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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Mr. Gamper's letter in our last edition has provoked a rapid response from Mr. Meschini and we are glad to publish his letter here without comment. The Swiss Observer can make no comment about any individual's standing vis-à-vis his National status — in any country. The legal implications are legion and complex and individual cases have to be interpreted by legal experts. Equally, a person's reasons for renouncing or acquiring citizenship in any country must be respected as being entirely personal.*

WGS

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Gamper's letter which appeared in your August — September issue of the S.O., it most certainly does not fill me with sadness; it does, however, fill me with the utmost perplexity.

I am a London born Ticinese yet, as an officer in the Royal Artillery, I served in the British Army throughout the 1939-45 war, being demobbed in April 1946.

My brother, F. Meschini, and also my brother-in-law, Oscar F. Boehringer, did likewise, yet none of us renounced our Swiss Nationality, and enjoy to this day our very much appreciated Dual Nationality. I do, however, know of various Dual Nationals who renounced their British Nationality in order to be exempt from serving with the British Army. This made them solely Swiss citizens.

C. Meschini

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Committee of the Swiss Youth Club.

### ON THE FRONT PAGE

*Altdorf's William Tell theatre is in financial difficulties. It badly needs restoration but the money has yet to be found. Perhaps this general view of that beautiful town will stir suitable memories in some of our readers. Meanwhile, read the "cri de coeur" from the William Tell Players of Altdorf on pages 22-24 of this issue. Photograph by courtesy of SNT0.*

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