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SWITZERLAND AND THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

An N.S.H. Talk

Where does Switzerland stand in the question of European Integration and what kind of relationship with an integrated Europe should our country aim at? These important questions will be the subject of a talk and discussion of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on 20th March, for which it has secured as speaker possibly the best qualified compatriot, Dr. Juerg Iselin, the former head of the Federal Integration Office in Berne. He prefers on this occasion to speak in German, but of course, the discussion to follow can be in any language.

This meeting will give those attending an opportunity of welcoming our new Counsellor who has only just arrived at the Embassy as successor to Monsieur J. D. Grandjean.

The meeting will be at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, at 7.45 p.m. All Swiss and their friends are welcome.

SWISS ACTIVITIES IN MANCHESTER

Almost to the year, members and friends gathered at Cottons Hotel in Knutsford to enjoy our second "Raclette" Party organised by our Committee. As was expected, this year's event was well attended and the success of such informal, uncomplicated but interesting affairs is an encouragement to the organisers for future events. It is the intention of the committee to encourage members of the Club to bring along their British friends so that we can show our appreciation to our hosts.

The atmosphere throughout the evening was very gay and warm, particularly for the "Racletteurs", dressed as "chefs" or "Valaisans", who kept six "Raclette" machines working all the time, just enough to keep satisfied the growing appetites of the people present. It must have been hard work, and our thanks go to this enthusiastic team composed of our President, Dr. Jaggi, whom we are always glad to have with us, our Vice-President, our Secretary, the Vice-Consul and two members of our Club. The cheese was one of the best sort and the Vaudois wine supplied by our Vice-President a truly great *Stimmungsmacher* and always greatly appreciated when you move in Swiss company.

After the dinner the young and not so young danced to the tunes of the *Laendler* music whilst others gathered round a table, talking, relaxing and enjoying themselves. The aim of the evening is getting the people together, of giving them the opportunity to talk to each other in gay and happy surroundings, and this was undoubtedly achieved. Furthermore it was gratifying to know that five persons applied for membership, a certain sign that our Club is still capable to attract the active interest of the newcomers, and good omen for our future.

Finally, also this evening came to a close, and all who had the pleasure to partake of this lovely and lively occasion would wish that, soon again, we may meet under similar circumstances. It is with this feeling that we said good-bye to each other and *au-revoir*.

E.B.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death on 9th March, of Mr. Edmund Meyer, of "Lake Lodge", 32 Canons Drive, Edgware, Middlesex. He was a successful businessman with his own firm (screw manufacturers) at Mount Pleasant, Abbey Estate, Wembley. He was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, the City Swiss Club and an Honorary Member of the London Swiss Philatelic Society. He died a day after his 67th birthday.

We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Meyer, their son and two daughters.

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We deeply regret the death of one of our Swiss subscribers, Mr. Erik Koepplin of Oberer Kreuzenweg 20, 4125 Riehen (Basle). He was a well-known personality, member of the Board of Koepplin A.G. and of the Kaes-Laube A.G.

We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Koepplin and their family.

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Another reader whose death we greatly deplore is Mr. H. R. Tobin, of 20 Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex, who passed away some time ago. Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Tobin.

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We have been asked to put right an error which happened in our Christmas issue, where we announced the death of Mr. Paul Mase Walker. We have just been told that his correct Christian names were Paul Max Joseph. Apologies for our ignorance which in no way impaired our sympathy.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the large number of deaths, we are unable to publish our welcome to the new Counsellor of Embassy. This will appear in our next issue.

We have just heard that the Unione Ticinese will be having a DANCE at the Dorchester Hotel on Sunday, 4th May. Please keep the date free and look out for details in the next issue.

The Swiss Rifle Association will resume their meetings again on 27th April.

AVAILABLE FREE

The Swiss National Tourist Office at the Swiss Centre in London (Telephone 01-734 1921) have available free not only innumerable leaflets on holiday resorts and travelling facilities in Switzerland, but also on events such as Swiss Industries Fair and other exhibitions and fairs, festivals of every kind and the big sports event, the GYMNAESTRADA to be held in Basle from 2nd to 6th July.

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