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only for what they have given to us direct, but also for what they have given to mankind. The Battle of Britain has done far more than save the British Isles; and Switzerland, for one, will not forget it.

But, as I have said, friendship depends neither on the wealth nor on the strength of the respective partners. It depends on character. Some wit once said: "Give me two hills, a pass, a dose of equity — and I will deduce for you the Swiss character." In the same way I might say: "Give me an ocean, an island and a dose of fair dealing, and I will deduce for you the character of the British." There are so many common traits, so many similarities in outlook between our peoples, that I see no reason why this friendship should not continue from one generation to the other.

The Anglo-Swiss Society will open a new era in this relationship. You will be a focal point of cultural pursuits. We have long felt the want of such an organisation. The contacts between our two peoples are numerous. In every sphere of human activities there is growing common interest. The artist, the poet, the musician; the universities, the professions, the politicians; old and young desires to know more of each other, and are keen to learn what their opposite numbers are thinking and doing. Up to now there has been little cohesion, and many groups have lacked the means either to make themselves known, or to get to know the activities of others. All this and more, the Anglo-Swiss Society can do in Great Britain, just as the Swiss-British Sociey is doing in Switzerland. A rich and untilled field lies before you; may you cultivate it, and reap a harvest that is not only bound to benefit our countries, but bring new interests, new joys, and an expansion of the mind, to many thousands of our people.

As a final word, Mr. Chairman, let me couple this sincere wish for your Society's future well-being with the thanks of my fellow guests and myself for this charming evening."

The last speaker was Lt. Colonel Stuart Townend, who expressed warm thanks to the Chairman for having consented at the time to become the Society's first President, and after having read out a great number of congratulatory telegrams this most enjoyable first official function of the Anglo-Swiss Society came to a close, and we too wish this institution great and lasting success.

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SWISS INTERESTS IN POLAND.

Communiqué received from the Swiss Legation.

In view of the negotiations now taking place between Switzerland and Poland, it is essential that all information concerning Swiss assets in Poland be completed and carefully sifted.

Swiss nationals in Great Britain who have already informed the Swiss Compensation Office in Zurich, or the Federal Political Department in Berne, of their claims need not do anything further in the matter. A last chance is, however, given herewith to those compatriots who have not yet registered their claims. They should submit the necessary particulars to the Swiss Legation in London, 18, Montagu Place, W.1, if possible before the end of this month, but certainly not later than the 15th March, 1949. These particulars should contain all information concerning:

(*a*) Real estate in whatever form;
(*b*) Participation in mines, electrical undertakings, industrial and commercial firms, banks, insurance companies (partnerships, bonds, shares, etc.);
(*c*) Claims in whatever form, including bonds, debentures, certificates, against a debtor residing in territories under Polish administration.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that after the 15th March, 1949, no further claims can be considered.

This communiqué concerns also nationals of the Principality of Liechtenstein who may be resident in Great Britain.

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Swiss nationals possessing similar interests in *Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania* or *Bulgaria*, should proceed likewise in submitting their claims to the Swiss Legation, also not later than March 15th, 1949. The claims for each country should be made out separately.

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