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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Every Thursday, from 8 to 10.30 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — Corale — at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74 Charlotte Street, W.1.

Every Friday, from 6 to 11 p.m. — Swiss Yass Club at "The Fountains Abbey", 109-111 Praed Street, W.2. Fully Licensed. Cordial Welcome to all yassers, old and young.

Every Saturday and Sunday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. — "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) — Dance — at 74 Charlotte Street, W.1. Fully licensed — open for Lunch from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., also open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Every Sunday 7 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Cathedral School, 48 Great Peter Street, S.W.1.

Wednesday, 7th June 1961, at 7 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting — at 74 Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, 7th June 1961, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting at 34/35 Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by a lecture by the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur A. Daeniker, on "Our Journey to Africa", illustrated by colour slides. (Vide advertisement.)

Sunday, 11th June 1961 — Swiss Rifle Association — Shooting for the Feldschiesen and the Obligatorisch — at Bisley Camp, Siberia Range, Surrey.

Saturday, 26th August, and Sunday, 27th August 1961 — "Auslandschweizertagung" — at St. Gall.

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Swiss Artists at The Royal Festival Hall

Readers may remember that we mentioned in our last issue the presentation of the B.B.C. International Light Music Festival which takes place at The Royal Festival Hall on Saturday, 10th June. The second part of the programme will include the following Swiss artists:

CEDRIC DUMONT, the Light Music Director and Conductor of the Swiss Beromünster network since 1946, was born in Hamburg in 1916. He studied conducting and composition in Zürich, France and the U.S.A., and has conducted serious and light music in practically all the countries of Europe and Overseas. He has written many compositions from ballet and film music to pop songs. He is on the board of the Swiss Performing Rights Society.

THERESE WIRTH-VON KAENEL is a popular Swiss folk song singer. She is not a professional singer, is married with two children, and proud to be a housewife. She has travelled widely on the Continent singing in Germany and France. This will be her first appearance in England.

RENATO BUI, famous Swiss accordion player, was born in 1934 at Locarno. At twenty-one he founded his own accordion school, but although he had eighty pupils, he found it difficult to live, and took a job in 1957 with a Zurich music-publishers where he works as an arranger. In addition to composing, Mr. Bui plays in the Radio orchestra of Cedric Dumont, and has two bands of his own, a rhythm group with three accordions, called the Renatos, and a modern dance band.

FRITZ BERGER and THE BASEL DRUM. Switzerland is inseparable from the Basel drum, and the drum is inseparable from Dr. Fritz Berger. The drum has been part of Swiss official celebrations since the Middle Ages. The present-day technique of this unique instrument is being taught by Dr. Berger, who is also its most enthusiastic and accomplished exponent. The drum itself can be played with great subtilty, and Dr. Berger acts as an expert judge at many festivals, as well as training the drum instructors of the Swiss Army. He has written innumerable compositions for the instrument, as well as textbooks on performance.

LIKE TO PLAY YASS?

Some enthusiastic yass players now meet every Friday at "The Fountains Abbey", 109-111 Praed Street, W.2. We think this an excellent idea and we are glad to see that both our old and our young fellow-countrymen have not forgotten when to announce their "Stöck".

Coming Events in Switzerland

June — Zurich and Lausanne, June Festival Weeks 1961; Concerts, exhibitions, art show and theatrical performances, etc.

June — Geneva, The Rose Weeks, with festivities and parades.

June 16-18 — Jura Accordion Festival.

June 27 — St. Gallen, St. Gallen Kinderfest (Children's Festival) with great parade and juvenile performances.

July 1 — Luzern Grand Evening Lakeside Festival with fireworks display ("Seenachtsfest").

July 1-3 — Lugano, Ticinesi Lakeside festival and musical entertainments.

July 19-30 — Locarno, International Film Festival, with new film contest showings and festivities.

July 8 — Neuhausen-Schaffhausen, grand illumination of the Rhein Falls, and fireworks.

July 8-9 — Luzern International Rowing Regatta on the Rotsee.

July 9 - Sept. 10 — Interlaken, Open-Air Performances of "Wilhelm Tell". Performances July 9, 13, 20, 22, 27, 30; August 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24, 27; September 2, 3, 10.

August 1 — Throughout Switzerland, Swiss National Day.

August 1 — Neuhausen, second illumination performance at the Rhine Falls.

August 5-6 — Zug, Swiss Federal Wrestling matches and Alpine festival; folklore music.

August 12-13 — Geneva, annual "Fetes de Geneve", with flower corso and evening fireworks.

August 16-19 — Luzern, International Music Festival, with a host of prominent artists, conductors and musical performers; special Concerts.

Sept. 23-24 — Basel, Swiss National Folklore Costume Festival ("Eidgenoessisches Trachtenfest").

Sept. 9-10 — Einsiedeln, 1100 Anniversary year of the death of St. Meinrad, patron saint of Einsiedeln. Pilgrims Commemoration Day.

Sept. 9-24 — Lausanne, the "Comptoir Suisse", Swiss National Trade Fair.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 9 — Fribourg, Swiss Handicraft and Artisans Trade Exhibition.

Oct. 1 — At Neuchâtel, Lugano and Morges, the Vintner's Festivals with parades.

Oct. 8-9 — Einsiedeln, St. Meinrad Remembrance Day, in the 1100th Anniversary Year.

Oct. 12-22 — St. Gallen, the OLMA, Swiss Fair for the Dairy Industry and Agriculture, and the various industries of North-east Switzerland.

SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION

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Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

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