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We have of late been made to believe, that our people at home are proud of us Swiss living abroad, we have been hailed as the "Fünfte Schweiz," and although so far we have no rights in influencing the policy of the Federal Government, we claim, at least the moral right, to voice our opinions.

In the past we have been frequently approached for financial support for all kinds of organisations at home; this support has been invariably given in a most generous way.

We had to pay taxes without having the right of a vote and in the near future we may be asked to make still greater sacrifices. These we shall be prepared to make *only* if in return we get a square deal.

We repeat, and consider it our right, to see that those foreigners who act in contradiction to our laws will be dealt with properly and without mercy; we owe this to our comrades who often under trifling excuses are forced to leave the countries where they have been residing for the best part of their lives.

This paper makes it a duty to see that the policy introduced lately by the cantonal and federal authorities will not be relaxed, and we hope to have every member of the Colony behind us.

We shall watch!

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SWISS STALL AT INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

A Christmas Sale will be held on Thursday, November 24th, from 11 a.m. to midnight, at the Overseas League, St. James, S.W.1, by the Associated Country Women of the World. Many of you were there last year, and you know what a lovely afternoon it was. This year the Sale will be of an even more splendid character and will last more than three times as long. To those of you who did not go last year may I say that the "Associated Country Women of the World" is the central organisation of almost a hundred country women's societies in about 60 Countries, States and Provinces. The Hon. President is Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, and the President is Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.A., M.B.E.

The greatest attraction for you will probably be the Swiss Stall. Through the generous help of various Swiss factories and firms as well as individuals it has been possible to furnish it very richly. I shall not tell you now of all the charming Christmas gifts you will be able to buy and I shall say nothing about all the good Swiss food you can get at the Swiss Stall.

Apart from many stalls of different countries you will be able to see an attraction every hour. Madame Colban, wife of the Norwegian Minister, will raise the national flags at 11 a.m. At 3 p.m. the official opening will be performed by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire. There will be a play, a Dutch Auction and from 8 to 12 midnight there will be dancing. Don't you think that it will be worth while going there? And the admission is very moderate, 1/- from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 2/6 from 8 p.m. to midnight (evening dress).

I sincerely hope that many of my compatriots will come. Apart from helping a good cause you will enjoy yourselves very much indeed.

Mariann.

(Ed. Note:)

Mrs. Mariann Meier is the Swiss Representative on the Executive Committee of the A.C.W.W. and one of the Vice-Chairmen. She will be in charge of the Swiss Stall, and Mrs. W. Schedler, Mrs. M. Nash-Weber and Mrs. M. Bruggisser will help her.

NEWS FROM THE COLONY. CITY SWISS CLUB.

We wish to state that members of the Swiss Colony who desire to attend the Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, which will take place on Friday, November 25th, at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W., should book their tickets not later than Tuesday, November 22nd noon. (In order to avoid disappointment re seating, it is essential that all applications should be made by this date).

"BENEFICHIAMO."

The popular Concert and Dance which the Unione Ticinese organize annually in aid of the "Fonds de Secours" will this year be held at

"PAGANI'S," 42-48, Great Portland Street, W.1, on the evening of Tuesday, November 29th.

The following artists, have already promised to contribute to the interesting programme:

Signorina Eva Cattaneo, soprano;
Signorina Marietta Albertolli, mezzo soprano;
Monsieur Howard de Courcy, deceptionist;
Monsieur A. Gandon, accordeonist;
Messrs. Théodore Weil and E. P. Dick, violin and piano.

Tickets, at the modest price of 3/- (including Tax) may be had from any Committee member or direct from the Secretary, Mr. P. De Maria, 4, Luxembourg Gardens, W.6.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, November 24th — 8.30 p.m.-2 a.m. — Helvetia Club — "Old Friends" Dinner and Dance, at 1, Gerrard Place. (See advert.)

Friday, November 25th — City Swiss Club — Annual Banquet and Ball at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1.

Tuesday, November 29th — Unione Ticinese — Concert and Ball in aid of the Fonds de Secours, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.1.

Monday, December 12th, at 7h. — L'Escalade Dinner at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W. (For tickets apply to committee members or the *Swiss Observer*.) (See notice.)

Wednesday, February 22nd, 1939 — Unione Ticinese — Annual Banquet and Ball, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.

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6h.30 — Culte. M. M. Pradervand.

7h.30 — Répétition du Chœur.

BAPTEME.

Le 13 novembre, Brenda-Marguerite-Louise Whittall, fille d'Herbert et de Marguerite née Malosse, née le 26.6.1938.

SERVICE FUNEBRE.

Le 14 novembre, Alice-Marceline-Céline Guignard, née Francey, du Sentier (Vaud), âgée de 58 ans.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschsprachige Gemeinde).

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.
(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 20. November 1938. Totensonntag.

11 Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst u. Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.