

# Women of Switzerland: their life -their work

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LUGANO — Lunedì, 5 maggio aveva luogo nei diversi quartieri scolastici della città la consegna dei distintivi della circolazione. Su iniziativa del A.C.S., in collaborazione con gli organi della polizia comunale, nei mesi di dicembre, gennaio e febbraio, sul piazzale interno delle scuole del Centro venne organizzato un corso pratico per gli allievi delle elementari e delle maggiori sulle norme della circolazione stradale e per la prevenzione degli infortuni.

BIASCA — Un ingegnoso quanto sfortunato tentativo di contrabbandare una partita del valore di ca. diecimila franchi di sigarette svizzere in Italia, si è registrato nella notte sul 2 maggio alla stazione. Approfittando del fatto che si trovava in transito un convoglio merci a destinazione dell'Italia, tre elementi stranieri, dopo essersi avvicinati cautamente ad un vagone nel quale erano contenute botti vuote, che ritornavano al paese d'origine, e che avevano servito al trasporto di vino nella Svizzera interna, tentavano d'immettere nelle stesse i colli contenenti le sigarette. Avvedutisi degli armeggi, gli addetti alla stazione allarmavano le Polizia locale, agenti della quale giungevano prontamente sul posto a troncar l'impresa. Due dei contrabbandieri, col favore delle tenebre, riuscivano ad eclissarsi mentre il terzo veniva fermato e successivamente trasferito al Pretorio di Bellinzona per essere sottoposto all'interrogatorio.

*Poncione di Vespero.*

### WOMEN OF SWITZERLAND: THEIR LIFE — THEIR WORK.

The women of Switzerland sponsor for the second time an exhibition devoted to women's activities: *Saffa 1958!* Saffa is an initial name taken from "*Schweizerische Ausstellung für Frauen-Arbeit*". In English we might call it: Switzerland's applause for feminine accomplishment. The site is the beautiful lake shore of Zurich, with excellent road, rail and air connections with all major foreign cities. The time is the summer of 1958 (17th July to 15th September).

The women of Switzerland are convinced that their exhibition, though national in scope, will attract many visitors to Zurich. Conceived and realized by women, it will show the needs of our time, the life and aims of Swiss women, at home and in the family, in professional and community life.

Every woman, of every nationality, will find a part of herself in the exhibition as well as recognizing her Swiss sister. In the heart of the Saffa grounds stands a memorial display, a recollection of the work

of Swiss women in the past, their attitudes of to-day, and a glimpse into their future.

"Praise of Work" presents women's professions in all their colourful variety: salesladies, factory workers and employees of all kinds at their work. A special pavilion shows the social, educational and medical professions; another, beauty culture and fashion. A nine-story tower shelters the "Where we live" exhibit. Here, real apartments are furnished and decorated for the young and elderly persons who live alone, the young marrieds, large and small families — to show how they can and should live.

Good, healthy and tasty nutrition, wise buying, well-balanced menus, and preparation of the meal — all are treated with the care a good homemaker lavishes upon them. "Home education" goes deeply into those activities so peculiar to womankind — the problems of the expectant mother, the development of infants, how the child grows into family life and is finally absorbed into life itself. Still another theme shows women in civil service, in the community, and even in defence of their country. But to-day's woman does more than work — and the Saffa proves it. The clubhouse, chapel, theatre, cabaret, playground, an all-women orchestra, a movie-theatre and many restaurants see to it that the visitor can rest body and spirit — and thereby not overlook that important sphere of duty that women, as bearers of to-day's civilization, carry in their hands.

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