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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I, by and large, enjoy reading the  
Swiss Observer, however, I would  
appreciate it, if the emphasis would be a  
little less on business and money and a  
little more on Culture (Swiss Culture), for  
example I have just seen an excellent film  
at the NFT by a Swiss (Konfrontation).

Also, in a recent issue, I found it  
rather depressing to read (a) how many  
foreigners (with money) live in  
Switzerland, (b) with what pride one  
talks about the building of yet more  
"Autobahnen", when it is a disaster how  
this small country is being ruined by  
roads and cars, (c) the lack of mentioning  
the problem of "Arbeitslosigkeit der  
Schweizer", quite a problem in  
Switzerland, especially as it is hitting the  
apprentices and school-leavers now.

E. Tober, Mrs.,  
134 Woodwarde Road,  
London, SE22.

Sir,

I saw in the December number of  
the Swiss Observer an advertisement by  
the Swiss Welfare Office for Young  
People, requiring a Social worker, with a  
good knowledge of German, French and  
English.

Am I to take it that we Ticinesi are  
considered such third class citizens of the  
Confederation of Elvetica, that no  
provision need be made for our young  
people in need of help in a strange  
country?

We may be only one Canton, but  
we are Swiss for all that, and should be  
treated with equal respect and  
consideration as all the other Cantons.

This biased slant has struck me time  
and again, especially when I have been to  
my home village, where the arrogance of  
some of the visitors from other parts of  
Switzerland have been to say the least  
insulting.

Yole Rossi Bowman,  
7 Hodford Road,  
London NW11 8NL.

### CAPTION FOR THE FRONT PAGE

Langlauf — cross-country ski-ing —  
is an import from Scandinavia  
which is proving increasingly  
popular in Switzerland. Ski-ing  
conditions in our various resorts are  
reported to be good so perhaps  
some of us will go and join those  
lucky folk in the picture.

Miss Rossi Bowman was obviously  
touched on a raw spot by the  
advertisement she is complaining about.  
May I assure her that the policy of this  
publication is to treat all the Swiss  
National languages as equal. May she be  
comforted by the fact that we carry a  
regular column in Italian?

WGS

### CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGIES

We wish to apologise for a number  
of errors that appeared in the report on  
Mr. Charles Glauser's talk at the Nouvelle  
Société Helvétique on "The Work of a  
Consul". The audience was, of course,  
not an "invited one" but consisted of  
members and friends of the Society  
whose President (not Secretary) Mrs.  
Mariann Meier welcomed Mr. Porret (not  
Borret) one of the founder members of  
the NSH in 1916 (not 1926).

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On page 28 of the Christmas issue  
of the Swiss Observer, we published a  
contribution by Uli Stefan "Christmas  
has a Message". Inadvertently, his name  
was left out, and we apologise to the Rev.  
Stefan for this omission.

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Furthermore, we have been asked  
by Dr. Alfred Aebi whose article on Swiss  
Defence appeared in the September and  
October issues, to add the following  
passage which had been left out, in error;  
page 27 of the November issue; the text  
should read as follows, otherwise the  
whole meaning of that paragraph is  
distorted.

"On the minus side:

- The original raison d'être of Swiss  
neutrality — the elimination of  
great power rivalry over a  
strategically important area — has  
lost most of its significance today.
- The nature of the East West  
conflict with Switzerland being a  
member of the Western community  
of nations with all its implications