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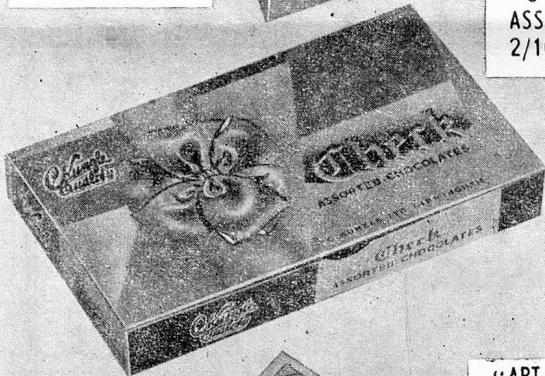
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Britons will be practically eliminated from first-class hotels. — *Swiss Hotel Association.*

Brutally the axe descending,
Dreams of Swiss vacations ending,
Cuts the Britons' overspending,

Strict economy compels,
And we learn with consternation
Lower travel allocation
Means complete elimination

From the first-class Swiss hotels.

Not for us the service gracious,
Running water, comfort spacious,
Gilded lounges orchidaceous,

For Geneva frankly tells,
If the Cantons are invaded
(Though our tourists are dissuaded)
We this year will be degraded
To the second-class hotels.

In the Engadine or Valais
We must find some humble chalet,
Or some *pension* in an alley

Where no bellhop answers bells,
For the Swiss have little liking
For the visitor hitch-hiking,
Or disconsolately biking,
Seeking family hotels.

But while they greet Argentinians,
Motorists from the Dominions,
Mexicans and Abyssinians,

African and Asian swells,
Is it not to be expected
Our prestige will be affected
With our nationals directed
To the lower-class hotels?

Should we not the House petition
To review the whole position
And, in sending out a mission

With official personnel,
Show the Swiss this bankrupt nation
For a Treasury delegation
Can afford accommodation
At a luxury hotel?

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