasse 88, 8036 Zurich  
PHONE: 250992/95, TELEX: ZURICH 52458-MATTRANS

be that we shall celebrate another 50 years of unbroken service.

*Gottfried Keller, Chairman Swiss  
Observer Advisory Council.  
Oscar F. Boehringer, Publisher.*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday from 6 to 7.30 p.m.  
Discussion Circle in English.  
Young men especially invited. Tea  
from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss  
Y.M.C.A. Building, Gt. Russell  
Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres.  
Monthly meetings every first Wed-  
nesday of the month at 34 Fitzroy  
Sq., W.1. 7 p.m.

### APRIL

Sunday 12th. Annual General Meeting  
of the Committee of Swiss Catho-  
lics at 48 Gt. Peter St., S.W.1., at  
7.30 p.m. Before this, at 6.30 p.m.  
there will be a traditional Easter  
Service at St. Ann's Church.

Tuesday 14th. Swiss Club Edinburgh.  
7.25 p.m. at 187 Canongate or 7.30  
p.m. at Sheeps Head Inn, Dudding-  
ton, for the Skittle Evening and  
the Edinburgh-Dunfermline match.

Thursday 16th — 7.45 p.m. — Swiss  
Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize  
Grove, N.W.3, Nouvelle Société  
Helvétique, OPEN MEETING.  
Talk by Dr. Robert Schneebeli,  
Director of the "Volkshochschule"  
of the Canton of Zurich, on "Ob-  
servations and reflections on young  
trouble-makers in universities and  
elsewhere". All Swiss and their  
friends welcome.

Thursday 23rd. Annual General Meet-  
ing of the Anglo-Swiss Society in  
the Orchid Suite, Dorchester, at  
6.45 p.m., followed by a dinner at  
7.30 for 8 p.m. where the guest  
speaker will be Prof. J. R. de Salis.

Sunday 26th. Swiss Rifle Association.  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Siberia Range  
at Bisley.

Tuesday 28th. Annual General Meeting  
of the City Swiss Club.

### MAY

Sunday 3rd, 4.30 to 11 p.m. UNIONE  
TICINESE DANCE, Dorchester  
Hotel — Harry Vardon's Band —  
Tickets (inclusive of Tea) 25/-, ob-  
tainable from Secretary, E. P.  
Morganti, 10 Newport Buildings,  
Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

Wednesday 13th. Swiss Mercantile  
Society monthly meeting.

### MUSICAL EVENTS

On Tuesday, 14th April, 8 p.m., at the  
Royal Festival Hall, Geza Anda  
will be the soloist at a performance  
of Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 2  
and Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 3  
with the Royal Philharmonic  
Orchestra.

On Tuesday, 21st, the Swiss tenor Ernst  
Häfliger will be one of the soloists  
at a concert given by the London  
Symphony Orchestra (works by  
Mahler, Webern and Berg).

The Schola Cantorum Basiliensis and  
a number of Swiss soloists will take  
part in the English Bach Festival,  
starting on April 18th.

### WELFARE OFFICE

for

### SWISS GIRLS IN GREAT BRITAIN

(For Information, Advice or Help)

11 Be'size Grove, London N.W.3.

(Nearest Underground Station:  
Belsize Park)

Telephone: 01-722 4260

### RECEPTION HOURS

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

As from 17th April, 1970, the office  
will be transferred to 31 Conway Street,  
W.1.

The nearest Underground Station  
is Warren Street.

Telephone 01-387-3608.

MAKE SURE YOU JOIN  
**THE SOLIDARITY FUND**  
OF THE SWISS ABROAD.

**SAVE,**

**INSURE,**

**HELP OTHERS**

**A TRUE ACT OF  
SOLIDARITY**

Please apply to Embassy and  
Consulates.

### THE PERSONAL TOUCH

—that's what counts

FOR ALL TRAVELS  
—by Land, Sea and Air

let **A. GANDON** make  
your reservations

TICKETS issued at STATION PRICES  
**NO BOOKING FEE**

**HOWSHIP**  
TRAVEL AGENCY

**188, UXBRIDGE ROAD**  
**Shepherds Bush W.12**

Telephones: 01 - 743 6268/9 and 1898

### THESE VEHICLES



### TRAVEL TWICE MONTHLY TO AND FROM SWITZERLAND AND ENGLAND

Providing DOOR TO DOOR SERVICES  
with vans specially equipped to carry

- Household Removals. — Exhibition Goods.
- Works of Art. — Machinery.

For full information contact

In Switzerland

KEHRLI + OELER,  
Nachf. A. Oeler,  
3001 Berne,  
Bubenberplatz 9.  
Tel. 031 22 00 22.

In England

NEALE & WILKINSON LTD.,  
1 and 2 Rangoon Street,  
London, E.C.3.  
Tel. 01-480 6351, ext. 51 or 56.