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**"SWISS EXPEDITION TO MOUNT ARARAT".****An N.S.H. Lecture.**

The Nouvelle Société Helvétique had a flying start to its new winter season of lectures in our Colony. It secured Prof. Emil Egli of Zuerich for its opening lecture on October 22nd. He has once before delighted a large gathering of the London Group of the N.S.H. with a talk on the growth of human settlements in the mountainous regions of Switzerland. Prof. Egli combines an original mind with deep knowledge and a compelling rhetoric. On this occasion he gave his hearers an equally fascinating account of an expedition to Mount Ararat, undertaken by himself, Prof. Imhof of the E.T.H. and Mr. Hans Keller of the Swiss Diplomatic Service. This small private expedition achieved no mean feat in penetrating the mountain ranges of Turkey by a jeep and in reaching the summit of this legendary peak on the borders of Soviet Russia and Persia. Prof. Egli illustrated his talk with numerous coloured slides which opened up to his audience a primitive world which seems to have stood still for thousands of years. The lecturer reminded his hearers, however, that the simple and primitive culture of these mountainous tribes has survived many cultures of other nations, however magnificent and superior they may have been before degeneration set in. Prof. Egli's lecture was warmly applauded by the audience. It seemed a great pity that the latter was not more numerous.

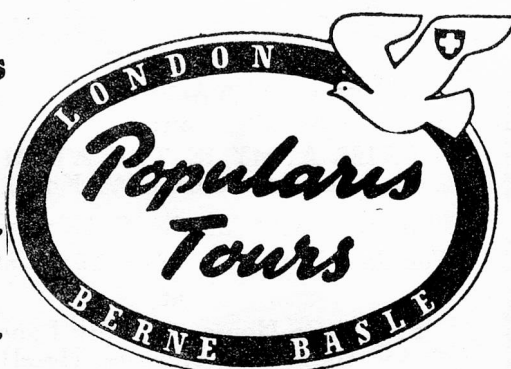
Prof. Egli has lately been elected president of the mother society of the N.S.H. in Switzerland. As such he brought the greetings of our friends at home. In his introductory remarks he also touched on the serious problem of adapting education of the coming generation in Switzerland to the restless conditions of life and work in this modern age of electronics and atom power.

The next N.S.H. lecture, on November 20th, will be given by Lt.-Col. W. Koch, our Military Attaché, on "The Swiss Army in the Atomic Age" (details, see advertisement).

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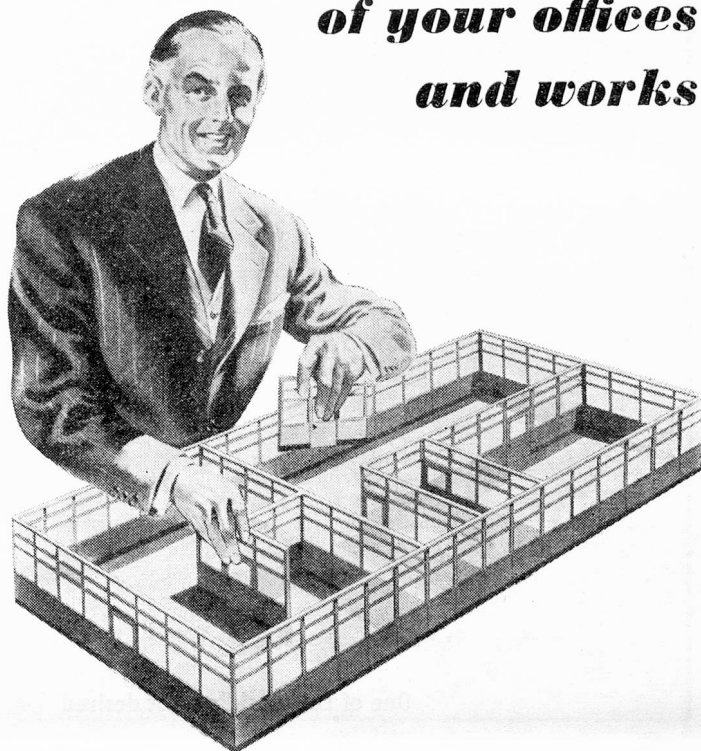
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