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**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.****Annual Film Show.**

The Annual Film Show of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, which has become quite a feature in the Colony, took place on Saturday, January 12th, in the attractive hall of the British Industrial Measuring & Control Apparatus Mfrs. Association, 21 Tothill Street, S.W.1, and was fairly well attended, although there would have been seats available for plenty more visitors.

The programme consisted of two items, the Ciné Journal featuring a selection of Swiss News Films of the year 1956, and pictures of the old and new parts of the town of Geneva together with a historical *exposé*.

This year — as the President, Dr. H. W. Egli explained when introducing the show — it was not possible to include a comic film for the youngsters, as apparently such films are not made in Switzerland. I wonder whether the reason for such an omission is to be found in the fact that our countrymen at home lack a sense of humour!!!

The Ciné Journal was an interesting and varied one and contained items such as the Centenary Celebrations of the Simplon tunnel with the visits of the President of the Italian Republic and the Swiss Confederation to Domodossola, Brigue and Lausanne; the unusual cold spell which Switzerland experienced last winter when parts of the lake of Geneva and the Basle port became ice-bound; glimpses of Christmas time in the canton of Valais; a visit on New Year's Day by chimney sweeps to the home of General Guisan at Pully; Winter sports at Gstaad; cow fights in the

Alps; cheese making, both in primitive and modern ways; laying of a pipe-line to bring the milk from the Alps down to the "Käsereien"; shots from the Federal Gymnastic Festival and the Costume Festival Umspinnen, near Interlaken; work and play of the students of the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich; flights and rescue work of the famous glacier pilot, H. Geiger, etc. etc.

The views of the old and new parts of the town of Geneva, which has become an international centre, were much admired, and the historical *exposé* of this ancient city was both interesting and instructive; no less so was the showing of pictures dealing with the work of the International Red Cross. It was altogether an enjoyable afternoon for which the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, and the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger, Berne, which kindly put these films at the disposal of the Swiss abroad, deserve the thanks of all those who took the trouble to attend.

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