

# British foreign exchange restrictions and Switzerland

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## BRITISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS AND SWITZERLAND

The announcement that the annual travel allowance for British travellers abroad is to be limited to £50 came as a big blow to the Swiss tourist industry. In 1965, between 300 and 350 million francs were spent in Switzerland by British tourists, which is 15% of the total revenue from tourism. According to the Swiss National Tourist Office in Switzerland, this sum will be halved by the new restrictions. The winter season will suffer in particular, and the type of winter sports holiday the British visitor likes to enjoy, cannot be financed any more out of £50. This blow comes at a time when a special publicity drive has been made in G.B., and the English would-be traveller will contemplate with some nostalgia the poster "The sun is shining in Switzerland now". The S.N.T.O. will continue advertising in the United Kingdom, especially with a view to the opening of the Swiss Centre in London. On the other hand, the loss will have to be made good somehow, and publicity campaigns in France will be stepped up.

[A.T.S.]

## OPENING OF THE NEW YORK SWISS CENTRE

The Swiss in America have made great efforts to create a Swiss Centre in New York. Fourteen firms and organisations united a few years ago and formed a body which has now successfully established a Swiss Centre in the Goellet House in the heart of Manhattan. The building was erected in 1930, has eleven storeys and has been taken over on a 62-year lease.

Prior to the opening, several exhibitions on Switzerland were held. The inaugural ceremony took place on 22nd June and was performed by the former Federal Councillor Dr. F. T. Wahlen as official delegate of the Federal Council. A number of prominent personalities attended the festive occasion, amongst them the initiator of the Centre (or Center as the American spelling will have it), Dr. Victor Umbricht, Delegate of the Board of Ciba, the five last U.S. Ambassadors in Berne, Governor Nelson Rockefeller and the Mayor of New York. Ambassador Felix Schnyder was in the chair at a dinner at which *Alt-Bundesrat* Wahlen gave an address on the position of neutral Switzerland in the world of today. The drums and fifes of the "Basler Beppis" delighted the gathering with their Basle carnival "music".

The Swiss firms concerned with creating the Centre are Swiss National Tourist Office, Swissair, Swiss Bank Corporation, Union Bank of Switzerland, Swiss People's Bank, Winterthur Unfall, Ciba, Geigy, Sandoz, Nestlé, Buehrle, Heberlein, Ebauches S.A. and the "Watchmakers of Switzerland", a body of watch industrialists.

("Echo" and A.T.S.)

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Will Members please note that  
NO MONTHLY MEETINGS  
will be held until 20th September

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