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100 BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN FOR SWITZERLAND.

The people and Government of Switzerland through the organisation of the "Don Suisse" have made large contributions to be spent in the alleviation and remedy of the effects of the war in European countries. In connection with this, their appreciation of the British war effort has already been shown in various ways, and the Minister of Pensions has now received through the Swiss Minister in London, an offer from the Don Suisse to provide at its cost, accommodation in Sanatoria at Leysin, Switzerland, for the treatment of 100 British ex-servicemen suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Minister has gratefully accepted this generous offer, and a Director of Medical Services has visited Switzerland to discuss with the officials and medical advisers of the Don Suisse, its application and procedure.

Those to whom the offer of this treatment in Switzerland will apply are being chosen on a wide geographical basis. The medical selection is being made in conjunction with the doctors of the responsible local Health Authorities, and with the advice of the doctor at Leysin on the clinical suitability of the individual patients for treatment there. The first party of selected patients will leave for Leysin early in January, 1947, and special transport and escort are being arranged. The Minister, in agreement with the Don Suisse, has appointed a British ex-service Officer, who has lived at Leysin for many years, to act as his Liaison and Welfare Officer there.

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COUNCIL FOR THE STUDY OF SWISS PROBLEMS

This organisation composed mainly of representative members of our business community was greatly honoured on Monday, 11th November, by the attendance at a dinner held at Brown's Hotel of Professor Paul Keller, the President elect of the Swiss National Bank.

The President of the Council, Mr. E. Steiner, greeted the guest of the evening as a friend whose tact and sound advice had contributed greatly to the satisfactory relations of our business community with official quarters in London and at home.

It was, however, for Mr. de Cintra to express to Professor Keller the hearty welcome of those present and to wish him success in his new walk of life. He wound up a masterly speech by expressing hope that in spite of his distinguished new position, Professor Keller would continue to retain the dignified simplicity and engaging smile which endeared him to all who had the privilege of negotiating with him and which would, no doubt bring him further successes.

Having thanked the company for their words of welcome and their good wishes, Professor Keller recalled his numerous missions to London — some of them at difficult periods of the war. He remembered the early contacts he had with members of the Committee of the Council and was glad to have been able to answer their enquiries and give them advice, when called for. He was now heading his last mission in his official capacity and was hopeful about the result of the negotiations taking place. Referring to his new calling, he admitted he was not a banker, but he felt this was no handicap as he had been used in recent years to make decisions and accept responsibility on a great many subjects, some of them with financial bearings, and this experience would now serve him well.

It was left to Mr. de Graffenried to introduce Mr. Schaffner who is to succeed Professor Keller in his office as head of the mission, as well as his two collaborators, Messrs. Frey and Buehler.

We were further honoured by the presence of Dr. Escher, who headed a party from the Legation in the unavoidable absence through bereavement of our Minister, M. Paul Ruegger. After a short address from Mr. Bon, the proceedings of the evening were concluded.

The Secretary, Mr. Renou, is to be complimented on the excellent arrangements for this reception, which could only be made at the last minute.

A notable absentee of the evening was the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. G. Wuthrich, who was to undergo an operation the next day. All present joined in wishing for the success of the latter and a speedy and complete recovery of the patient.

A. R.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, January 17th, 1947. We take the opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their donations : A. Steiner, G. A. Ochs, F. E. Brunner, O. Gambazzi, R. J. Keller, J. Scheiwiler, F. G. Sommer, W. Bosshard, M. Buchmann, H. J. Dufour, Miss L. Sigrist.