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EDITOR'S POSTBAG.

June 15th, 1955.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London.

Dear Sir,

May I on behalf of my Committee express our gratitude for the very kind and fair article about the Fête Suisse. We find that what you write always gives a true and friendly picture of what took place and I must add that I always re-read it before we plan the next Fête! This means of course that we shall once again endeavour to improve, taking into consideration your well meant remarks which, I am sure, are endorsed by everybody.

Speeches are ALWAYS too long. I did my best to be short so much so that I even forgot to mention our dear Ticinesi in my thanks. I immediately wrote to them but it shows how difficult it can be! But you have not written in vain!!

As for the Catering question we all agree but the whole matter is not as simple as it appears to be. While the people could no doubt be more helpful by showing much greater courtesy I don't think that we can find a more devoted Caterer than the Schmid family. The main difficulty is Central Hall itself, its structure, but there again where could we have the accommodation we need on the terms we have it? I can assure you that the Committee would be most grateful for any concrete and helpful suggestions and

no doubt our friends Schmid will also see what can be done.

I was very touched by the letter of Mr. Lerch. How nice it would be to have our compatriots from the Provinces! Saturdays unfortunately are most difficult in London, the young girls cannot attend, many people are away as we found out. The best we can do is what we did last year, take our visitors to the Provinces where — as we found in Manchester — a wonderful welcome is certain for them.

Thank you again for your help and any suggestions sent to me will be, I assure you, duly studied.

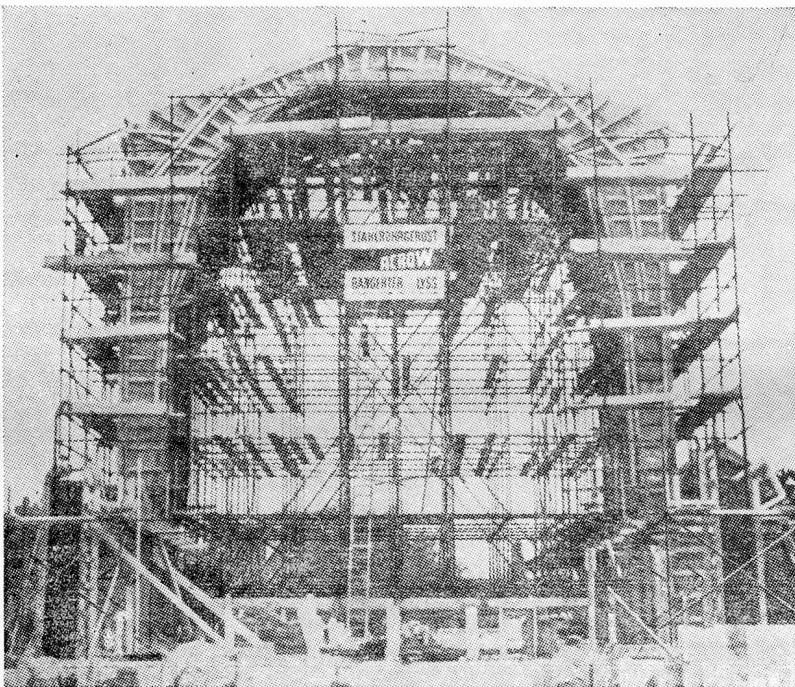
Yours sincerely,
Alfred Renou,
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