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It is quite comprehensible, and we consider it even as a duty of a Swiss abroad, not to deprive the country he lives in from the savings he has been able to make, but he also must not forget that should conditions abroad become critical, it would be to his home-country again, he would look for shelter, and where he may have to spend many more years to come, relying upon his savings. Many Swiss people abroad overlook also that the traditional political stability in our home-country adds considerably to a sure investment basis, which, together with a sound currency, gives savings the greatest possible safety. Our country-men abroad often are under a wrong impression, namely that securities deposited with a bank in Switzerland are liable to be taxed by the Swiss Government, and that in case of demise of the owner of such property, the heirs would have to pay inheritance taxes, which is not the case. In Switzerland, only citizens with a permanent domicile are liable to pay Swiss taxes.

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*A comment about Russia's Admission to the League of Nations.*

## U.S.S.R. AT GENEVA.

## Some Possible Consequences.

*To The Editor of The Morning Post.*

Sir, — Russia has now become a member of the League of Nations. A large measure of responsibility for this sinister event attaches to Great Britain. The negotiations and intrigues which secured this seat for Russia in the Council of the Nations could never have succeeded without the active assistance of the British delegates as instructed by the National Government.

Had the National Government instructed our Minister for Foreign Affairs to protest against the admission of Russia on the lines of the speech of M. Motta, on behalf of Switzerland, they would have secured the approval of all loyal, Christian, right-thinking elements of all classes throughout the country. As it is, they have besmirched the national honour and offended the national sentiment, and can only count on the warm approval of all disruptive elements in this country and of those who pursue ideals devoid of any sense of proportion.

There is, however, a practical aspect on which the electorate would do well to ponder. Even "organised hypocrisy" (to use Lord Charnwood's words) at Geneva has not yet attempted the pretence that Russia entered the League for any noble purpose. In a short time there may be murmurings of that blessed word "sanctions" (dear to the heart of the militant pacifist) and the attempt made to press this country to implement her commitments under various pacts, by taking up arms to support Russia against a country which the League may declare an "aggressor," but with whom we have no quarrel, nor ever had a quarrel.

The consequences resulting from basing our foreign policy on Geneva are so serious that the electorate would do well to remind their members that they represent constituents holding opinions strongly opposed to this policy, and who expect their opinions to be duly represented when this subject is considered on the re-assembly of Parliament.

Doubtless the Government calculates on the brevity of the public memory, and the effectiveness of the policy which characteristically presents Parliament with an accomplished fact. However, for its peace and security it would be well for the nation not to be lulled by this deplorable event, but rather to realise the increased danger to the peace and security of the Empire which is the inevitable result of the advent of Russia to the League, as is clearly evidenced by the recently published programme for the Comintern World Congress.

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