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SWISS DELEGATION.

A delegation of Members of the Office Vaudois du Tourisme and other influential personalities have arrived on the 24th of this month by air from Geneva; for a week's stay. During that time they made contact with their friends in the Transportation and Tourist world and renewed personal and business contact.

On Tuesday, October 26th, they invited representatives of the British and Swiss Press to a Cocktail Party at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

On Thursday, October 28th, the delegation were the guests of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems at a Luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, the Swiss Minister, was present.

The Delegation included the following Gentlemen; Mr. H. Guhl, Chairman of the Office Vaudois du Tourisme (Tourist office of the Canton of Vaud) Montreux; Mr. G. Despland, Member of the Swiss Federal Parliament in Berne, and State Councillor of the Canton of Vaud, Lausanne, Vice-President of the Swiss National Tourist Office; Mr. A. Maret, State Councillor of the Canton of Vaud, Lausanne; Mr. P. Graber, Member of the Swiss Federal Parliament in Berne, and Mayor of Lausanne; Mr. Ed. Auberson, Chairman of the Nyon-St. Cergue-Morez-St. Cergue Railway; Mr. P. H. Jaccard, Manager of the Lausanne Tourist Office; Mr. Roy Juvet, Manager of the Chateau d'Oex Development Society; Mr. M. Lamunier, Manager of the Vevey Tourist Office; Mr. Perret, Chairman of the Hotel Association, Villars; Mr. R. A. Alblas, Manager of the Montreux Tourist Office.

SWISS JOURNALISTS IN LONDON.

Mr. Gottfried Keller, London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" the "Agence Télégraphique Suisse" and President of the Foreign Press Association, gave a Luncheon party to his colleagues, on Monday, October 24th, 1948, at the Allies Club, Park Lane, W.1. There were present: Dr. H. W. Egli, (Neue Zürcher Zeitung), J. Menessier (Journal de Genève), W. W. Schütz (Bund and Neue Zürcher Zeitung), Dr. Arnold Kuenzli (National Zeitung), J. Kessler (Tages Anzeiger, Zurich), J. Capuano (Tribune de Genève), H. Fleig (Tat), J. Souvairan (Radio Suisse Romande), A. Stauffer (Swiss Observer).

JULES ACKERMAN †.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Mr. Jules Ackerman, of 1, Claremont Avenue, Sunbury-on-Thames.

He died on the 9th of this month owing to a stroke, when at work at the R.A.C. Country Club, at Epsom, at the age of 76, and was laid to rest on October 14th at the Sunbury cemetery.

Mr. Ackerman, who was for many years a member of the Union Helvetia, was a well-known and accomplished chef.

During his long career in a number of famous Hotels, both here and on the Continent, he served many Royalties, amongst his patrons were Queen Mary, the late Empress of Russia and many others. He had invented many famous dishes amongst them a Pêche Marina in honour of the Duchess of Kent.

Mr. Ackerman received many distinctions and 1st prize and Gold Medal for artistic cookery and was a contributor to the Journal "L'Art Culinaire."

He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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The S.M.S. has reached its 60th year!
Proudly it can look back upon the day
When one could come and go, or choose to stay,
Long ere man and the whole world live in fear.

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Marched forward on its course without dismay;
It has pursued great aims along the way,
Emerging with success in ev'ry sphere.

The College also has a Jubilee;
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But only by the sweat upon their brow
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(To be continued.)

"HOCH VOM SAENTIS AN"

From the Säntis heights where the eagle soars
To the Rhone-land where the river roars,
Where the dairy-maid trills her happy song
And the huntsman boldly strides along,

There's a beauteous land

'Tis my native land

'Tis my dear beloved Switzerland.

Where the Alp-horn breaks in the Shepherd's sleep
While the mists yet through the valleys creep,
where contented Kine 'cross the shadows stray
And the mountains glow in the morning ray,

There's a beauteous land . . . etc. . . .

Where from crag to crag chamois lightly spring,
Where the echoes of a gunshot ring,
And where every clod loudly seems to call
'Tis this soil that you love best of all!

There's a beauteous land . . . etc. . . .

Translated by J.J.F.S.



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