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**SWISS CLUB DUNFERMLINE.***(1st August Celebrations.)*

With the usual punctuality and smiling faces, our Members gathered at the Woodside Hotel on the evening of August 1st for the "National Day" celebrations.

Our President was very pleased indeed to welcome such a full turn-out and extended a very special welcome to our Honorary Member, Consul Ernst Hofstetter of Balloch. Other distinguished guests, were our Hon. Member Mr. Walter Bosshardt and our friends from Glasgow, Mr. Guido Ferrari and Mr. Naef from "Swissair". Mr. and Mrs. Surber who are at present holidaying in Scotland were most delighted to be on this "special day" in a circle where the Swiss spirit is still being upheld.

After a most delicious dinner, Mr. Frick called upon Consul Hofstetter to address the gathering. It was a pleasure for him to say a few words to his compatriots in Dunfermline, said Mr. Hofstetter. In short he went through the history of our country, explained the meaning of to-day's celebrations and referred us to the various passages in the "Bundes Brief" of the 1st August, 1291. Little did we know at that time that Mr. Hofstetter would kindly hand over a most precious copy of that book which contains the "Bundes Brief" in six different languages. It will remain in years to come in the custody of the Presidents of the Swiss Club, Dunfermline.

In his reply, Mr. Frick thanked the donor most heartily for this valuable book and assured him that same would always be treasured. He thanked Mr. Hofstetter for his most interesting address and decided to read us the German version of the "Bundes Brief".

After a short interval, the Chairman announced that Miss Susie Frick and Master Hansjörg Frick would play some Swiss Dance Music on the accordion and clarinet. Very soon the whole company was on the floor and poor Susie and Hansjörg had to play on and on. Mr. Lüssi then came to their rescue and gave us some of his famous French songs. This persuaded Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Bosshardt to give us a "Ticinese" song. For the rest of the evening, we were entertained by Mr. Ruoss who sat at the grand piano and gave us the most delightful tunes of modern dance music. To all of the above mentioned, we extend a special vote of thanks for helping to make the evening so pleasant.

The time was nearing midnight when our President announced that Mr. Ferrari would say a few words to us. On behalf of the guests, he thanked Mr. Frick for his kind invitation to attend the function. He assured us that they all enjoyed themselves tremendously, and paid special tribute to the Woodside Hotel, who had decorated the room so appropriately with red and white flowers and had looked after us so well. We in turn, may we say how pleased we were to have you all as our guests and hope to see you amongst us again.

Mr. Frick then closed the official part of the evening with:

"Rufst Du mein Vaterland"

and best wishes for a safe journey home.

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**PERSONAL.**

It is with deepest regret that we announce the sudden passing away, on Sunday, August 7th, owing to heart failure, of Mr. P. A. Moehr, of "Pilgrims Wood", 95, Southview Road, Pinner Hill, Middlesex. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

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The Swiss Minister and Madame Daeniker have left for Switzerland. They will be away until the beginning of October.

During the absence of the Minister, Dr. Erwin Bernath, will act as *Chargé d'Affaires*.

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The Editor of the "Swiss Observer" is abroad, and will return on September 5th.

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We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Oscar Schneider, Swiss Consul at Manchester, on his appointment as Consul General in Chicago (U.S.A.).

Mr. Schneider will be succeeded in Manchester by Mr. Max Büchi, coming from Manilla.

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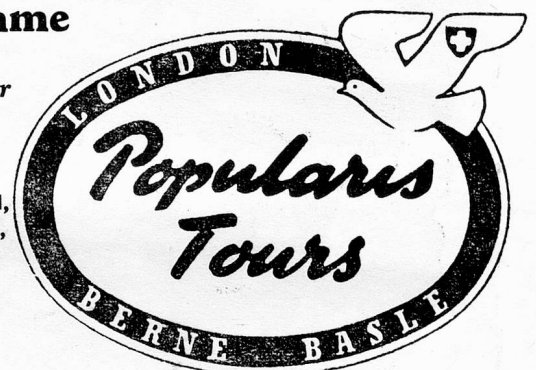
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