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Lucerne. In 1953, he appeared with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Rafael Kubelik when this orchestra visited Switzerland, and he was the soloist at the first performance of Hindemith's "Theme with four variations for piano and string orchestra", conducted by the composer in Zurich.

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We sincerely invite our readers not to miss the recital of our compatriot, and we feel sure they will appreciate listening to a programme which promises well.

UNIONE TICINESE TEA DANCE.

On Sunday, 23rd September, 1956, the Unione Ticinese again held a Tea Dance at the Dorchester. The proceedings started at 4.30 p.m. with an excellent tea, and I was told that the delicious pastry was made under the able skill of one of our compatriots. The exquisite flower arrangements, together with the sparkle of the chandeliers enhanced the elegant atmosphere. The glittering mirrors, I am sure, had not for so long a time reflected so many charming faces.

Excellent music was provided by Harry Vardon and his band, and soon after tea Mr. P. Jacomelli, President of the Society, addressed the gathering, over 300 members and friends being present. He extended a warm welcome and read a telegram from Mr. A. Albertini, who at present is in Switzerland, wishing a very happy time and great success, which, indeed, it was.

Soon dancing started to the lively strains of the band, and Frederick Williams, accompanied at the piano, sang arias in Italian, followed by English hit songs. He was enthusiastically applauded and later the audience called for several encores, which were readily given.

Billy Bourne and Eve Adams gave excellent performances of Ballroom Dancing to the delight of all present.

Next some lucky fellow, whose entrance ticket bore the humble number 4, won two lovely contemporary lamp-shades.

After the Cabaret, dancing restarted with increasing animation, soft drinks, wines and spirits appeared on the tables.

Thus time went, oh! so quickly, and to the strains of "God save the Queen", a very happy and enjoyable evening came to a close at 11 p.m.

L.M.

Nouvelle Société Helvétique

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Monday, 22nd October, 1956.

at 7 p.m.

a talk in German with coloured slides on the
Swiss Scientific Expedition to Mount Arrarat
by PROF. Dr. EMIL EGLI (Zürich)

at the

Schweizerbund, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Dinner with the lecturer at 6 p.m.



LA SUISSE CONNAIT LA PLUS GRANDE CATASTROPHE DE RECOLTE DEPUIS 1910.

L'agriculture suisse passe une année qui a vu les catastrophes se suivre. Après les méfaits du gel hivernal, la grêle a détruit des cultures et seulement une courte période de beau temps permit d'espérer en une bonne récolte. Mais la pluie et les orages ont détruit les dernières espérances. Le blé se trouve envahi des herbes et un grand nombre de gerbes est atteint de la germination. Notre photo montre un champ de blé dévasté près d'Yverdon, on reconnaît du blé germiné qui ne peut plus servir à la panification.

SWISSAIR ORDERS THIRD DC-8.

Swissair has ordered a third Douglas DC-8 jet airliner for delivery in 1961. Two aircraft of this type were ordered early this year for delivery in the first half of 1960.

The latest order has been placed to cater for the expected future increase in air traffic, notably on the North Atlantic.

Furthermore, in view of its investment programme, the Company will shortly offer for subscription a debenture loan to the amount of 30 million Swiss francs (£2.5 million), bearing 3½ per cent interest.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, October 26th, 1956.

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