

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK
Band: - (1959)
Heft: 1352
Rubrik: City Swiss Club

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. [Siehe Rechtliche Hinweise.](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. [Voir Informations légales.](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. [See Legal notice.](#)

Download PDF: 22.11.2024

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Perhaps some jobs were of a routine nature, the same few operations all day long. But, then, that was no different when in days gone by everything had to be done by hand. No, this could not be the cause of the malady. When all was said there remained the fact that this mass mentality was nothing else than the collapse of the individuum. He had lost his inner measure of values.

Coming to politics we found that modern political institutions had to some extent assisted in creating the mass-type. The majority had become a semi-god. Yet, as Schiller said in Demetrius, majorities all powerful are dangerous. Often it was the minority which was right, had the right ideas and judgement. Thus democracy demanded that the minority should not only be heard but that their views should receive due consideration. But we also found that the mass-type of citizen refused to elect and to decide on his own estimation. Often he refused to elect or decide at all, leaving the responsibility to those who would. It was the same here as in other directions, people who had little or no inner resources of strength, no inner basis of life, were of course entirely dependent on outside stimuli. That was also the case in the use or misuse of the increased leisure modern times had given us. Mechanised leisure, mechanised entertainment, they were the results of our unreadiness for the pursuit of leisure. They filled the emptiness in mass-man's make-up.

Lastly, said the lecturer, there was the danger springing from the excessive demands of security. A modicum of security gave a feeling of independence and gave self-confidence. But we were nowadays faced with, what could only be called security mania, which did the opposite. The flight to the state was a symptom of it. The achievement of economic security might be the aim of democratic government but it was not the foundation of democracy. Democracy in the last instance, was a political philosophy; if applied it demanded the willing co-operation of all citizens and, at the same time, allowed them all actually and individually to take part in its work. But also, individuals must be willing and able to take on themselves the responsibilities of their decisions and choices and to do so by keeping their personal interest and emotions in perspective.

Well earned long applause told Professor Zbinden how highly the audience thought of his lecture.

JHB.

PERSONAL.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on Friday, November 13th, of Mrs. Margaret Grace Hangartner, the beloved wife of Mr. R. Hangartner, of 36, Bonnersfield Lane, Harrow.

We very much regret to announce the passing away on November 1st, at his home 15, Eccleston Street, London, S.W.1, of the Hon Neville Stafford Solomon, O.B.E., M.E.C., M.L.C., late Treasurer of the Bahamas, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Stafford Solomon, and brother of the late Sir Kenneth Solomon. C.B.E., Q.C., M.L.C., J.P., at the age of 85.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

The Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, which was held at the Dorchester Hotel on 20th November, will be fully reported in our issue of 18th December.



FIRE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE

DIRECTORS

SIR EDWARD WILSHAW, K.C.M.G., D.L., J.P., LL.D., F.C.I.S.
(Chairman)

THE RT. HON. VISCOUNT ADDISON.
S. CHARLES BOSTOCK.

SIR FRANK NEWSON-SMITH, BART., M.A., D.C.L.
W. SCHWEIZER.

SIR DENIS TRUSCOTT, G.B.E., T.D.

HEAD OFFICE :

THE BEDFORD GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.
FAIRFAX HOUSE : FULWOOD PLACE : HIGH HOLBORN : W.C.1
Telephone: CHAncery 8833 (20 Lines).

NOW! MAGGI SWISS SOUPS (in sachets)

MAGGI Swiss — the Continental soups which appeal to British tastes — are now in foil sachets, both in Britain and in many parts of the Continent. MAGGI soups are prepared to recipes by famous Continental chefs and the ingredients are the world's best. For really international success serve MAGGI Swiss soups today.



ONLY
1/6
A PACKET
4-6
HELPINGS
FROM ONE
SACHET

TEN EXCITING VARIETIES
MUSHROOM · PEA & HAM · TOMATO · OXTAIL
SPRING VEGETABLE · ROMANY · ONION
ASPARAGUS · CAULIFLOWER · CHICKEN NOODLE

First Choice on the Continent!