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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

SWISS CLUB, DUNFERMLINE

Consul G. Brunner (Manchester Consular District), accompanied by his charming wife, Mrs. Brunner, and their daughter, were the Guests of our Club, on Wednesday evening, 23rd September, 1964. Mr. Brunner took the opportunity to visit Dunfermline during a business tour of the Scottish area of his consular district.

A large section of our members, with wives and some friends, gathered on this occasion at the canteen of the Dunfermline Silk Mills and were introduced to our Guests by Mr. B. Frick, Vice-Consul for Scotland, and Mrs. Frick. An elaborate high-tea was then served by the canteen personnel and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the excellent *cuisine*. Consul Brunner then spoke briefly about Switzerland, the part she plays and the position she holds in this world of today, her various achievements, her problems and last but not least the ties she has with the large number of Swiss living abroad. He concluded by expressing his thanks and pleasure at having made the acquaintance of so many people of the Club. Mr. Schoenenberger, our President, acknowledged these words and in turn thanked all who contributed in making this gathering possible. Conversation followed in an entirely informal way, whereby our guests freely mingled with us. Rapidly, however, time advanced and a successful evening soon came to a close.

G.H.

CITY SWISS CLUB

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club was held at the Dorchester Hotel on Tuesday, 27th October, in conjunction with the Swiss Economic Council. The meeting which was preceded by an excellent dinner was attended by about sixty members of both societies. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. M. A. Keller, president of the City Swiss Club, Mr. J. P. Christen, Chairman of the Swiss Economic Council took the Chair. The latter extended a hearty welcome to the participants voicing his pleasure at the numerous attendance. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the Chairman announced that three films would be shown instead of the advertised lecture by Dr. Meier of Basle. After the showing of the first film (not an outstanding one) it was announced that Dr. Meier had turned up after all and was asked to address the gathering. The speaker, who is a member of the editorial staff of the "National Zeitung" (Basle) had recently toured England and Scotland as a guest of the Government. He reiterated his experiences of his visit, especially mentioning the endeavours made in Scotland to introduce winter sport as a competitor to Switzerland. He talked, at some length, about the recent elections with its many problems to be solved in the economic sphere. The address was followed by a short discussion. Owing to the advanced hour the showing of the two other films had to be cancelled.

Before closing the Meeting, Mr. Christen, on behalf of the members, expressed his appreciation to Dr. Meier for his talk and asked the company to earmark the date of Friday, 27th November for the Annual Banquet and Ball.

ST.

SWISS CLUB BALLOCH

1st of August Gathering

On the 24th of September members and friends of the Swiss Club Balloch gathered to celebrate their 1st of August combined with a welcome to our Consul Mr. Brunner. The celebration took place in the Dining-room of the Buchanan Castle golf club, Drymen. It is a most unique and historical place. The walls are decorated with large pictures of the Duke of Montrose's ancestors. The Swiss clan behaved very well, and I am sure the ladies and gentlemen would have liked to step out of their frames and join us.

After an excellent and well served Dinner which gave great credit to Mr. Berry and his staff, the President was able to welcome quite a large number of Swiss Compatriots from the West of Scotland. It was a great honour and privilege to welcome our new Consul Mr. Brunner and his charming family for the first time. The only disappointment was the weather, which did not show the Loch Lomond countryside at its best.

Among the invited guests were our Vice-Consul Mr. Frick and Mrs. Frick always a most welcome couple from the East of Scotland. After the welcome speech by the President, the Consul addressed the party, he mentioned how happy they were to be among their Compatriots in Scotland, and to get to know them. Then he gave us some interesting facts and figures about the affairs and life in Switzerland. Then the Vice-Consul Mr. Frick said how fortunate we were in having Mr. Brunner as our Consul and he was sure that the relationship between the Consul and the Swiss Compatriots in Scotland would be a really friendly one. After that the company retired to the lounge, also a very beautiful room, where a really homely atmosphere prevailed. All too soon the gathering came to an end. It will long be remembered by everyone present.

B.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SWISS EMBASSY

The Swiss Embassy has asked us to insert the following announcement:

Agreement between the United Arab Republic and Switzerland concerning indemnification of Swiss Property:

The agreement signed on 20th June 1964 concerning indemnification of Swiss interests affected by nationalization and other restrictive measures in the U.A.R. will be applied provisionally from 1st November 1964.

Swiss nationals with a claim to compensation under this agreement should get in touch with either the Swiss Embassy in London or the Consulate General in Manchester, according to the consular district in which they live.

PERSONAL

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Germaine Chapuis of "Ya Mieux", West Mersea, Essex, who recently celebrated her seventieth birthday. We wish her and her husband Carlo (who is 83) many happy years to come.