

Swiss furniture for British people

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

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest and anticipation your report of a discussion recently organised by the N.S.H. on the subject: "*How to maintain allegiance to Switzerland among our children.*"

Having found on numerous occasions that ideas which I fondly imagined to be original had been thought of long before I was born, I was rather surprised that in this instance, at least no mention was made of what, to me, would appear to be a solution well within the realms of possibility even in these times — and one for which I venture to forecast almost immediate and strong support.

We have one son, now 18. We went to not inconsiderable expense to give him what is referred to here as "a good education." The year just ended he spent at a Landerziehungsheim in Switzerland, with holidays among relatives and friends. But the result, from the point of view of the title of the N.S.H. discussions, does not entirely satisfy me.

My experiences in looking for suitable private schools for children in England leave no doubts in my own mind that the number of Swiss parents in this country who would gladly give their immediate and wholehearted support to an excellent Swiss School, run on the lines of a good Public or Private School, but with a nucleus of well-trained Swiss teachers, would justify the N.S.H. to study this question very seriously. The school should, of course, be non-profit-making, and come under the patronage and supervision of an appropriate body representing Swiss parents in Great Britain.

The various suggestions made during the N.S.H. discussion, such as holidays in Switzerland, etc., could be woven into this scheme to advantage.

This idea lends itself to much elaboration, which I gladly leave to others.

Yours faithfully,

R. SCHMID.

SWISS FURNITURE FOR BRITISH PEOPLE.

One of the recipients' of furniture has written the following letter which we are pleased to publish.

12, Prout Grove,
Neasden,
London, N.W.10,
England.
28/4/47.

Dear Swiss People,

I have just received a gift from you all, of furniture; I am writing this letter to you sitting on the lovely stool and my writing material on the table. I love those stools, so useful, so this letter is to say *thank you* everyone of you, I do wish I could really convey to you the pleasure it has given my family, and myself. The day I received your gift will always be my outstanding happy memory, it was so beautifully packed, arrived perfect, the lovely cooking utensils, I *am proud* of those, and all, the rest, table, chairs, beds, and blankets, and wardrobe, they are grand, and it is so kind, and thoughtful, fancy thinking of us folks here, all this way from you, and deciding to help us, and you have more than succeeded, just in my own case, all our lives to come, my family and I will always be saying *thanks so much* all you dear Swiss people, so many of you put together for them, for us, when I sit down, or lay down, do my cooking, or clean up always, I shall say thank you, and my best wishes that you, all will be as happy as you have made us. To-day the sun is shining so lovely, and your gift came to me on the same kind of spring day, and so I take your gift so lovely, as like the Spring it did give us hope and promise of better times, and may peace remain for ever all over the world. I do wish it to be so, so once again to each and everyone of you, many, many thanks, and health and happiness to you all from a very grateful English family. I close now, remaining happy and proud and grateful housewife.

Edith R. Whitting.

Just words of thanks to you, but they are meant to convey so much, I just can't express in words, God bless.

E.W.