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## OBITUARIES

### SILVIA MOROSI

The London Swiss community, and in particular the dwindling "Ticinese" colony were saddened early in the new year to learn of the death on the 3rd January, at the age of 65 years, of Miss Silvia Morosi, of Oakwood, Enfield, Middlesex, who had been active in its affairs since the last war.

Our first recollection of Silvia goes back to the early thirties when, with her elder sister Ida (Cameron) she regularly attended the Unione Ticinese functions in support of her young brother Plinio, an able accordionist.

She had then just come back to the Metropolis from the ancestral village of Dangio, in the Valle di Blenio, where she had spent some of her adolescent years.

From its foundation in 1940 she joined the "Sezione Femminile" of the Unione Ticinese, and became a most diligent member of the popular Corale, that helped to cheer the London Swiss gatherings during the gloomy years of the conflict. In the late fifties she acted as Secretary to the First of August Committee. Upon the Sezione Femminile merging with the (male) Unione Ticinese, she served on the Committee, lately as a Vice-President.

A serious disability had recently compelled her to retire from all activities, and indeed has now put an end to her busy round.

To all her nearest and dearest, in particular to her brother Plinio, we extend our deepest sympathy in their grievous bereavement.

### ELISABETH ISELIN-HERZOG

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, on 16th December, of Madame Elisabeth Iselin, wife of Ambassador Juerg A. Iselin, of Kilchbergerweg 7, 3052 Zollikofen.

Elisabeth Herzog was born on 29th August, 1918 in Brugg. She went to school at Windisch where her parents lived and later to the *Bezirksschule* in Brugg and the Cantonal School in Aarau. After a stay in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, she worked as secretary at the Farmers' Secretariat in Brugg, then in Neuchâtel and finally, from 1945 to 1950 in Berne at the Cantonal High Courts and the Commercial Section of the Federal Department of Economics.

In 1948, Miss Herzog met the Basle lawyer Dr. Juerg Iselin who had been with the Federal Political Department since 1945. They married in 1950 and started their first assignment abroad in India. Their daughter Beatrix was born in 1951. After three years, they returned to Berne, and from 1956 to 1959, the

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## ON THIS MONTH'S FRONT PAGE

This splendid grain storage barn dating back to 1682 is located in the hamlet of Hollern near Langnau in the Emmental. It will doubtless 'ring some bells' with Martin Roebuck, a colleague of your editor, who has written a charmingly off-beat article about his recent holiday in Switzerland. Read all about it on pages 20 to 22. Picture by courtesy of SNT0.



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