

# A distinguished visitor

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**EDITOR'S POST-BAG.**

London, March 2nd, 1949.

To the Editor of the Swiss Observer,  
Dear Sir,

May I take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy your paper and to thank you for being the means of the pleasure I derive from it.

Your paper is the only contact I have now with our dear country, all my people having passed away long since I left home, well over 50 years ago.

With all good wishes for the continued success of your paper,

I remain, your sincerely,  
(Sigd.) *Mrs. B. C. H.*

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Swiss Legation,  
18, Montagu Place,  
Bryanston Square, W.1.  
February 28th, 1949.

A. Stauffer, Esq.,  
Editor,  
Swiss Observer,  
E.C.2.

Dear Mr. Stauffer,

The Committee of Organisation of the Federal Shooting Competition which will take place in Coire between June 23rd and July 11th next, have requested the Legation to contact the members of the Swiss colony to endeavour to obtain gifts which will be distributed as prizes of honour to the best shots. The Legation have informed thereof all the Swiss societies in London to whom they have also remitted a list of subscription.

Owing to the finance regulations no Sterling can be transferred to Switzerland for such a purpose. The money collected will consequently have to be used to buy prizes here. The Legation will deal with the question of obtaining an export licence and also of the transport of the gifts to Coire. Prizes in kind can therefore also be given.

We should be most grateful if you would kindly bring to the knowledge of the readers of the Swiss Observer that they can either send their gifts to the president of their societies or to the Swiss Legation at 18, Montague Place, and we thank you in anticipation of the help we know you will give us regarding this patriotic cause.

Yours faithfully,  
*Swiss Legation.*  
Consular Service :  
*F. Magnin.*

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March 5th, 1949.

The Editor,  
Swiss Observer,  
23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

I think it might interest your Readers to hear that Switzerland has made further progress in introducing into England :

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It is pleasing to see how Swiss Manufactures find favour here, which is no doubt due to the excellent workmanship and construction. The business has been done by the Association of Swiss Wholesale Manufacturers in Zurich through their London Representative.

Yours faithfully,  
*Chas. Studer.*

**A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**

Dr. Edgar Bonjour, Professor Ordinarius for Swiss History and Contemporary European History and former Rector Magnificus of the University of Basle, arrived on February 21st in Great Britain on the invitation of the British Council. Professor Bonjour is the author of many important historical publications; the purpose of his visit is to make closer contacts with his colleagues at the Universities of London, Oxford and Cambridge. Professor Bonjour is held in high esteem by his British colleagues who regard him as an authority, especially on Central European History and well deserving of such an invitation.



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